



## **BTEC Technical Award in Music Practice**

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### **Why study BTEC Music?**

The BTEC Technical Award in Music Practice is a comprehensive educational program that focuses on practical music skills and real-world applications. It involves:

1. **Holistic Music Education:** Covers various aspects of music, including theory, performance, composition, and music technology.
2. **Practical Skill Development:** Emphasizes hands-on learning, allowing students to enhance their proficiency in playing musical instruments, singing, and using music technology.
3. **Creativity and Innovation:** Encourages experimentation with different musical styles and techniques, fostering creativity and innovation in composition and performance.
4. **Preparation for Further Education and Employment:** Equips students with industry-relevant skills, enhancing their prospects for higher education or employment in diverse music-related careers.
5. **Personal and Professional Development:** Develops essential transferable skills such as teamwork, communication, time management, and problem-solving.

In summary, the BTEC Technical Award in Music Practice provides a well-rounded education, enhancing practical musical skills, nurturing creativity, and preparing students for successful careers in the music industry.

### **What does the course involve?**

Students develop their ability in performing and composing and develop their listening and appraising skills. They will study music from the past and present, from the western tradition and other world cultures including pop/rock music, to musicals, to African drumming and beyond.

Students can choose to develop their skills in a wide variety of styles/ instruments including keyboards, guitars, voice, DJ'ing, music technology, strings, drumming, tuned percussion and brass, in addition to widening their abilities in other areas throughout. Many students completing the course become outstanding members of bands, record professionally, and learn teamwork skills which will help them in all areas of music and life in general.

### **How will I be assessed?**

Students will be assessed in 3 units, Units 1 and 2 are internally set and assessed, with Unit 3 being set externally but work being completed in exam conditions. The three units are:

1. Exploring Music Products and Styles
2. Music Skill Development
3. Responding to a Music brief

### **What are my progression routes?**

Music BTEC is a stepping stone to both A-Level Music and the BTEC Music Technology course, in addition to being more recognised as an opportunity for many differing performances beyond the course as well.

### **Additional Information**

In addition to students' music lessons there are many extra-curricular music activities and performances which students will be expected to become involved in at Barnwell School. Students are also entitled to a free 20-minute individual instrumental lesson each week. It is ideal if students express an interest in Music in general and if they already play an instrument(s).