

Professional Music Programme Level 2

What can I look forward to in my first year?

At Cranton Sixth Form College we welcome and celebrate all styles of music. Our Level 2 Professional Music Programme (PMP) is aimed at preparing our students for Level 3 study and for a range of practical music experiences, including introductions to band performance, song writing, and music production. You will plan and perform a series of gigs at local venues such as The Cranton Playhouse, The Studio, and Liverpool Philharmonic.

What will my timetable look like?

You will be in college for 3 days a week plus you will have two study days where you will be expected to complete coursework and work on your assignments. Your timetable will include a weekly instrumental lesson with a specialist tutor. You will also have a tutorial session with your Personal Tutor.

Do I need to buy any equipment or kit?

You must have your own instrument and bring it with you every day, with the exception of drum kit and keyboard which we provide at college. This includes cables, drumsticks, plectrums, and straps.

You will also need your own set of closed cup headphones such as Sennheiser HD202 (NOT BEATS headphones).

You will definitely need pens, pencils, paper and a bag to hold it all. Guitars also need to be transported in a case.

What will happen in my first few weeks?

Within your first few weeks of Level 2 PMP your induction will include a band performance and solo performance. You will produce a rehearsal blog, evaluate your work and begin looking into a relevant research topic. You will meet your new tutors and will have the opportunity to explore performance on your preferred instrument.

Who will be teaching me?

There are three classroom teachers who will support you throughout your studies. There are also several peripatetic instrumental tutors that will teach you instrument specifics. You will also have a Personal Tutor who will help and support you throughout your college life. As your course progresses, they will also help with university and job applications to university, CV's and will keep you informed of any college events or important information.

Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

A number of specialist books and magazines are available in the Learning Resource Centre in Cranton College.

Although we focus on the practical elements for a large part of the course, reading and writing are an essential part of any course at college. Research underpins every project you are involved in at college, so it is recommended to seek books and websites that you feel are relevant to your own musical desires.

