

Level 3 Music Practitioner Extended Diploma

What is a music practitioner?

This diploma is centred around performance and honing your skills. You will get the opportunity to rehearse and perform effectively on your chosen instrument/voice. You will select repertoire, with the challenge of writing your own music. It is for both popular and classical musicians who wish to seek employment in the music industry.

Why study Music?

One of the best reasons to study Music is to widen your personal interests in music and understanding of how music works. You will have the opportunity to develop your instrumental and vocal performance skills by performing to a range of audiences including your peers and the general public.

What makes a successful Music student?

A dedicated performer, who works hard to improve their practical and technical skills. You should have a broad range of musical experiences and be keen to add to these.

To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

Ideally you would have taken GCSE Music, however this is not essential. The essential ingredient is that you are a talented performer, you do not need to have taken any exams but should consider having lessons to improve your skills.

What is the structure of the course?

Y12	Y13
Core Units Rehearsal and performance Planning a career in music	Core Units Composing collaboration and recorded performance
Optional Units Music dissertation Composing music (solo) Writing lyrics Improving musical performance	Optional Units Listening to music Leading music making activity Lighting for music events Radio podcast production Setting up a music business

What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

Most musicians want to perform and there are many opportunities for you to listen to and perform music outside of the classroom. You will be encouraged to go to concerts, gigs and musical performances, after which you will talk about your experiences. You will be given the opportunity to perform out of school in ensembles and solo gigs.

What kind of career does this subject/qualification prepare me for?

The possibilities are very wide and varied. You could develop your talent into further education by studying Music at university or music college. At university you might like to study Popular Music, Music Therapy or even Sound Technology. You could even study for a Rock Music degree. Taking music to the next level after Sixth Form might develop your teaching skills either in a classroom or as an instrument/vocal teacher.