



UAL Music First Diploma - CA203

The Level 2 Diploma in Music provides an excellent opportunity to broaden your musical knowledge and playing skills through both practical and academic study.

This course will give you the foundations from which to develop yourself as a practicing musician, as well as teaching you the skills you need to study music at a higher level.

This Course allows you to explore various elements of music. It is made up of 7 units which include Performance, Rehearsal, Music Theory, Solo Performance and working in the industry, along with a collection of units which are focused on planning a music event.

You will be expected to study approximately 16 hours in College as well as completing self-directed private study.

This course is aimed at students who want to develop their musical knowledge as well as their playing and performance skills. You will be advised about the progression opportunities available to you and prepare for this.

COURSE DETAILS

The course focuses on practical activities and is for students wanting to follow a vocational programme in either Music Production or Music Performance.

You will study and develop skills in the processes involved in organising and being part of music performances, developing as an artist, music theory, composition and singing.

You will be encouraged to learn additional instruments to your first study instrument and perform in College and at venues in and around Wirral.

Although the emphasis is on practical assignments, you will need to complete written assessments in the form of evaluative log books and rehearsal diaries and contextual and business studies. Students must be able to perform.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

This is a Study Programme for students who are 16-18 years of age.

To study a Level 2 qualification, you will need:

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3, including English and Maths (or L1 Functional Skills in English and Maths)

OR

A relevant Level 1 qualification with GCSE English and Maths at grade 3 or above (or L1 Functional Skills in English and Maths)

Successful audition

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies. To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required: Musical Instrument Equipment (e.g. drum sticks, guitar strings, sheet music etc.) £60 If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans> Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career. N.B. prices correct as of 23/06/2021

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Students are assessed through projects and assignments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work.
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C in English and maths (grade 4 or above).
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips.

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

On successfully completing this course you may be able to progress onto the Level 3 Extended Music Performance course or other Level 3 courses.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	STARTS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	08th Sep 2025	Full Time	CA203-25	
<p>If you are aged 16-18:</p> <p>This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.</p> <p>If you are aged 19 or over:</p> <p>Fee : £7172.00</p> <p><i>The fee quoted is for the academic year 25/26.</i></p>				

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 12th July, 2025 and may be subject to change.