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BTEC INTERNATIONALS

A guide for ICHK's Y9 students and parents



What are BTECs?

A BTEC is a vocational qualification studied at school. The new BTEC International courses have been developed for international schools and ICHK is one of the first schools in Asia to offer the new innovative programmes. BTECs tend to be skills-related and are ideal for any student who enjoys more practical-based learning.

What's a BTEC level 2 equivalent to?

You will be studying a BTEC International Level 2 Award. This is equivalent to a GCSE at grade A* to C.

What's the difference between an IGCSE and a BTEC?

BTECs are vocational qualifications rather than traditional academic courses. BTECs and IGCSEs also differ in the way they're assessed. IGCSEs mainly involve two years of study with assessments and examinations at the end of the course. BTECs at ICHK are also a 2 year course but are continually assessed through coursework and practical projects. The BTEC International courses you will study at ICHK are 100% teacher assessed and externally verified by the examination body Pearson.

How will students be assessed?

BTEC International Level 2 qualifications are assessed using a combination of internal assessments, which are set and marked by teachers, and Pearson Set Assignments, which are set by Pearson and marked by teachers.

Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P) and Unclassified (U). All mandatory and optional units contribute proportionately to the overall qualification grade. BTEC qualifications encompass applied learning that brings together knowledge and understanding with practical and technical skills. This applied learning is achieved through students performing real-world tasks that encourage the development of skills and experiences within the arts industry

What courses will be on offer at ICHK?

Currently, ICHK offers 3 courses at GCSE level, IGCSE Drama, GCSE Art and Design and GCSE Media Studies. We will replace our current courses with the new 2 year programme 'BTEC Internationals'. The 4 new courses we will offer are:

- **BTEC International Level 2 Award - Art and Design**
- **BTEC International Level 2 Award - Creative Media**
- **BTEC International Level 2 Award - Music**
- **BTEC International Level 2 Award - Performing Arts**

You can find out more about the courses, what you will be studying and how you will be assessed over the next few pages.

ART AND DESIGN

COURSE: BTEC International Level 2 Award - Art and Design

2 Year programme

Lead Teacher: Amy Thibeault

This qualification is designed to support learners who are interested in learning about the art and design sector and its diverse range of specialisms. Students will develop ideas through use of materials, techniques and processes, refining their ideas and reviewing their working practices.

YEAR 10

Developing Art and Design in Response to a Theme

In this introductory year, you will explore, develop, and produce art and design in response to themes. You will be given thematic starting points from which you will experiment with ideas generation techniques and contextual research activities. You will develop your initial ideas through the use of materials, techniques, and processes, refining your ideas and reviewing your working practices. You will then apply your own creative process to plan and realise a piece of art and design work that responds to the theme.

Learning aims

Throughout the year you will:

- Generate ideas in response to a theme
- Explore practical skills to develop a response to a theme
- Plan and realise creative intentions in response to a theme.

YEAR 11

Contextual References in Art and Design

In Year 11, you will investigate creative practice, researching examples of both historical and contemporary practitioners. An important part of your research will be learning to visually analyse the work of creative practitioners in order to understand how they use visual language, materials and media to communicate ideas. Based on your research you will then develop and produce your own work inspired by the creative practitioners you have looked at.

Learning aims

Throughout the year you will:

- Investigate historical and contemporary creative practice
- Visually analyse the work of creative practitioners
- Develop and produce a creative response to contextual research



CREATIVE MEDIA

COURSE: BTEC International Level 2 Award - Creative Media

2 Year programme

Lead Teacher: Liam Greenall

This qualification covers a variety of areas across creative media, namely researching and proposing ideas for creative media products. In addition, learners will participate in practical workshops that focus on particular specialisms, for example, digital photography, podcasting, video production and advertising.



YEAR 10

Exploring Media Products

You will practically explore and apply media production processes, skills and techniques to create different digital media products in response to a range of briefs.

Learning aims

Throughout term one you will:

- Explore the codes and conventions of media products
- Develop your understanding of audience and industry in relation to media products
- Apply media production processes, skills and techniques to create media products

Digital Video Production

In this unit, you will explore the features of video products for different purposes and platforms. You will explore, plan and create music videos, short films and scenes for television. You will then use camerawork, mise-en-scene (setting, locations, props, costumes and make-up), lighting, sound and editing to create a video product for a specified purpose, which you will publish to a digital platform.

Learning Aims:

Throughout the year you will:

- Explore the purposes, features and platforms of digital video products
- Plan and shoot footage for a digital video
- Edit and publish a digital video

YEAR 11

Research, Develop and Propose Ideas for a Digital Media Product

In this assessed unit, you will learn about research methods and use them to conduct research that will help you generate ideas for your own digital media product. You will select an idea and develop the skills to enable you to propose the idea effectively. The knowledge and skills you acquire will provide a foundation for developing ideas for other units in this qualification.

Learning aims

Throughout the year you will:

- Use research methods to inform ideas for a digital media product
- Develop ideas for a digital media product
- Propose an idea for a digital media product.



MUSIC

COURSE: BTEC International Level 2 Award - Music

2 Year programme

Lead Teacher: Phoebe Wong



This qualification is designed to support learners who are interested in learning about the music sector through applied learning. Students will learn about and develop skills in music composing, recording and performing.

