



# Wychwood School

## **BTEC First Award in Music**

### **Who is this qualification for?**

This qualification is equivalent in size to one GCSE. It is designed for pre-16 students who want to include a study of the music industry in their broader Key Stage 4 curriculum. Students will engage with music as an industry and will develop a range of relevant practical and technical skills.

### **What is studied?**

The qualification consists of two mandatory units. An additional two units are then chosen from a choice of five optional units.

### **Mandatory Units**

#### **Unit 1 'The Music Industry'**

This unit provides an overview of the music industry. It covers the fundamental knowledge and understanding of music industry organisations and the roles and responsibilities of those that work within them.

#### **Unit 2 'Managing a Music Product'**

This unit requires pupils to plan, develop and deliver a music product, by undertaking basic business planning activities, research and marketing as well as the promotion and running of an event or launch of a product.

### **Optional Units**

The five internally assessed optional units are:

#### **Unit 3 'Introducing Live Sound'**

#### **Unit 4 'Introducing Music Composition'**

#### **Unit 5 'Introducing Music Performance'**

#### **Unit 6 'Introducing Music Recording'**

#### **Unit 7 'Introducing Music Sequencing'**

This qualification will be an exciting exploration into the music industry. It is designed to be taken as part of a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4. It will go well with other GCSE subjects to provide both curriculum breadth and the skills needed to make informed choices about study at post-16 level.

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