



SUBJECT & QUALIFICATION: Music

Why is the study of Music important?

Music is a valuable subject for all to study whether you are a gifted musician or have never engaged in music outside of school. Music's place in your education has important wider benefits on personal and social development building your confidence, self-esteem, sense of achievement and ability to relate to others.

The study of music is important because music is an important component of our human experience. Whether singing, playing, or listening, the study of music helps you listen and hear in new ways. Plato said that music "is a more potent instrument than any other for education". Music requires you to use both sides of your brain and develops your ability to think academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually. What would life be like with no music? Studying music can lead to your personal life time pursuit of music for your own personal enjoyment. Fill your life with the power of music.

Music is academic; it trains your brain for higher forms of thinking. Music can be physical and like any performance skill requires practice and rehearsal but it also promotes movement through rhythm and promotes health and well-being as it demands an emotional engagement. **Music is an art form.** We are emotional beings and your study of music from Year 7 will provide an artistic outlet and a vehicle for expression. **Music is for life you may not be able to play an instrument but we can all feel uplifted by music. See it's study as a gift - you could have fun learning how to** play in ensembles, experience the fast paced changes to music technology and perform. You will listen to musical compositions from a wide variety of genres from classical, different cultures and dance, to pop and film music.

What skills will the study of Music teach you?

Music plays an important role in academy life both inside and outside of your lessons developing a wide range of skill and opportunities to enjoy live music experiences and participate in music making in a range of genres. Why not get inspired and motivated to engage further with music through clubs, bands, choirs, performances and music instrumental lessons. Music will teach you to understand critical engagement (LISTENING), Expression (PERFORMING) Creation (COMPOSING) • listen
• perform



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- compose
- participate
- collaborate

What will you know and understand from your study of Music?

From Year 7 you will be exposed to a wide variety of music genres from classical, cultural music, drumming and dance, to pop and film music. Across your music study you are encouraged to make connections through your music-making in order to place the music in context.

You will develop your knowledge of music theory, relevant notations, traditions and skill based learning on guitar and keyboard which will ensure that you develop as musically literate individuals, capable of playing a musical instrument, with a solid understanding of the global importance of music and an ability to analyse and justify your opinions to enhance your critical understanding. Technology plays an important role in supporting, extending and enhancing the teaching of music. You will find it interesting to use programmes that support your music making and this will inspire, motivate and stretch your engagement in music making. If you have a specific interest in developing your talent for music and wish to work towards your graded examinations you will have the opportunity to take up music lessons on your chosen instrument be it guitar, drums, voice, brass or woodwind. We offer support with these lessons for any students choosing to study music at Tech Award.

You will learn

- practical music skills
- composition
- notation
- aspects of music technology
- elements of performance
- cultural richness of music
- music history



How can you deepen your understanding of Music?

You will have access to a wealth of exciting and rewarding extra-curricular opportunities to enhance your study of Music – a testament to the enthusiasm, passion and creativity of both staff and students of all year groups. There are plenty of occasions to work with students from different year groups ensuring that music is a great way to build friendships and have fun. Why not join the enrichment clubs within the academy and give yourself the opportunity to show what you can do? The experience will develop your skills and confidence as you can take part in a variety of musical events be it summer concerts, carolling, choir or band or taking up opportunities to take part in high quality productions and performances both within your academy and across the Trust where appropriate. This has a tangible impact on your achievement and enjoyment of Music. In Music we aim to support the study of music with peripatetic music classes (these are funded for any students studying Music at BTEC). Why not get involved in our weekly music clubs, which are aimed at developing your skills and interests so that you can showcase your work and develop your love of performance? From this, you can gain much-needed experience in rehearsing, time management and performance as well as benefiting from being involved in choirs and ensembles on a more regular basis. There are plenty of other ways to be involved. We run various trips and events that allow you to watch quality music and theatre productions in different venues be they local or national theatres.

In addition to opportunities within the academy, Outwood Grange Academies Trust organises Trust wide events for our most passionate performers / artists. This is an opportunity to work with other performing arts students from across the Trust on large scale performances with 300+ performers. These events are held at large scale professional venues such as The West Yorkshire Playhouse or

York Barbican and give the opportunity of performing on a large stage in front of family and friends. This promises to be an experience you would never forget!

How are you assessed in Music?

Throughout the Music course you are assessed using the following assessment objectives which ensure that you can cumulatively build your subject understanding in preparation for future BTEC and A Level study. There are 6 assessment points each year that we term Praising Stars®. We assess how you at your current stage of study are on track to reach your end of



stage targets which are formulated on aspirational expectation from their Key Stage 2 starting points. We make an informed prediction from our holistic assessments based on our subject mapping of expectation across the Music curriculum.

Key Assessment Objectives

Performing: Playing and Singing

Demonstrate fluency and accuracy on at least two instruments (see **age related expectations** for common classroom instruments)

Demonstrate ensemble listening skills in a group task

Use appropriate musical notation when playing and singing

Coordinate their musical role with other performer(s), considering timing and balance (see **age related expectations** for common classroom instruments)

Include solos or moments of musical leadership in performance

Make adjustments to facilitate musical interpretation and sensitive ensemble performance

Creating: Composing and Improvising

Select appropriate sounds for solo or group compositions, making appropriate choices about instrumental forces and timbre

Create compositions which make thoughtful use of the inter-related musical elements

Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively

Create music in more than one genre, evidencing melody development and rhythmic interest, making use of musical features and devices

Refine ideas effectively, through improvisation, mutual evaluation and discussion Identify, comment on and make links between musical devices in curriculum topics

Critical engagement

Identify a variety of different instrument sounds and families

Identify and comment on musical devices in a range of topics

Recognise musical symbols and appropriate notation, demonstrating an ability to use these in performance
Have a secure understanding of appropriate notations



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Evaluate the success of their own work and set realistic targets for improvement

Explore the contexts and origins of a variety of different musical styles, genres and traditions

How can Music support your future?

Of course we offer the study of BTEC Tech Award and we encourage your continued study in this fantastic subject. We know that choice and personal interest are important aspects of worthy study. Whether you have continued your study of Music into BTEC or not you will have gained access to this enriching subject and its study will have taught you to think differently and deeply. Music is offered at most prestigious universities either as a single honours or a joint honours subject studied alongside other disciplines. The very fact that you have been able to study creative thinking will help your future applications be they for colleges, universities, apprenticeships or employment.

Careers that the study of Music supports include:

- Performers and Writers
- Recording
- The Record Industry
- Music Business
- Music Industry Touring
- Facility, Arena and Club management
- Film Music
- Music Journalism
- Music Education
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Radio and Television
- Symphony and Orchestra
- Music Health
- Music industry and merchandising
- Instrument work and development

BTEC Tech Award Music Practice Course Overview

Term	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn 1	Key skills development	Component 2: Music Skills Development
Autumn 2	Begin Component 1: Exploring Music Products and styles	Finish and submit Component 2
Spring 1		Begin Component 3: Responding to a Music Brief



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	Component 1: Exploring Music Products and styles	
Spring 2	Component 1: Exploring Music Products and styles	Component 3: Responding to a Music Brief
Summer 1	Submit Component 1 Begin Component 2: Music Skills Development	Submit Component 3. Course finished
Summer 2	Component 2: Music Skills Development	