

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. There is also the opportunity to perform at our termly recitals as well as external venues such as 'The Anvil'. 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.

What will you learn?

Some of the modules you can study in the two years are:

- Planning for a career in music
- Rehearsal skills and performance
- Composing for music styles
- Music promotion
- Music video production
- Live music performance.

How will you be assessed?

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:

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. A grade 6/Merit in GCSE Music or related L2 course. Grade 5 voice/instrument will also be considered.