

EVOLVE

A black and white photograph of a band performing on stage. The scene is dominated by silhouettes of the musicians against a bright, hazy background. In the center, a guitarist stands with his back to the camera, playing an electric guitar. To his left, another guitarist is visible in profile. To the right, a bassist is also silhouetted. In the background, a drummer is partially visible behind a drum kit. The stage is lit with several spotlights that create a dramatic, atmospheric effect with rays of light cutting through the haze. The overall mood is energetic and focused.

Ignite Arts Academy
Band Programme



Experience



Explore



Express

EXPERIENCE

playing with a band

Get a taste of what it's like to be in a band!

Experience the thrill of performing music & put what you've learnt in your lessons to practice as our seasoned band coaches guide your band through the skills you'll need to be a successful performer.

Prerequisites

- 6 months of lessons on your chosen instrument
- View EVOLVE level expectations for individual instrument expectations

EXPERIENCE

playing with a band

What will you cover in the 'Experience' course?

- How to work with a group
- Understanding song structure
 - Basic performance skills
- How to get the best out of your instrument

EXPLORE

the possibilities of performing

Take what you've learnt and run with it!

Explore the ways you & your band can develop your own sound and refine your abilities as a performer.

Your seasoned band coaches will introduce new ideas and ways to keep your band rockin' on!

Prerequisites

- 'Experience' band course, or similar level of ability
- View EVOLVE level expectations for individual instrument expectations

EXPLORE

the possibilities of performing

What will you cover in the 'Explore' course?

- How to write a song
- Song arranging (adding your own style)
 - Intermediate performance skills
 - Introduction to improvisation

EXPRESS

yourself as an artist

The stage is your playground!

Express yourself as a confident performer in a wicked band. Enjoy advanced performance coaching from a pro-performer and learn the way to become a master of your art.

Prerequisites

- 'Explore' band course, or similar level of ability
- View EVOLVE level expectations for individual instrument expectations

EXPRESS

yourself as an artist

What will you cover in the 'Express' course?

- Recording your band
- Developing band identity
- Advanced performance techniques
- Expressive improvisation possibilities

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LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

Not sure what level is right for you?

We've broken it down for each instrument, at each level, so you can find where you belong!

If you're already taking lessons with us, your teacher will be able to tell you which level you're currently at. New students may require a brief evaluation by one of our band coaches.

General prerequisites

At least 6 months tuition on your chosen instrument

If you're still not sure, or have any questions, feel free to get in contact with our friendly team.

GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS & KEYS

LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

At the 'Experience' level course you should:

- Have a decent knowledge of basic chords & root note positions
 - Have a basic sense of rhythm
 - Have a basic stage presence
- Have the ability to play short riffs, fills & melodies
- Have the ability to read basic chord sheets & tab
 - Have a basic understanding of song structure
- Be able to tune & operate your instrument/equipment

GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS & KEYS

LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

EXPLORE

At the 'Explore' level course you should:

- Have mastered basic chords & have an understanding of bar chords/inversions
 - Have an extended knowledge of root note positions
 - Have a developed sense of rhythm
 - Understand basic time signatures
 - Be able to play medium riffs, fills & melodies
- Begin to develop ensemble awareness & be able to communicate your musical ideas with the group
 - Be developing ideas in approach to technique and tone
 - Have basic knowledge of major, minor & pentatonic scales
 - Begin to develop some form of stage presence

GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS & KEYS

LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

At the 'Express' level course you should:

- Have a masterful understanding of playing techniques
- Have a superior knowledge of chord & root note positions
 - Have a solid sense of rhythm
 - Understand some uncommon time signatures
- Be able to confidently play most riffs, fills & melodies
- Have a decent knowledge of common & some exotic scales
 - Be able to apply these scales in an improvised setting
 - Have developed ensemble awareness
 - Be able to effectively communicate musical ideas
- Have an individual approach to technique and tone
 - Have a convincing stage presence

VOCALS

LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

At the 'Experience' level course you should:

- Be able to accurately pitch notes
- Have a basic sense of rhythm
- Be capable of singing along to a backing track
 - Have basic stage presence
 - Have the ability to read basic chord sheets
- Have a basic understanding of song structure
 - Understand basic microphone technique

VOCALS

LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

At the 'Explore' level course you should:

- Be able to pitch notes to a superior level
 - Have a developed sense of rhythm
 - Have developed ability as a front person
- Be developing ideas in approach to technique, expression & tone
 - Understand basic time signatures
- Begin to develop ensemble awareness & be able to communicate your musical ideas with the group
- Have basic knowledge of major, minor & pentatonic scales

VOCALS

LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

At the 'Express' level course you should:

- Have complete vocal control
- Have a masterful understanding of technique, expression & tone
 - Have convincing stage presence as a front person
 - Be able to effectively tell a story through lyrics
 - Have a solid sense of rhythm
 - Understand some uncommon time signatures
- Be able to confidently improvise vocal runs and embellishments
 - Have developed ensemble awareness
 - Be able to effectively communicate musical ideas