

Music Performance BTEC

Bridging the Gap Year 11 – Year 12

Below are some very useful links to help you to begin to prepare for Music Performance next year.

<https://www.musictheoryacademy.com/>

This is an excellent resource for learning to read music and gaining a deeper understanding of chords. As well as the basics about music theory on the beginners and advanced courses, I would look at the Musical Lessons about Chords and Tonality. The Chords section is most relevant to one of the units we are studying on the course, but if you feel like your ability to read music is not as good as it could be, the beginners and advanced courses are also very useful.

<https://www.thebalancecareers.com/musicians-4161694>

Please have a read through this website. Learning about professional practice in the music industry is an important part of the course and is the focus of one of the units. There are lots of interesting articles on how to promote yourself as an artist, the different types of record label and how to organise a gig.

Finally, spend lots of time developing your skills as a performer and musician as the course involves at least 75% of making/performing music. Also try to compose a few short pieces too- perhaps a theme for a thriller film or a new theme for a game. Try to write a melody and then find chords to harmonise effectively and then try it the other way round - write some chords and find a melody that compliments them. Also try to arrange a song you already know for your own instrument - you could also experiment with some of the video apps that are around now to multi track an arrangement of a song - Acapella is one app that can do this.

Looking forward to working with you next year!

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