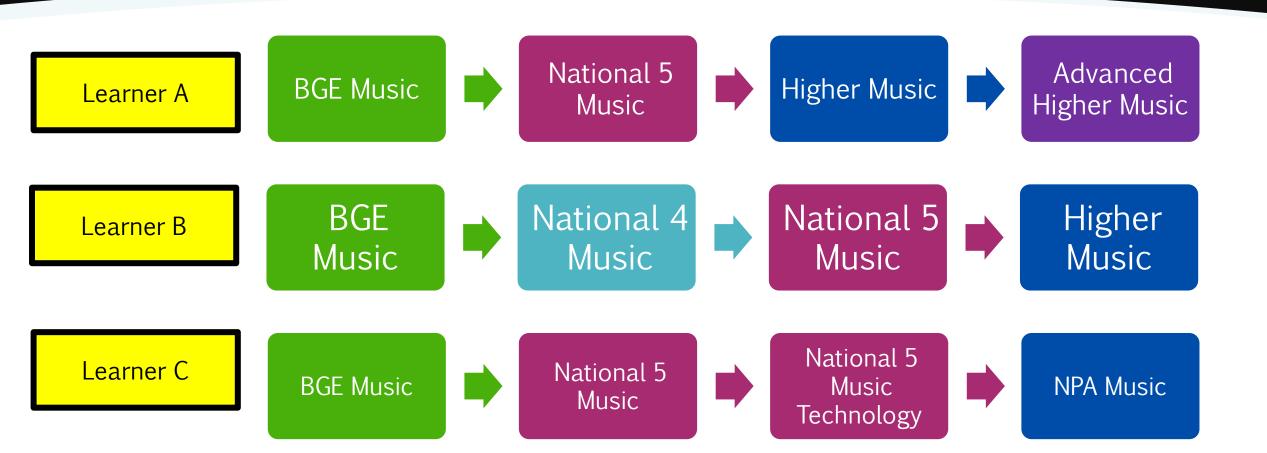


Pathways in the Music Department



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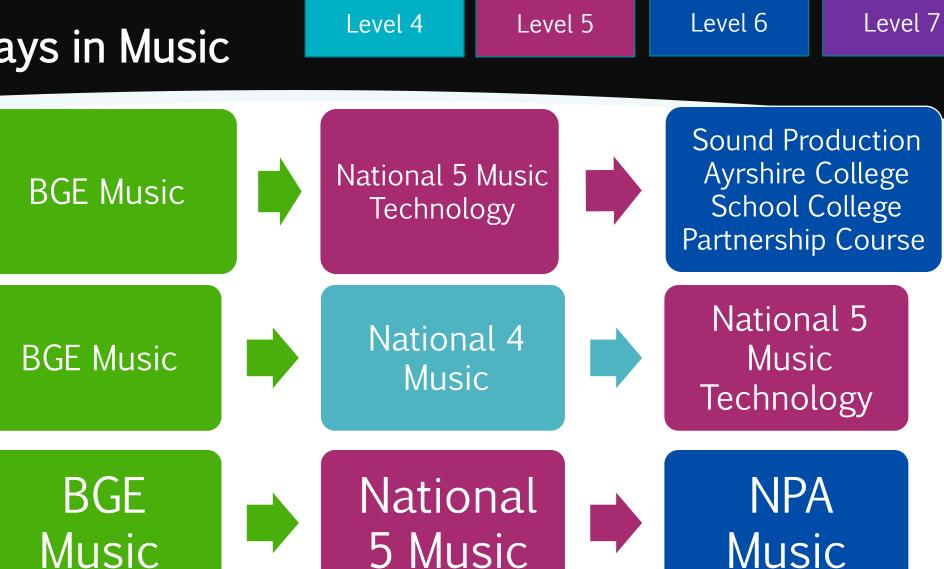
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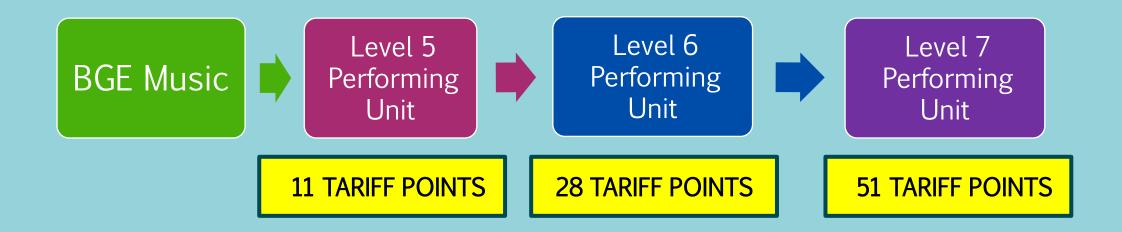
Learner E

Learner F





Many learners in Belmont Academy receive instrumental tuition from the South Ayrshire Music Service Instructors in school and could achieve an additional qualification by attending their lessons, developing their performing skills and completing paperwork with Miss MacMillan.



