

**Reference No**

079/004

Duration

45 weeks

Location

The Royal
Marines School
of Music,
HMS NELSON

IELTS

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Frequency

One course
per year

BANDMASTER (W02)

AIM OF COURSE

To train and teach the student advanced skills in conducting and rehearsal techniques, scoring, arranging and composition, supported with professionally relevant academic subjects in music.

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

- ◆ Advanced conducting, score preparation and rehearsal techniques (wind band, parade band, orchestra and small ensembles)
- ◆ Advanced composition, scoring and arranging (various combinations, including wind band, Big Band and orchestra)
- ◆ Advanced elements of music (music theory)
- ◆ Harmony and compositional techniques. Harmony includes complex modulations and highly chromatic harmony
- ◆ Advanced aural perception, including harmonic dictation, detailed discussion of music from different styles and periods, etc
- ◆ Detailed study of music history, analysis and performance practice, covering music from the Middle Ages to the present
- ◆ Viva voce: oral discussion covering all aspects of the course. Students are expected to show detailed knowledge of the course content together advanced skills in critical analysis

ENTRY STANDARDS

- ◆ Successful completion of the Royal Marines Band Service M1 Course.
- ◆ Confirmation from Higher Training, RMsOM that the student has the ability to meet the requirements of the Bandmaster Course.
- ◆ Working dress and dress uniform

EXAMINATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS GAINED

- ◆ **Internal examinations:**
 - Periodic/Termly examinations
 - Final examinations
 - Assessed regular coursework assignments
- ◆ **External examinations:**
 - ABRSM grade 8 music theory, if this has not already been passed
 - Dip ABRSM in wind band direction
 - LRSM in wind band direction