

Music and Sound Production Academy (Music Award)



Music Award Overview

This Edinburgh College award is aimed at S3+ students who are currently participating in music classes within a school or community setting amounting to 3-4 hours a week. It has been created as an access point and link to the School of Music and Sound Production at Edinburgh College and allows students to develop their skills and knowledge while in school and later at college. ECMS will offer introductory sessions to all groups that sign up and a performance/showcase opportunity at industry-leading performance spaces/studios in June 2023. We will have a formal graduation and students will be presented with a certificate upon completion of the units below.

Start Date: Week beginning 23th January 2023
(notional)

End Date: Week beginning 19th June 2023

ECMS Music and Sound Production Academy

The Music Award is designed by Edinburgh College to enhance and endorse the experience of school-age music students. It sits at SCQF Level 5.

To achieve the award, students must complete the following three units:

Live Performance (2 credits)

Learning outcome 1 – Participate in preparation and rehearsal for a live music performance

Learning outcome 2 – Develop an understanding of preparing for a live music performance

Learning outcome 3 – Demonstrate skills in delivering a successful live performance

Instrumental/Vocal Development (1 credit)

Learning outcome 1 – Develop the ability to play or sing in a variety of styles

Learning outcome 2 – Develop technique through a variety of exercises/studies

Learning outcome 3 – Identify areas of strength and weakness and set goals for development

Musical Knowledge (1 credit)

Learning outcome 1 – Demonstrate an understanding of basic musical structure

Learning outcome 2 – Demonstrate an understanding of musical style/genre

Learning outcome 3 – Demonstrate an understanding of technical challenges

Benefits of completing the qualification:

- Provides students with knowledge and understanding of working on college level qualifications, consolidates current learning
- Prepares students who may wish to progress to full time music, music business or sound production courses
- Excellent experience for college and university applications
- Introduction to the qualification with ECMS staff
- Invitation to perform, showcase and workshop work at Edinburgh College (Cre:8 at Milton Road, or The Music Box at Sighthill)
- Sharing work and skills with other students with similar interests

Possible Progression routes:

- NPA L6 Sound Production & Music Business/ NPA L6 Performance & Production (schools college partnership) at Edinburgh College
- NC6 Music/ NC 6 Sound Production, Full time course at Edinburgh College
- HND Music/ HND Music Business/ HND Sound Production, two-year full-time course at Edinburgh College.

What happens next?

Students must enrol individually, but can work as a group such as a band, choir or ensemble; activities may be supported in existing classes, rehearsals and instrumental lessons, or in new classes set up specifically to support the award. Each participating student must do at least 2 - 4 hours of class each week to cover the unit value of the course; this can be done across school curriculum classes, extra-curricular activities within or outside school, instrumental lessons, personal practice, or work towards other qualifications such as music grade exams. Students will also be required to take part in an introduction/workshop for the award with an ECMS team member, and invited to come into college in the week 19th June 2023 (Date TBC) to take part in a performance/showcase platform and graduation ceremony. The format and content of the performance/showcase event will be finalised once all participating students are enrolled.

Workshop Dates for 2022/23

Please contact laurie.crump@edinburghcollege.ac.uk with a preferred workshop date.

A member of the ECMS teaching or management team will come and visit you and your school to audit your space (prior to commencing the award) to make sure it meets the needs of the activities; they will also be able to discuss any additional support the college can offer to facilitate the delivery of the award. There are no financial costs to you or your students for the award - all we ask is that someone accompanies the students when they attend the performance/showcase platform and graduation in June. A member of staff will be the lead contact for each group so that we can complete appropriate registers. This will be done in a way that works for each school, centre or setting.

The students that are interested are required to sign up using this link: [Music Academy](https://application.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/login?ref=CR2ECMAZ22-D1S) and complete the online application form (full link: <https://application.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/login?ref=CR2ECMAZ22-D1S>). If you have a group of S3 students an online application is not necessary and we can collect basic student application info on a spreadsheet (just let us know).

From here they will be offered an unconditional place on the Academy and will be sent a link to enrol with an explanation on how to do this.

Student Evidence

All students will be sent a link to an online resource which will support all evidence needed for this award. This includes detailed instructions and options for submission of work. In house contacts/teachers will be briefed on this prior to sending to students.

- Live Performance – evidenced through testimonials, written or oral work, and video links or observation
- Instrumental/Vocal Development – evidenced through video links and written or oral work
- Musical Knowledge – evidenced through written or oral work

Contact

If you would like more information about this course or to book a face-to-face session, teams meeting or phone call, please email laurie.crump@edinburghcollege.ac.uk