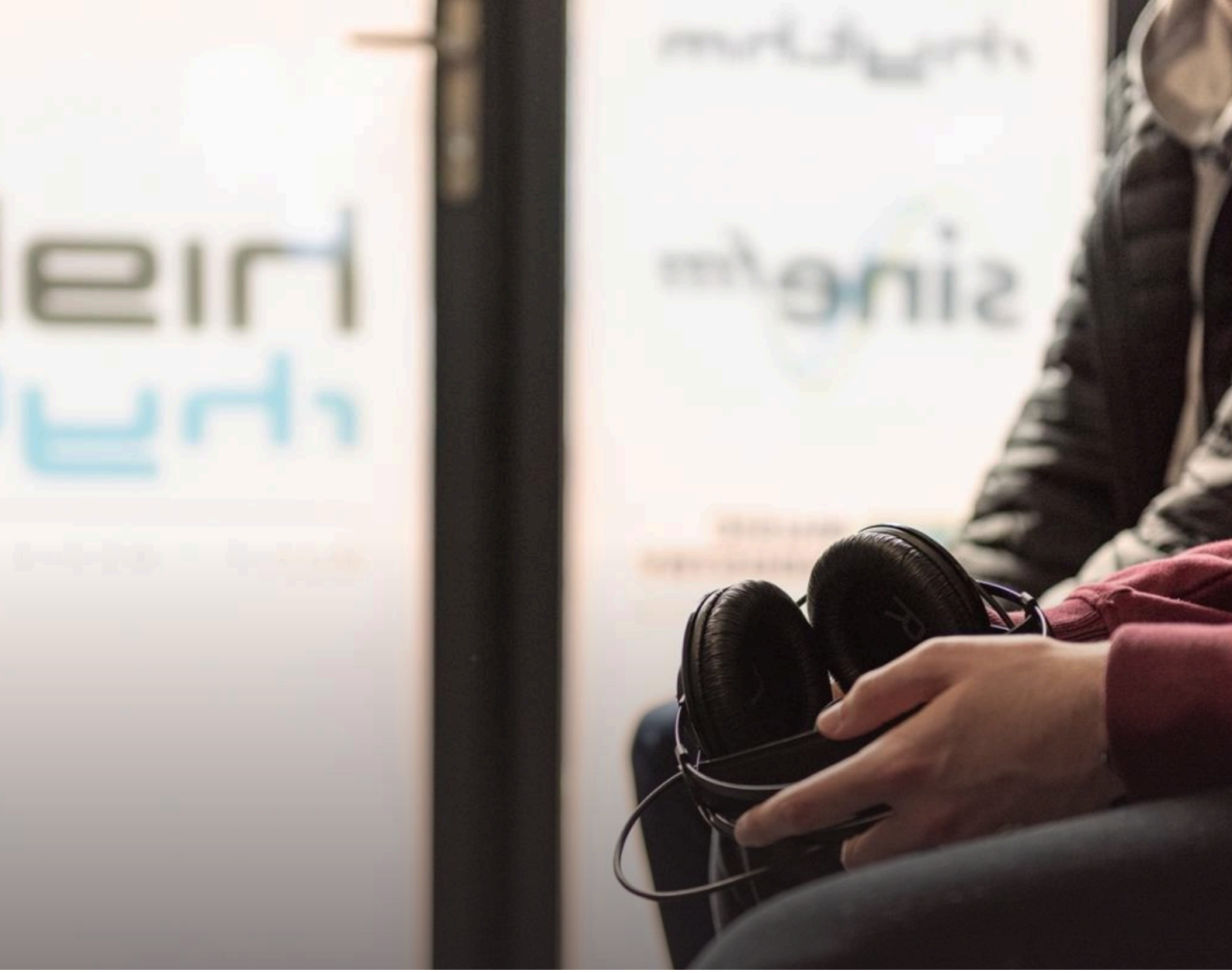

Alternative Provision
at Higher Rhythm

Information for referral partners, parents and guardians

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ALTERNATIVE PROVISION AT HIGHER RHYTHM

Creative, practical learning in a real music and media industry environment

Higher Rhythm provides Alternative Provision through practical, industry-focused music, audio and creative media programmes, helping young people develop skills, confidence and recognised accreditation.

