



Brent Music Academy Student Characteristics

Brent Music Academy (BMA) is an exciting new initiative providing professional training and opportunities for young people displaying high levels of aptitude for the music industry. Devised and delivered by world-leading professionals, programmes provide supplementary experiences for young people to stretch their skills and understandings, better preparing them to succeed in the music industry.

Typical BMA students will display some or most of the following characteristics. We recognise that young people will likely not display all listed characteristics at the time of joining BMA, but will expect young people to grow towards these as they continue.

General Characteristics
Demonstrates enthusiasm for music performance and/or industry (business, administration and/or production)
Asks questions and is a curious learner
Has a vivid creative imagination
Shows persistence and perseverance in tasks
Grasps new concepts quickly and applies knowledge to new contexts with ease
Works independently and shows initiative
Takes time to think when presented with new ideas or challenges
Accepts feedback and uses it to improve
Open to being pushed out of the 'comfort zone'
Seeks additional learning opportunities in and/or out of school
Interested in developing knowledge and understanding, as well as practical skills
Musical Characteristics (Performance Pathway)
Moves to the beat accurately and confidently
Maintains a steady pulse
Copies rhythmic patterns accurately
Waits for the appropriate moment to begin playing/singing
Matches pitch accurately in voice or on an instrument
Replicates melodic/rhythmic phrases accurately (age/standard appropriate)
Uses dynamics (volume) sensitively

Musical Characteristics (Performance Pathway) continued

Confidently maintains an independent part in a group

Performs with energy and intensity

Performs with expression, communicates emotion

Improvises comfortably

Plays/sings confidently by ear

Has a remarkable musical memory

Creates sounds in original ways

Controls pulse/beat changes in performance

Is sensitive to intonation, playing/singing in tune

Shows creative flair for improvisation and composition

More detailed information about Brent Music Academy can be found at

<https://www.rpo.co.uk/brentmusicacademy>.

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