

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance

Music Performance at Huish Sixth offers an excellent opportunity for young musicians to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the music sector or in the creative sectors as a whole. The qualification is equivalent in size to 1 A level and provides a coherent course of study covering both performance and the music industry.

Extending your experience

Huish Episcopi provide a variety of musical performances as part of the course, and expect students contribute to one of the exciting extracurricular music ensembles. The music department also runs a biannual BTEC concert, and live lunch gigs for the whole Academy. Additional specialist instrument training is available at the Academy, as is opportunities for interworking with local employers in the music industry.

Course Content and Assessment

The qualification provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for further study or training.

Everyone taking this qualification will study three mandatory units, which provide an essential introduction to the skills and knowledge required to be successful in music.

They cover the following topics:

- Ensemble music performance
- Professional practice in the music industry
- Practical music theory and harmony.

The optional units have been designed to complement the knowledge and skills you will develop in ensemble music performance and support your progression to more specialist creative courses in higher education. They also link with relevant occupational areas.

The optional units cover the following areas:

- Composing music
- Music performance session styles
- Solo performance
- Improvising music.

Entry Requirements:

Five grade 5 or above including Music BTEC/GCSE music. Special decompensation can be made for those students who have not taken a level 2 music course. However, you may be asked to perform at an audition to demonstrate any transferable performance skills.

Where will this course take me?

The course highly regarded by higher education providers and employers. For instance, professional bodies such as, JAMES (Joint Audio Media Education Support, Music Education Council and successful employers like Charanga and Soul Jazz Records.

Ensemble music performance will give you the confidence to perform, express and showcase your skills. There are also many employment opportunities for successful ensemble practitioners in the areas of live performance, session music, musical theatre, community music and commercial bands.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to admission requirements for many courses. For example;

- BA (Hons) in Performing Arts, if taken, for example, alongside A levels in English Literature and Drama & Theatre
- BA (Hons) in Music Industry Management
- BA (Hons) in Music Business and Arts Management
- BA (Hons) in Popular Music Performance
- BA (Hons) Music

Further and Higher Education music courses worth exploring include;

Bath Spa University, BIMM Institute, Coventry University, University of Chichester, University of Huddersfield and the University of Wolverhampton.