

MUSIC

BTEC Level 2 Diploma

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Subject Area	Qualification	Level	Awarding Body
Music	BTEC Level 2 Diploma	Level 2	Edexcel

Course Summary

This programme is designed primarily for young people aged 16+. The programme covers a variety of areas relating to Music Production, Music Performance and the Music Industry. It will help to prepare learners for the Extended Diploma Programme from taking part in workshops and scenarios that compare closely to the real situations they would experience in the Music industry.

How will I be assessed?

The qualification is achieved through completing 6 units through a combination of practical and theoretical project work, with a Pass, Merit or Distinction grade awarded for each unit.

Entry Requirements

Learners will need 4 GCSE's at grade D or above to be accepted onto the course. Music is desirable or an aptitude to play or learn an instrument.

How much time will I spend on the course?

The Diploma is a 1 year full time programme and learners will take part in a tutor lead timetable for a minimum of 3 days a week. The other 2 days are to complete self directed activities such as individual project work, group work, and band practice sessions. Occasionally learners will be expected to attend extra sessions outside normal timetables, to including evenings, for special projects, live events, and day trips.

How is the course taught?

A variety of activities are undertaken on the programme to develop skills in recording and performing music, and develop their knowledge of the Music Industry.

Where is the course taught?

The Music Diploma is based on the Bromsgrove Campus of NEW College.

Who is this course suitable for?

This course has an emphasis on music performance and composition and can lead on to a BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3. The course prepares you for further training and study by developing your abilities to perform, compose and record music. The course is ideal for those who do not have the necessary entry qualifications for the Extended Diploma but who are interested in improving their musical ability and Functional Skills so they can pursue a career in the music industry.

What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will be provided with portable memory drive, headphones, hearing protection and basic writing materials during the induction programme as part of the studio fee requested at the start of the course (approximately £50). Further items may need to be supplied by the learner such as any additional writing materials and replacements for any lost items given in induction. Learners will also be required to bring their own instruments with them for studio and rehearsal sessions. Drum kits, pianos and instrument backline will be supplied.

Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

There will also be a cost of £50 at the start of the programme to cover an induction trip plus any other trips and speciality workshops undertaken throughout the academic year.

What are the mandatory modules or units?

- Working in the Music Industry
- Professional Development in the Music Industry
- Planning and Creating a Music Product
- Exploring Musical Composition
- Working as a Musical Ensemble
- Producing a Musical Recording
- Developing Music Theory

What can I do after this course?

Learners can progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diplomas in Music Technology.

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What careers would this course be useful for?

Sound Engineers, Producers, Various Live Sound and Stage roles, Various Event Planning roles, Music Equipment Retail roles, Composers, Performers and Musicians, those wishing to continue to University courses and pursue careers requiring higher education such as teachers, lecturers, Business Management of Music Industry sectors, plus many more which learners will discover as part of the course.

How do I apply / join this course?

Learners need to complete an application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post.

Alternatively you can complete the form online by visiting the College's website www.ne-worcs.ac.uk.

Once we have the form we will invite learners to attend an interview with a member of the team. At this meeting learners will be required to complete an audition to demonstrate their musical ability or discuss any previous experience within Music Technology to justify their suitability for the course, particularly if learners didn't achieve a Music GCSE. We will then either offer learners a place on the course or give an alternative option or a way to gain the required entry on to the course in the future.

Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.