

RSL LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA FOR MUSIC PRACTITIONERS

EXAMINING BOARD: RSL

Entry Requirements: GCSE Music is not essential but some musical experience is required

KEY FEATURES OF THE COURSE:

Skills

- Students will be able to develop the skills that they need to be an effective music practitioner. They can choose to specialise in performing, composition, technology or business.

Flexibility

- This course offers a wide range of choice with regard to units studied which allows students to focus on learning and developing areas specific to themselves as musicians.

EQUIVALENCE TO A LEVEL (UCAS POINTS)

Grade	RSL Subsidiary Diploma	A Level
Distinction* / A*	84	56
Distinction / A	72	48
Merit / B	48	40
Pass / C	32	24

MANDATORY UNITS

Learners will complete two mandatory units; the units they complete will depend on the specialism they choose. One of these is externally assessed by the exam board, the other is internally assessed by teachers.

	Performing Pathway	Composing Pathway	Technology Pathway	Business Pathway
Externally Assessed	Rehearsal and Performance	Composing and Sequencing	Live Sound Recording and Sound Reinforcement	Music Promotion and Event Management
Internally Assessed	Planning a Career in Music	Planning a Career in Music	Planning a Career in Music	Planning a Career in Music

OPTIONAL UNITS

In addition to the mandatory units listed above, learners must complete a number of optional units. They must complete a total of 90 credits to gain the qualification; the mandatory units amount to 45 credits. Optional units have a credit value of between 5, 10 or 15 credits. There are 81 optional units available per pathway and learners can choose the units that are most relevant to the skills and knowledge they wish to develop. The optional units are grouped into the following families:

- Composing
- Contextual Studies
- Dance in Popular Music
- Live Music Production
- Music Business
- Music Facilitation
- Music Performance
- Music Technology
- Practical Musicianship

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT

Students complete both mandatory units and optional units to a total of 90 credits to complete the qualification. External assessments are completed through submission of coursework which is then sent to the exam board. There is no formal exam for this course. All internally assessed units are assessed by your teacher through completion of coursework which may take the form of recordings, filmed footage, portfolios, written work and any other format which is relevant to the units being completed.