

Music Performance

Music Performance is a dynamic and practical course for students who are passionate about performing. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or love being part of a band or ensemble, this course gives you the opportunity to refine your musical talent while learning what it takes to succeed in the industry.

Through regular performances, rehearsals and technical development, you'll grow in confidence, creativity, and professional musicianship – preparing you for life on stage and beyond.



COURSE CONTENT

You'll explore the world of performance through a mix of core and optional units, such as:

Unit 1: Practical Music Theory and Harmony

Project work including research of different styles of musical theory and how to notate melodies and chordal progressions.

Unit 2: Professional Practice in the Music Industry

Board set brief asking students to explore the professional music industry, design a bid for a gig, budget for an event and consider all aspects required of the industry.

Unit 3: Ensemble Music Performance

Board set song list in which pupils may choose three tracks and perform them in their own style as a group.

Unit 6: Solo Performance

Project work exploring the specific skills of a solo performer, how to practice effectively and a final solo recital.

SKILLS REQUIRED

This course is ideal for confident performers with a love of music and a desire to improve. A willingness to practise regularly and perform publicly is essential. You'll need good time management, resilience, and the ability to reflect on your progress. Being open to collaboration and constructive feedback is key.

Instrumental or vocal lessons (either in or outside of school) are mandatory to support your development.

ASSESSMENT

Units 1 and 6 are assessed internally, and units 2 and 3 externally by the board. Assessments include a range of:

- Live performances
- Rehearsal logs and practice journals
- Written evaluations
- Presentations and research tasks

Students are awarded Pass, Merit or Distinction based on the quality of their work and progress throughout the course.

ENRICHMENT

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of co-curricular opportunities including School concerts, musical theatre productions, house music competitions, and chamber ensembles. You'll also have opportunities to perform at public events and community showcases.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Whether you're aiming for drama school, a music degree, or a career in the industry, this course helps you get there. Past students have gone on to study Music Performance, Musical Theatre, and Performing Arts at top universities and conservatoires.

It also opens doors to exciting careers in songwriting, live performance, music therapy, arts management and more. You'll leave with confidence, creativity, and real-world skills that set you apart.

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