

Key Stage 4 OVERVIEW – BTEC Music

2	Term 1 (6 weeks)	Term 2 (8 weeks)	Term 3 (6 weeks)	Term 4 (5 weeks)	Term 5 (7 weeks)	Term 6 (7 weeks)
lessons per week						
	Unit 1 The Music Industry	Unit 1 The Music Industry	Unit 1 The Music Industry	Unit 1 The Music Industry	Unit 1 The Music Industry	Unit 1 The Music Industry Unit 2 Managing Music Product
Year 10	Employment – Musician (employment types, contract, invoice). Venues (small, medium, large). H&S (H&S act – H&S Venues). Performing and creative job roles. Performance related job roles. Creative related job roles.	Unions (performing, creative) Payment (employment types, linked to performance/creative job roles as if self-promoting) Job roles linked to promoting performances (booking agent, Manager, Promoter, Stylist). Venues – suitable for performance (best venue for)	Perforing and Creative roles DIY (songwriter, royalties, studio roles). DIY – studio technician, studio engineer, musician Publishing and self- publishing. Unions recap (performing and technical). Royalties (performing, technical, songwriter). Trade bodies	Record Companies – Major labels and sub labels. Roles liked to recording companies. Record companies – independent. Contracts – which to choose major or independent? (advantages and disadvantages). Distribution and retailers.	Promotion and Production- marketing, broadcasting. Revisit – venues, H&S, performance and creative job roles. Exam revision – if resets necessary.	Job Roles Creative and Performance Exam style questions relating to this section of the course. Past paper practice for home learning and PCD See below for main lesson content for all sessions –
Year 10	Multiple choice and short answer questions (test and repair) KMP – Exam questions on areas covered.	A & R role. Methods of promotion (self promotion) Hire and transport (the need for and who organises this?) Multiple choice and short answer questions (test and repair) KMP – Exam question (promotion of local festival) Mock paper exam	Multiple choice and short answer questions (test and repair) KMP – exam question on studio equipment for DIY projects as song writer/studio engineer.	Royalties – who gets what? Unions and trade bodies – contract advice. Multiple choice and short answer questions (test and repair) KMP – Recording labels/ contracts.	KMP - Full exam papers Mock paper exam	Discussions on product – what will be Practise concert Summer Showcase



Ensemble Skills – Unit 1 Music Industry and Unit 7 Sequencing	Unit 7 Introducing Music Sequencing	Unit 7 Introducing Music Sequencing	Unit 7 Introducing Music Sequencing	Unit 7 Introducing Music Sequencing	Unit 2 Managing a Music Product
Band Skills Rehearsal Skills Boulevard of Broken Dreams I Gotta Feelin Clocks Sweet Dreams Learning aim A: Explore music sequencing techniques Different methods to add notes to a track: adding notes with a mouse, playing notes in with a MIDI keyboard, steptime input – adding notes in musical steps, importing MIDI material. Editing the properties of note events: duration, note position, pitch, velocity. Log of sequencing techniques	Learning aim A: Explore music sequencing techniques Different methods to add notes to a track: adding notes with a mouse, playing notes in with a MIDI keyboard, steptime input – adding notes in musical steps, importing MIDI material. Editing the properties of note events: duration, note position, pitch, velocity. Copying and pasting notes and regions: copy and paste using mouse, copy and paste using keyboard shortcuts. Using loops and pre- recorded samples: choosing loops and samples, looping regions. Selecting instruments and sounds: using software instruments, selecting pre set sounds Log of sequencing techniques	Learning aim A: Explore music sequencing techniques Effects Learners should explore the use of effects to enhance their music: • software mixer • digital effects – EQ, chorus, reverb. Learning aim B: Use music sequencing software to create music Assignment: Music for Horizons Travel Advert Choose appropriate piece to sequence or sequence own piece suitable for the advert	Learning aim B: Use music sequencing software to create music Horizons TV advert brief Intentions • selecting sounds to fit the brief – software instruments, loops, samples • project settings – tempo, time signature. Recording and editing • recording MIDI – real time capture, step recording, clicking in • region editing – looping, copy and paste, resizing and trimming, time-stretching • quantising • event editing – note position, note length, note pitch, note velocity. Mixing The tracks should be mixed together to create a finished product. Some elements of the mixing process naturally occur during the sequencing process. • volume balance • stereo field – appropriate panning of instruments	Learning aim B: Use music sequencing software to create music Completion of sequenced piece. Annotations and Idiots Guide on how to use Cubase using notes from lessons	Learning aim A: Plan, develop and deliver a music product Promotion and target audience material Production log book Job Roles Performance Rehearsal King's Fest



	 effects – using insert effects, e.g. reverb, delay, chorus, distortion the end product – bouncing down to stereo. Learners should monitor their activities on a regular basis, e.g
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