

Music

A Level Music

BTEC Level 3 National
Extended Certificate
in Music Performance



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Immanuel College Music

What's the difference?

A Level Music

- More classically orientated
- All units are compulsory
- Set works
- 60% Coursework, 40% written exam.
- Minimum ability of Grade 5 ABRSM at start of Y12.

BTEC Music

- Pop and Rock orientated
- Some flexibility on units
- More flexibility on the music studied and played.
- Up to 75% coursework including 50% Controlled Assessment. No exam.
- All abilities.

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What is BTEC Music?

1. You don't need to be Lizzo/ Ed Sheeran/ Metallica!
2. Are you keen to develop your skills as a musician?
3. Do you want to explore the Music industry?
4. Are you interested in working in a wide range of different genres and styles?



Compulsory Units



Unit 1: Practical Music Theory & Harmony

- 25% of the qualification
- Learn how to compose, arrange and perform Music in a range of genres and styles.

Unit 2: Professional Practice in the Music Industry

- 25% of the qualification
- Investigate how the Music industry works and how to effectively manage a career in Music.
- e.g. Arranging festivals and gigs.

Other Units

Unit 3: Ensemble Music Performance

- 25% of the qualification
- Performance work exploring a choice of pieces set by the exam board working as an ensemble with other musicians.
- Similar to C3 in Y11.

Option Unit

- 25% of the qualification
- Most students will undertake Unit 6 Solo Performance preparing a showcase of around 8 minutes or more on their chosen instrument/voice.



Am I suited to the course?

- Do you have good team skills?
- Can you work well independently?
- Are you able to work hard and attend extra-curricular bands?
- Do you enjoy creating and developing your own ideas?
- Are you motivated and passionate about Music?



Where might Sixth Form Music lead?

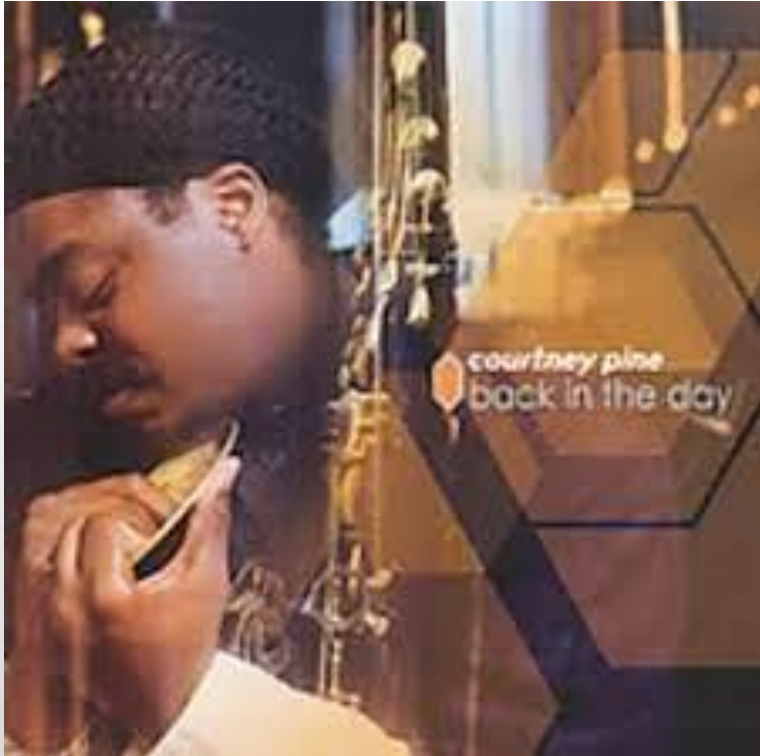
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Sixth form Music alumni have great independent learning and teamwork skills sought after by many Universities.

Many alumni progress to a degree course in Music, Sound Engineering or Performing Arts.

Possible apprenticeships could include Music Production, Instrument Technician, or Marketing and Promotions Apprentice for a Record Company.





A Level Music

What is A Level Music?

A Level Music is a varied course including Musical Appraising, Performing and Composing.

