

Title **BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Music**

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Examination Board: Edexcel BTEC

Qualification: Level 1/2 First Award in Music

Grades: Pass, Merit and Distinction

Introduction: This course will enable students to learn about the music industry, develop their skills as a performer, participating in concerts and other events and work with other musicians to develop ensemble skills.

What will I study each year?

- Y9** Key Skills: theory (reading and writing notation) skills to Grade 1 ABRSM standard, developing performance confidence, opportunity to work with other musicians and researching careers.
- Y10** Unit 1: Individual Showcase – external examination – working on learning about the industry and developing solo performance skills.
Unit 5: Introducing Music Performance – focus on improving performance skills to enable formal performances in concerts and at other events.
- Y11** Unit 6: Introducing Music Recording – gaining an understanding of recording techniques and developing the ability to record music of other performers
Unit 2: Managing a Music Product – working as a business team to create an organisation to create and produce our in house music competition: Music Masters.

How will my work be assessed?

Unit 2, Unit 5 and Unit 6 will be assessed internally as coursework, Unit 1 will be a controlled assessment and this will be assessed externally. There will be a paper based exam for Unit 1.

Why study Music?

You should study Music if you have a genuine interest in improving your ability to perform on an instrument and/or explore more about different genres of music. In addition to performing you may want to consider songwriting and sound recording and this course will give you experience in those areas. It is hoped that you will embrace the stage to perform throughout some part of Key Stage 4. Music lessons focus on performance skills which help to improve self-confidence, social skills and organisational skills this in turn will help with a variety of employability skills in any field.

Extra-curriculum activities

There are music clubs available to support the learning taking place in the Key Stage 4 classroom. Choir, Samba groups and Pop/Rock ensembles are available weekly. There is also the opportunity to develop further technical skills on your instrument by engaging in 1:1 tuition offered in the school at a subsidised rate.

Theory club can be offered in small groups to aid the understanding of reading and writing music.

We have strong links to Access to Music – Higher Education in Lincoln where we hope to attend in order to focus on recording skills and performing to be recorded. We also encourage able performers to participate in opportunities offered by Lincolnshire Music Service for example; Boston Youth Jazz Orchestra and Boston Youth Pop Choir.

What would this subject enable me to do when I finish school?

This would allow you to embark on the sixth form course to study Music at Giles Academy. Subjects that work well with Music are Media and Performing Arts. Success with these subjects could see opportunity to study at University and may include courses such as Studio Engineering, Music Performance, Music Therapy, Composition.

Careers in Music can lead to Teaching, Songwriting, Music Therapy, Sound Engineer and Music Producer, to name a few.

Music students have a wide range of careers open to them both inside and outside the industry; performer, teacher, songwriter, conductor, composer, sound engineer to name a few.

How parents or other members of the public can find out more about the curriculum your subject is following

If you would like to know more you can book an appointment with Miss Belcher