YEAR 10

Introduction to Performing

In this unit, you will develop a range of skills required to give a successful performance. You will learn how to practise effectively, developing your technique and skills on your chosen instrument/voice. You will also learn how to rehearse effectively and to improve your performance through self-reflection and acting on feedback from others. Finally, you will present the results of your rehearsals as a performance.

Learning aims

In term 1 of Year 10, you will:

- Develop and review technical skills
- Develop and review rehearsal skills and techniques
- Present a musical performance

Introduction to Composing

Throughout the year, you will explore your own route through the compositional process and begin to develop your own creative voice by responding to a variety of stimuli. You will develop a portfolio of ideas, some of which will be developed and one of which will be completed as a final composition.

Learning aims

Throughout Year 10, you will:

- Explore initial ideas
- Develop musical ideas
- Refine and present a completed composition

YEAR 11

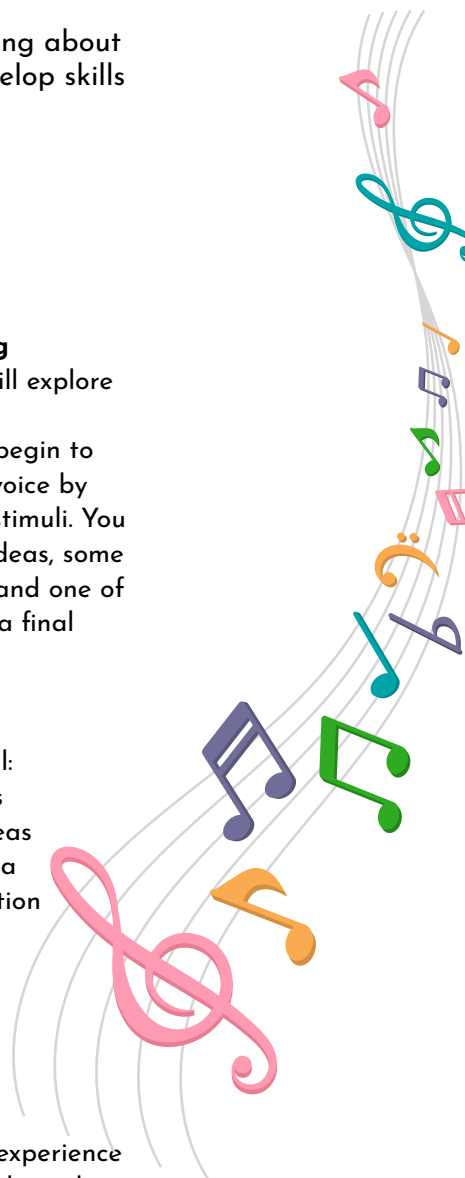
Plan and Create a Music Product for a Brief

In Year 11, you will create a music product such as a live event or recording. You will experience the full creative process starting with developing your initial idea and following this through to completion and delivery. You will also explore the ways that music products are promoted, and you will produce marketing materials and activities for the product that you create. You can work individually or as part of a group to develop and create a music product. You must clearly evidence your individual contribution to the planning, development and delivery of your final product.

Learning aims

Throughout the year, you will:

- Plan and develop a music product in response to a brief
- Promote a music product in response to a brief
- Deliver a music product in response to a brief
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PERFORMING ARTS

COURSE: BTEC International Level 2 Award - Performing Arts

2 Year programme

Lead Teacher: Jennifer Davies



This qualification is designed to support learners who are interested in learning about, and developing skills in, performing arts. The highly practical course covers content from across a variety of areas of performing arts, namely focussed around putting on a production. Learners can take units to develop knowledge and skills in more specific areas, such as devising new material, multimedia performance and exploring the context in which a work was created.

YEAR 10

Scripted Drama

This unit will introduce you to the theatrical world of scripted drama and will encourage you to engage with a play chosen by your teacher. The unit will culminate in an exciting performance where you will take on a specific role. This unit will also help you to develop your voice and acting skills as well as creating a character.

Learning aims

In term 1 of Year 10, you will:

- Explore and develop a role from a scripted play
- Rehearse a role for performance
- Perform a role to an audience.

Performing and Production Arts

Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to explore a performing arts industry-related discipline, such as acting, devising, physical theatre and production roles, through practical workshops and activities. These workshops and activities will allow you to experiment with different techniques for producing a performing arts event, either as a performer or as part of the production team.

Learning aims

Throughout Year 10, you will:

- Develop skills in a performing arts industry role
- Develop collaborative and professional working practices
- Review own practice

YEAR 11

Plan and Create a Music Product for a Brief

In Year 11, you will plan and take part in the preparation for a full-scale performing arts production. You will learn and develop the skills needed for your role either as a performer or as part of the production team. You will need to prepare for the performance during rehearsals and in your own time. These rehearsals will develop and refine material, for example timing and communication. You will need to apply performance or production skills confidently during the development and performance in order to realise a successful performing arts event. You will work as part of a team and navigate 'showtime' with an approach that ensures an 'unforgettable show' for your audience.

Learning aims

Throughout the year, you will:

- Prepare for a professional role during rehearsal
- Refine skills needed for a professional role during rehearsal
- Apply skills to a performance
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