A DIFFERENT WAY TO LEARN

Practical skills. Real experience. Recognised achievement.

01

Build confidence

Develop confidence, communication skills and independence through practical creative projects.

02

Learn by doing

Develop new skills using professional equipment in real music and media environments.

03

Create a route forward

Gain recognised accreditation and develop skills that can support progression into further education, training and the creative industries.

OUR EXPERIENCE

An established, award-winning provider

Higher Rhythm is an award-winning learning provider with a long-standing reputation for high-quality educational opportunities for young people. We work in a personalised way with each young person, their family, their school and other professionals to support successful reintegration into education.

Experience

25 years delivering re-engagement programmes for young people.

Excellence

Trinity College London Champion Centre for Arts Awards. Rated outstanding by BTEC awarding body.

Esteem

Qualified Alternative Provision on multiple government frameworks.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Creative learning outside the traditional classroom

Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision offers young people a practical and creative learning environment where they can develop new skills, work towards recognised accreditation and explore future progression.

It can support young people with:

- Re-engaging with education
- Building confidence and motivation
- Developing communication skills
- Practical and creative learning
- Developing digital and technical skills
- Working towards recognised qualifications
- Preparing for further education
- Exploring creative-industry skills

> **Age range.** Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision primarily supports school-age young people. In some circumstances, provision can continue for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), subject to their individual circumstances, funding and agreement with the relevant local authority or other commissioning organisation.

PROGRAMME OPTIONS

Choose a creative pathway

Higher Rhythm offers a range of practical pathways covering music production, sound engineering and creative media.

Sound Station

ENTRY LEVEL MUSIC PRODUCTION

BTEC Level 2 Award

Develop practical music technology, production and industry skills while working towards a recognised Level 2 qualification.

The BTEC Level 2 Award in Music Industry Skills (our Sound Station programme) is designed as an introductory study in music.

It can be taken as a part-time course alongside other areas of study, including by learners looking to re-enter education and gain introductory skills within the music industry.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL

- Gain new skills in music technology, learning how to produce music in a professional recording studio.
- Create their own music while working with other young people.
- Gain a Level 2 Award for their achievements.

No previous music or media experience required

Sound Station Plus

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL MUSIC PRODUCTION AND SOUND ENGINEERING

BTEC Level 2 Certificate

Take music production and industry skills further and prepare for progression into Level 3 study or related opportunities.

The BTEC Level 2 Certificate (Sound Station Plus) offers progression for young people who wish to continue their studies at Higher Rhythm following our Sound Station programme.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL

- Develop their knowledge of recording in a professional studio.
- Learn professional production techniques to create their own music portfolio.
- Gain a Level 2 Certificate for their achievements.

Generally a progression option from Sound Station

QUALIFICATION DETAILS

Sound Station and Sound Station Plus at a glance

	Sound Station	Sound Station Plus
LEVEL	Entry Level Music Production	Intermediate Level Music Production and Sound Engineering
QUALIFICATION	**BTEC Level 2 Award** in Music Industry Skills	**BTEC Level 2 Certificate** in Music Industry Skills
DESIGNED FOR	An introductory study in music. Can be taken as a part-time course alongside other areas of study, including by learners looking to re-enter education.	Young people who wish to continue their studies at Higher Rhythm following the Sound Station programme.
EXPERIENCE NEEDED	No previous music or media experience required.	Generally a progression option from Sound Station.
PROGRESSION	Sound Station Plus	Level 3 study or related opportunities

NEW

Audio Foundry

CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

Gold Arts Award

A practical creative media pathway exploring audio production, podcasting, radio broadcasting and editing.

Rather than music production and recording studios, Audio Foundry focuses on areas such as radio broadcasting and production, audio editing, creating features, podcasting and presenting.

Gold Arts Award is the Trinity College London Level 3 Certificate in the Arts, working at the same standard as an A level

LEARNERS STUDY

- Exploring Creative Media & Audio Production
- Industry Skills for Media and Broadcasting

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL

- Learn techniques and industry-standard workflows to produce, edit and broadcast their own audio and media.
- Create their own digital media portfolio featuring radio shows, podcasts and audio features.
- Develop practical creative media and audio production skills.
- Gain a Gold Arts Award for their achievements.