There is an opportunity for learners who can perform an instrument to Grade 5 and above and are interested in developing their leadership skills to complete the Music Leaders Scotland Award accredited by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Level 6

Level 7

Level 5

Anyone interested should speak to Miss MacMillan (Principal Teacher of Music)



National 4 Music

National 4 Music consists of four units which seamlessly link to BGE Music learning;

Performing (ABRSM Grade 2 standard or above) Learners select two instruments or one instrument and voice to further develop their skills.

Understanding Music

They will learn to recognise and identify musical vocabulary, signs and symbols as they listen to music.

Composition

Learners create their own piece of music or song and reflect on their creative decision making by preparing a short evaluation.

Added Value Unit

The Added Value Unit (Performance) will require learners to prepare and perform a programme of music.

All units must be passed to achieve National 4 Music award.

Progression

National 5 Music or National 5 Music Technology

THIS COURSE EQUATES TO 48 TARIFF POINTS

National 5 Music

National 5 Music consists of three main elements;

Performing (ABRSM Grade 3 standard or above) Learners select two instruments or one instrument and voice to further develop their skills.

Understanding Music

They will learn to recognise and identify musical vocabulary, signs and symbols as they listen to music.

Composition

Learners create their own piece of music or song and reflect on their creative decision making by preparing a short evaluation.

Assessment

Performing - Visiting Assessor from SQA visits the school (Feb/March) Composition (SQA Assignment) - SQA externally assessed Understanding Music – 45-minute Question Paper during SQA exam diet

Progression

Higher Music or Level 6 NPA Music

A PASS = 84 TARIFF POINTS B PASS = 74 TARIFF POINTS C PASS = 64 TARIFF POINTS D = 59 TARIFF POINTS

National 5 Music Technology

National 5 Music Technology consists of three main elements;

Developing an understanding of 20th and 21st Century Music

Learners develop knowledge and understanding of 20th and 21st century styles and genres of music, and an understanding of how music technology has influenced and been influenced by developments in 20th and 21st century music. **Developing music technology skills**

Learners develop a range of skills and techniques relating to the creative use of music technology hardware and software to capture and manipulate audio. Projects include podcast/radio show, audiobook, foley (adding music to video) or multi-track recordings of instruments/voices.

Music technology contexts

Learners create their own piece of music or song and reflect on their creative decision making by preparing a short evaluation.

Assessment

SQA Assignment - SQA externally assesses the two projects each learner has created Question Paper – 1 hour Question Paper during SQA exam diet

Progression

Higher Music Technology or Level 6 Sound Production at Ayrshire College

A PASS = 84 TARIFF POINTS B PASS = 74 TARIFF POINTS C PASS = 64 TARIFF POINTS D = 59 TARIFF POINTS

Level 6

Higher Music

Higher Music consists of three main elements;

Performing (ABRSM Grade 4 standard or above) Learners select two instruments or one instrument and voice to further develop their skills.

Understanding Music

They will learn to recognise and identify musical vocabulary, signs and symbols as they listen to music.

Composition

Learners create their own piece of music or song and reflect on their creative decision making by preparing a short evaluation.

Assessment

Performing - SQA Visiting Assessor visits the school (Feb/March) Composition (SQA Assignment) - SQA externally assessed Understanding Music – 1 hour Question Paper during SQA exam diet

Progression

Advanced Higher Music or Level 6 NPA Music Performing.

A PASS = 204 TARIFF POINTS B PASS = 182 TARIFF POINTS C PASS = 160 TARIFF POINTS D = 149 TARIFF POINTS

NPA Music Level 6

NPA Music Performing consists of three main elements;

Performing (ABRSM Grade 3 standard or above) Learners selects one instrument or voice to further develop their skills.

Performing (ABRSM Grade 4 standard or above) Learners selects one instrument or voice to further develop their skills.

Live Performance

Learners will contribute to the preparation of a programme of music for a live performance, evaluate their own performance of music at a short live event such as a lunchtime concert or after school performing opportunity.

Assessment

NPA Music Performing is achieved when all units have been internally assessed and passed.

There is no end of year exam for this course.



Level 7

Advanced Higher Music

Advanced Higher Music consists of three main elements;

Performing (ABRSM Grade 5 standard or above) Learners select two instruments or one instrument and voice to further develop their skills.

Understanding Music

They will learn to recognise and identify musical vocabulary, signs and symbols as they listen to music. Learners are expected to demonstrate their understanding of music vocabulary as they analyse, compare and evaluate music they hear.

Composition

Learners create their own piece of music or song and reflect on their creative decision making by preparing a short evaluation.

Assessment

Performing – SQA Visiting Assessor visits the school (April/May) Composition (SQA Assignment) - SQA externally assessed Understanding Music – 1 hour Question Paper during SQA exam diet A PASS = 480 TARIFF POINTS B PASS = 440 TARIFF POINTS C PASS = 400 TARIFF POINTS D = 380 TARIFF POINTS

ABSRM & Trinity College Music Exams = Extra UCAS points!

Awarding body	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8		
	Pass	Merit	Distinction	Pass	Merit	Distinction	Pass	Merit	Distinction
ABSRM Performing	8	10	12	12	14	16	18	24	30
ABRSM Theory	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10
Trinity Performing	8	10	12	12	14	16	18	24	30
Trinity Theory	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10