

# MUSIC

*“Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy. Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents”*

**Beethoven**

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Pearson BTEC Level 3

Extended Certificate in Music

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The Ferrers  
Sixth Form

## Why study Music?

This course provides music industry qualifications that will equip you with the skills, knowledge and understanding for entry to employment in the music industry or progression to further study at a higher level. The qualifications aim to offer practical structured learning with the flexibility to specialise in different disciplines directly relevant to employment within the music industry, including composition, performance, business and technology.

## Qualification Overview

The course takes a unit-by-unit approach and offers a combination of assessment styles. This gives you the opportunity to showcase your skills and apply your knowledge in an appropriate, work-related context, and provides evidence of what you can do when you apply to enter higher education or employment.

You will study three mandatory units called Practical Music Theory and Harmony, Professional Practice in the Music Industry and Ensemble Music Performance and one other option which covers performance or composition.

Throughout the mandatory units you will learn how to examine music notation and complete composition and arranging exercises; develop an understanding of professional practice and respond to an offer of work scenario; learn work as part of a musical ensemble and develop skills in rehearsal and performance. Optional units will allow you to specialise in composition or performance.

## How will you study?

The content of the course is highly practical and hands on. You will be expected to work independently and use your time wisely to complete projects to strict deadlines. There will also be a large amount of self-lead research which will help inform your coursework.

## How will you be assessed?

Throughout the two years there will be a range of internally and externally assessed units. Externally assessed core units take the form of timed assessment under controlled conditions based on an assignment that is set by and marked by the exam board. The remaining units are internally assessed where the centre provides assessment work and deadlines based on the course content.

## What do I need to study the course?

**Entry requirements:** You will need an APS of 4.5, with at least a 5 in Music GCSE/ or Merit Level 2 and 4s in English Language and Literature. Competent performance skills on your chosen instrument are also required.

**Skills and attributes:** Confidence to perform and work effectively as a team are key skills. Analytical skills are key to successfully achieving on this course.

## Which subjects combine well with Music?

Music works well with a number of subjects including Maths, Physics and