

BTEC Level Extended Certificate in Music Technology

- ✓ Course is equivalent to two GCSEs grades A* - C
- ✓ Students will study a number of units covering different aspects of Music Technology
- ✓ Studied in two years (three periods a week) or in one year for sixth form (six periods a week)

What will I study?

Each BTEC qualification is made up of parts called units. These tell you what you need to learn, what evidence you have to produce and what you need to do to pass the unit. Some units are mandatory and some are optional.

The course involves practical activities as well as academic studies. The units of work focus on music production, DJing, the modern music industry, sound recording, teamwork and communication skills as well as leadership and organisational skills.

You will study the following units:

- Exploring Musical Composition
- DJ Technology and Performance
- Working in the Music Industry
- Professional Development in the Music Industry

How will I be assessed?

During the course you will build up a portfolio of work. Work will be assessed throughout the course. You will get a grade for each unit (Pass, Merit, Distinction) and an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* for the whole course.

A range of different types of work will be assessed. As well as written work you are likely to be assessed through visual and oral presentations, role play exercises and project work.

To succeed on this course you will need to be self-motivated and organised as you will be expected to take control of your own learning and progress.

What careers can I enter with a qualification in Music Technology?

Following the BTEC First course some students who achieve distinction grades stay on at Beauchamp and progress to either BTEC Level 3 courses and/or A Level study. Many other students progress to vocational courses at local colleges or enter employment.

The course offers some preparation for those who are thinking about a career in the music industry, it will also develop key skills that would be valuable for any student.

How do I find out more?

If you have any questions that this booklet doesn't answer, or if you want to find out more about the course and if it is suitable for you, please come up to the Music Department and ask to speak to Mr Abba and Mr Champaneri. Alternatively you could email on rma@beauchamp.org.uk or nch@beauchamp.org.uk