



MUSIC – ROCK SCHOOL LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA Equivalent 1.5 A Levels



This course is closely industry related helping you to gain practical skills which will be essential for pursuing a career in the music industry. The course is two-year programme that develops your skills in both the technology and performance aspects of the music industry. You may use the qualification to study a degree course in music or use the skills that you have learnt to forge your own career in the Performing Arts industry.

You will rehearse in our specialised practice studios which are fully equipped with PA and backline equipment, our professional recording suite which is linked to each practice room.

You will be taught by teachers who still work within the professional music arena from performance artists to music technology experts. Both Music Teachers at the Academy are still working as professional musicians within the Industry and you will also benefit from workshops and visits from other professional musicians.

You will receive one 20 minute instrumental or vocal lesson per week with your own personal music tutor who will help you to develop your playing skills and take you through graded examinations if needed, as these can count towards UCAS points.

As well as attending lessons, as an aspiring musician you will be expected to spend a minimum of one hour per evening practising your chosen instrument. Competition for careers within the music industry is highly competitive and you will need to show enthusiasm, drive, determination and professionalism.

You will have many opportunities to perform at external events throughout the academic year in order to gain confidence and develop your skills as a performer in front of real audiences. Previous Students have performed at a variety of venues including launching their debut album at the Music Venue 'The Anvil'.

What will you learn?

Some of the modules you will study in the two years are

- **Planning for a career in music**
- **Rehearsal skills and performance**
- **Composing for music styles**
- **Understanding Music Styles**
- **Music Promotion**
- **Music Video Production**

What will you learn, cont'd...

Live Music Performance - You will be put in to bands to learn covers, compose your own material and perform throughout the year in a variety of venues.

Rehearsal Skills - You will plan and rehearse as a band for a specific gig/performance opportunity and will compose and record two sets of lyrics using a variety of taught techniques.

How will you be assessed?

Your achievement in this subject is dependent upon excellent attendance, punctuality and effort. You will learn in a friendly atmosphere, using a variety of assessment methods:

You will be assessed regularly on live performances either within the Academy or at external venues and given feedback on your progress.

Discussions and presentations are a vital part of our assessment process and you will be expected to contribute to those and reading and listening exercises.

There are no formal examinations but all of your course work will be marked and then an external examiner will verify your grades.

Where will it take you?

Many students use the course to progress on to university programmes such as BA (hons) in Commercial Music, Popular Music, Sound Engineering or Technology. There are a variety of careers open to music graduates and it can also be a good idea to complete a formal teaching qualification so you can follow your career dream and have teaching as an option at the same time.

Who to talk to?

Please speak to Mr Mastrocola or email david.mastrocola@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study this course:

BTEC Level 2 (Merit or above) or GCSE Music (B or above) would be needed to fully access the course and content. We can also accept Grade 5 on Voice/Instrument