Music Performance (Vocational)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: Pass/Merit/Distinction (Level 1 and Level 2)

Why study this subject?

Study this subject to develop and master your musical performance skills. The course also supports key life skills including project management, self-motivation, organisation and independent learning. This course will help to develop general musicianship, performance skills as well as introducing industry level music software. The course is designed to prepare students with skills that are valued in further education and employment, such as independent working and analysis, and will support other areas of the curriculum.

What will I study in this course?

- Instrumental Performance
- Composition
- The Music Industry
- Listening and Apprising Skills

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed with a combination of internal performances (marked by your teachers) and external assessment (assessed by an examiner). The assessment weightings are:
Performance (30%)
Creating (30%)
Performing Arts in Practice – Externally Assessed(40%)

What will this qualification lead to?

This course is an ideal preparation for RSL Level 3 Music Performance course at The Kings Academy and a career within the music and live events industries. It will improve your creative skills whilst enabling you to become a stronger independent learner. The music industry is a big business and offers a huge range of opportunities in many different careers. The course also offers a wealth of transferable skills relevant to ongoing study as well as to future career development, including literacy, critical thinking, communication, time management and organisational skills.

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Identify the key features of music and genres. Music Theory	Developing Instrumental / vocal technique Cubase (Music Technology) Skills	Ensemble and Solo Performance
Year 10	Unit 2 - Creating	Unit 2 - Creating	Unit 1 - Performance
Year 11	Unit 1 - Performance	Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice	Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice

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