POTENTIAL

A pathway forward

Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision can provide a route into further study, allowing young people to continue developing their skills and qualifications.

START
Alternative Provision
(Level 2)

NEXT
Level 3 National Diploma
(Further Education)

BEYOND
HND or Degree
(Higher Education / Work)

HOW IT WORKS

Practical details for referral partners

We understand the urgency of giving disengaged or excluded young people a new opportunity to learn, so every referral is treated as a priority.

AVAILABILITY

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Current Alternative Provision days

COST

£175 per day

Per learner

GROUP SIZE

Maximum of 6

Small groups with tutor support

ATTENDANCE

1 or 2 days a week

One day minimum, with two days also available

START DATE

Within 2 weeks

Roll-on, roll-off model from referral

LOCATION

Doncaster

Close to the city centre, with fully accessible studios and media facilities

FROM REFERRAL TO PROGRESSION

How we track and report progress

1

Referral

Referrals are prioritised, with young people able to start within two weeks.

2

Induction

Registration forms record each young person's identifier and baseline position.

3

Monitoring

Secure systems evidence attendance, measure progression and evaluate achievement.

4

Review

Regular contact and feedback from the young person, school staff and referring agencies.

WHY HIGHER RHYTHM?

Learning in a real creative-industry environment

Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision combines practical learning with access to genuine music and media environments.

Professional studios

Learners can develop practical skills through work in professional recording environments.

Sine FM

Higher Rhythm operates Sine FM, creating opportunities to explore radio and audio production in a real broadcasting environment.

Practical learning

Programmes focus on developing skills through creative, hands-on activities and projects.

Recognised achievement

Pathways include Arts Award and BTEC qualifications, providing recognised evidence of achievement and progression.

QUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING

Built on quality and safety

- ✓ All staff are DBS checked and hold up-to-date safeguarding certification
- ✓ SENCO, Careers Leader and a range of IAG-qualified staff
- ✓ Regular referral partner for local secondary schools, academies and pupil referral units
- ✓ All teaching staff hold teaching qualifications
- ✓ Compliant with local authority annual audits, including DMBC, RMBC and East Riding
- ✓ Policies available via the Higher Rhythm website or on request by email

MORE INFORMATION

Frequently asked questions

Who can attend Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision?

Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision provides a practical, creative learning option for young people not attending mainstream education provision.

What age groups do you work with?

Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision primarily supports school-age young people.

In some circumstances, provision can continue for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), subject to their individual circumstances, funding and agreement with the relevant local authority or other commissioning organisation.

Does a young person need previous music or media experience?

Our AP programmes do not require any previous experience, although Sound Station Plus is generally a progression option from our Sound Station programme. If you would like to discuss which of Higher Rhythm's programmes may be appropriate for a young person, please contact the team through the enquiry form on the Higher Rhythm website.

What qualifications and accreditation can learners achieve?

Depending on the programme, learners can work towards Trinity College London Arts Awards or BTEC qualifications.

Current pathways include Arts Award and BTEC-accredited music industry programmes.

What facilities do learners use?

Depending on their programme, learners can develop skills through Higher Rhythm's professional recording facilities and wider music and media spaces. Higher Rhythm also operates Sine FM, a licensed radio station broadcasting across Yorkshire, providing an authentic radio industry experience.

Can learners progress onto other Higher Rhythm courses?

Higher Rhythm's Alternative Provision includes progression from introductory programmes into Level 2 study, with further progression opportunities through Higher Rhythm's Level 3 Diploma.

What progression opportunities are available?

Higher Rhythm aims to equip young people with skills and accreditation that can support progression into further and higher education and the professional workplace.

How can I make an enquiry?

Parents and guardians, schools, organisations, local authorities and individuals can use the Alternative Provision enquiry form on the Higher Rhythm website to contact Higher Rhythm.

GET IN TOUCH

Talk to us about a young person

Parents, guardians, schools, organisations and local authorities can contact Higher Rhythm to discuss a young person and find out more about the Alternative Provision programmes available.

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