



## Curriculum and Assessment Overview

The Vale Academy offers A level and BTEC music at Key Stage 5, depending on student choice and musical ability. In 2021-22, we are offering the Subsidiary Diploma in Music which is the equivalent of one A level.

Total Qualification 360 GLH. 60 credits																																		
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<b>Mandatory unit</b> 60 GLH 10 credits  Unit 23 Music Performance Techniques		<b>Assessment is done through</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Powerpoint</li><li>• Essay</li><li>• Presentation</li><li>• Performance</li><li>• Analysis</li><li>• Composition</li></ul> <b>Grades are calculated as below:</b> <b>Points available for unit credits achieved at different levels and unit grades</b>  The table below shows the <b>number of points scored per unit credit</b> at the unit level and grade.																																
<b>Specialist units</b> Select at least one of the units below:  Unit 33 Solo Music Performance Skills  Unit 40 Working and Developing as a Musical Ensemble																																		
<b>Optional Units</b> Select from the following to make up the 360 GLH. Each unit is worth 60 GLH.  Unit 6 Classical music in practice  Unit 7 Composing Music  Unit 18 Modern Music in Practice  Unit 24 Music Project  Unit 36 Studying Music from around the World  Unit 38 The Music Freelance World  Unit 39 The Sound and Music Industry  Unit 43 Special Subject Investigation																																		
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