

Name of course: Level 2 Tech Award in Music Practice

Examination board: Pearson – Edexcel

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How the course is assessed:

You are required to complete and succeed in all three of the following **components**, across the qualification:

1. **Exploring Music Products and Styles** (internally assessed, externally moderated component contributing to 30% of final grade)
2. **Music Skills Development** (internally assessed, externally moderated component contributing to 30% of final grade)
3. **Responding to a Music Brief** (60-mark practical task worth 40% of final grade – synoptic assessment building on knowledge, understanding and skills acquired and developed in Components 1 and 2)

Outline of course:

The Tech Award gives learners the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills in a practical way through exploration and development of techniques and styles. Musical skills will be developed through music creation, performance and music production, using realistic vocational contexts. Pupils will need to be disciplined in planning and time management. The course is delivered through a practical and skills-based approach to learning and assessment.

- Pupils will explore the techniques used in the creation of different musical products and investigate the key features of different musical styles.
- Pupils will develop technical, practical, personal and professional skills and specialise in at least two of the following areas: music performance, creating original music, music production.
- Finally, pupils will be given the opportunity to develop and present music in response to a given music brief through either a performance, a composition, or a production.

The Tech Award complements the learning from our KS3 programme by providing further in depth study and analysis of a broad repertoire of musical styles including popular genres from the 1950s to the present day, Western Classical styles, Jazz, world and fusion music, and music for TV and Film. **Pupils opting to study this course will need to be a confident performer on your chosen instrument or voice.**

Potential career pathways that could lead on from this course:

The music industry is constantly evolving and offers many different and exciting new work opportunities. Below are some of the many careers available within the Music industry.

Live sound engineer - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/live-sound-engineer>

Music promotion manager - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/music-promotions-manager>

Music teacher - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/music-teacher>

Music therapist - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/music-therapist>

Studio sound engineer - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/studio-sound-engineer>

Tv or film sound technician - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/studio-sound-engineer>