You work in a wide variety of styles.

It is more Classically orientated so if you favour Rock and Pop, you may wish to consider BTEC Level 3 Music at Immanuel instead.



Appraising 40%

Performing 30%

Composing 30%

3 Units

Appraising 40%(Written Exam)

You will study 2 pieces from each of the following areas, as well as applying your knowledge to unfamiliar music:

- o Vocal Music; including Bach & Vaughan Williams.
- o Instrumental Music; including Wieck-Schumann & Berlioz.
- o Music for Film; including Hermann's Psycho & Elfman's Batman Returns.
- o Popular Music and Jazz; including Kate Bush, The Beatles & Courtney Pine.
- o Fusions; including Debussy & A. Shankar.
- o New Directions; including Saariaho & Stravinsky.
- Assessment is via written exam.



Performing 30%



A public performance of 8 minutes, performed as a recital.



The demand expectation for A Level by the end of Y13 is Grade 7 so you should be able to perform at a strong Grade 5 or Grade 6 ABRSM standard by the start of Y12.



Students who are not yet ABRSM Grade 5 or 6 standard may wish to consider the BTEC Level 3 Music at Immanuel.

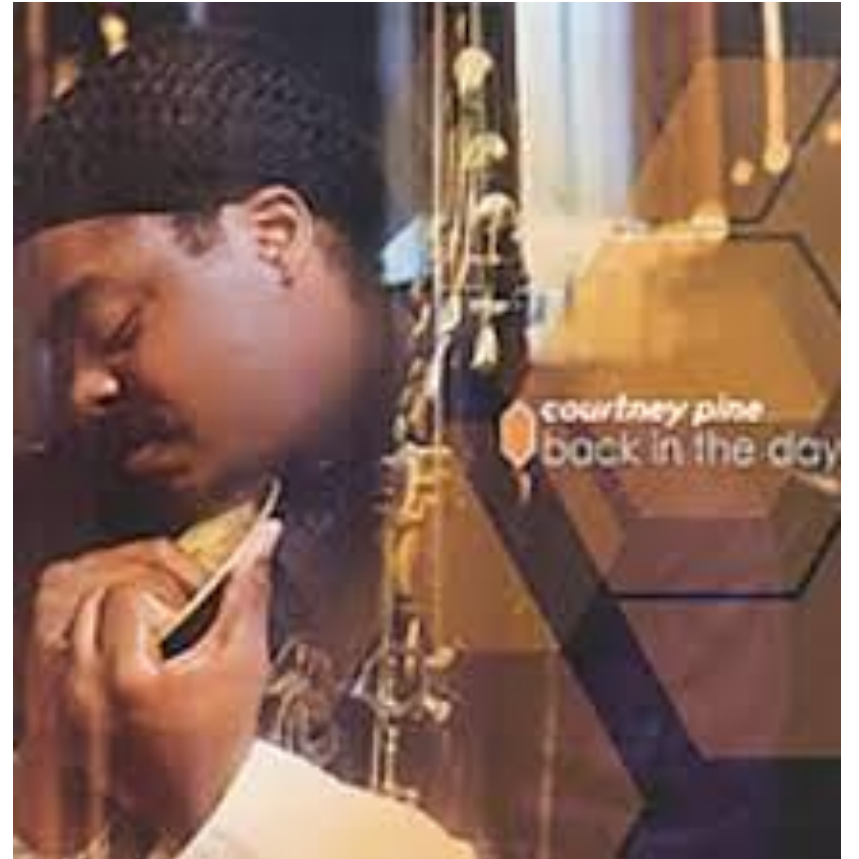
Composing 30%

- Two compositions, one to a brief set by Pearson and one either free composition or also to a brief.



Am I suited to the A level course?

- Are you around Grade 5 performance now?
- Are you interested in a range of musical styles including Classical music?
- Can you work well independently?
- Are you able to work hard and attend extra-curricular bands?
- Do you enjoy creating and developing your own ideas?
- Are you motivated and passionate about Music?



Student work

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANw-HxSPwag>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnWQOvZZ2e8>

