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Access to Music at Castle Manor

Course information

Why choose Access to Music at Castle Manor?

Access to Music is an exciting course-provider that aims to provide flexible, vocational courses in popular music that will focus on building relevant skills needed when working in the music industry. This course focuses on practical music making where students get the opportunity to create, perform and produce their own music using computer-based software and hardware. Students will also get the opportunity to select units that suit them whether it is performing on guitar/drums/keyboard or vocals or even marketing a music product.



Course Outline:

Exam Board: RockSchool

You select one out of three pathways from the following:

- Creative Music Producer
- Vocal Artist
- Performing Musician

You can also decide to follow an award (2 units), certificate (4 units) or diploma (8 units). Some of the units that you could be expected to follow are:

- Composing (Style)
- Drum/Guitar/Keyboard or Vocal Skills
- Music sequencing and production
- Sound recording and production
- Making money from Music
- Contextualising music
- DJ skills
- Music Style Development
- Arranging Music
- Music marketing (product)

The course is offered at both Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE grades A* - C grades) and at Level 3 (equivalent of A Levels).

Resources and Facilities:

At Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College we have a Recording Room that contains a computer running professional recording studio software 'Pro Tools' with a 16-track digital mixing desk (M-Audio Project Mix). We have a suite of 12 computers, which run the most up-to-date sequencing software 'Cubase 4' and 'Reason 4' as well as a wide range of condensor and dynamic microphones and musical instruments.

Careers and progression:

This qualification will prepare you for work within the music industry as a music producer. You may also progress onto other foundation degrees and degrees. The most suitable are courses in music technology and commercial music such as those offered by institutions such as Barnsley College, Bath Spa University, Bournemouth University, Coventry University, Kingston University, University of Leeds, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, Thames Valley University and Westminster University.

Entry requirements:

A GCSE grade C in Music or a vocational qualification in Music or Music Technology at level 2 is advisable although students who possess enthusiasm and experience in music making will also be considered.

Level results:

All students who took this course last year gained Merit Grades (equivalent to a C Grade at AS Level).

Enquiries:

Please contact Mr Lester at Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College or email r.lester@lpplus.net
Visit www.accesstomusic.co.uk for more information about the course.