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October 2022

Dear Student and Parent/Carer(s)

Welcome to Year 11 and the final stages of your time here at Penryn College, in the next few months, music students will be working towards their final assessment for their BTEC course. We know that students will find the external assessment exciting, with some elements of challenges along the way. Below is some information about the coursework and external assessment and expectations as we move towards the end of the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: aallen@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk or call Penryn College and leave a message for me to get back to you.

Course title: BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice

This course is 100% coursework with three components of assessed work. 2 Internal Assessments (Marked by Penryn College and moderated by BTEC) and 1 External Assessment (Marked by BTEC):

Component	Brief description	Assessment	Deadline
1	Exploring Music Products and Styles	30% of overall grade	COMPLETED
2	Music Skills Development* resubmission is for students to independently improve work, not complete any missing work there can be no teacher support with this.	30% of overall grade	7 th October Resubmission 7 th November
3	Performing to a Commercial Music Brief- In January, students will be issued a brief from the exam board. This brief will consist of activities that students will completed in 23 supervised hours throughout January-May	40% of overall grade	MAY 2023 TBC when the brief is released

The deadlines have to be met in order to meet the assessment requirements set by Pearson and allow for staff to mark each element and for students and parents to be able to keep track of their progress, please support students in fulfilling these dates.

Mock exam:

Students will sit a November mock for Component 3. The brief for Component 3 will be released to students on Monday 10th October and consists of four activities.

Activity 1 Preparation- Students will have 2 lessons to explore the brief, with support from me as the teacher. Students will be able to make notes on their choices.



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Activity 1- Students will write their response to the brief, outline the practical work they intend to create.

Activity 2- Creating a Music Product: students will have 9 lessons to practically explore and create their chosen music product.

Activity 3- Students have 1 hour to write their final response, detailing their choices throughout the creative process.

Students will work independently to respond to the Component 3 brief mock and the real brief set by Pearson in January. Students will be able to choose to specialise in Music Production or Music Performance; all students will also focus on Music Creation. It is important that students understand that I am not able to support choices in the same way that I have for Component 1 and Component 2 and this final piece of work should be completed independently.

On Monday 17th October, year 11 have music p6/7. I am requesting that all students will stay after school until no later than 16:15 so that we can complete Activity 1 before the October half term.

Please ask your student to return the confirmation slip below. If your child cannot attend after school on Monday 17th, they will be required to make the time up another time that week with me as we will begin practical work on the first lesson back after half term.

More support sessions for Music, will be running on Monday afterschool until Christmas, and other sessions afterschool are bookable by arrangement with myself. Your support with the attendance of these sessions is appreciated.

When we enter exam period in January, students will not be able to complete any work outside of the timetabled sessions, so getting into the routine of attending every session now is important. If a student misses a session, we will expect them to make that time up in the same week so that the work does not fall behind.

Your child will be able to show you the Mock Assignment brief on Showbie from Monday 10th October. Please feel free to discuss their choices with them at home and contact me if you have any questions. This is a great piece of work which allows students to express their creativity and your support in ensuring students meet each deadline is appreciated. Again, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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Monday 17th October 2022

I can confirm that my child _____

Will be attending afterschool on Monday 17th October 2022

Will not be attending afterschool on Monday 17th October 2022

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