



Carleton Community High School  
A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



**EDEXCEL BTEC MUSIC - LEVELS 1 & 2 First Award - Yr11**

The following website contains the subject specification which can be downloaded.

[www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/music](http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/music)

Other useful websites are:

[www.bbc.co.uk/learning\\_zone](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning_zone).

[www.soundonsound.com](http://www.soundonsound.com)

[www.direct.gov.uk/education\\_and\\_learning](http://www.direct.gov.uk/education_and_learning)

**Course requirements**

Candidates are assessed in the four units - two compulsory units and two optional units.

**Compulsory Units:**

Unit 1: The Music Industry - Externally assessed.

Unit 2: Managing a Music Product.

**Two optional units:**

Unit 5: Introducing Music Performance.

Unit 6: Introducing Music Recording.

**External Assessment**

Unit 1 is an externally assessed unit. In this unit students will be assessed in a written 60 minute examination worth 50 marks. The examination consists of a variety of question types, including objective questions, short-answers questions and one extended writing opportunity at the end of the examination paper. *Please note that this examination was taken in Yr10 May 2014.*

Key dates - 13th May 2015 (resist examination)

**Internal Assessment (moderated by the exam board)**

Students are internally assessed on the remaining three units. Assessments take place during and at the end of each unit. Depending on the unit of work, the assessments are either written research or practical assessments.

Students must complete **all** of the assignments issued within each unit. Should an assignment be deemed as a FAIL or incomplete, this will result in a FAIL grade being awarded. Each unit of work is assessed as a Level 1 / Level 2 PASS / Level 2 MERIT / Level 2 DISTINCTION award. Improvements can be made to work throughout the course.

The final award is calculated from the marks achieved in each unit.

**Expectations of Students:**

- Attend all timetabled lessons;
- Attend all instrumental lessons;
- Attend lunchtime or after school rehearsals when necessary;
- Attend after school support sessions;
- Complete your coursework on time - it's your coursework;
- Take responsibility.

**DO NOT LEAVE THE COMPLETION OF YOUR COURSEWORK TO THE LAST MINUTE - STICK TO THE DEADLINES SET.**

Attendance is paramount for success in this Music course. Any students who receive instrumental lessons during school hours must attend these lessons.

**Homework:**

Practical rehearsals - students should continually rehearse their solo performance and their part of their ensemble performance. Listening tasks or written tasks will be set throughout the course to support school based learning.

**Parents, what can you do?**

- ✓ Make sure that your child is rehearsing their performance pieces at home, encourage your child to perform in front of family or friends to gain confidence.
- ✓ Ensure that your child attends after school sessions when required.
- ✓ Encourage your child listens to a wide range of music; ask your child to identify features such as the use of instruments.
- ✓ Check regularly with your child that they are completing their practical and written homework.
- ✓ Ask your child about their coursework, are they on track?