

Music Technology

Examination Board: Edexcel
A Level in Music Technology: 9MT01

What will I learn?

- How to compose, record and produce popular music.
- How to use modern recording equipment, from the latest software Logic Pro X to hardware such as microphones and mixing desks.
- The course explores the history of popular music and the development of music technology from the early 1900s.
- Analytical skills and the ability to solve problems. Students learn to use technology to serve their own creative designs.

Who is the course suited to?

Anyone with an interest in modern music. Experience playing a musical instrument, or an understanding of music technology, are big advantages but not necessities.

What is the structure of the course

Component 1: Recording Project

To use a selection of production tools and techniques to capture, edit, process and mix an audio recording, chosen from a list of 10 songs.

Component 2: Technology-based Composition

Create, edit, manipulate and structure sounds to produce a technology-based composition.

Component 3: Listening and analysing examination

Students are required to answer questions on unfamiliar commercial recordings.

Component 4: Production and analysing examination

Students are provided with a set of audio and MIDI materials to correct and then combine to form a completed mix.

There is also a written component.

Assessment

A Level: 40% coursework, 60% exam.

Reasons to consider doing Music Technology at A Level:

Highly creative subject which encourages students to explore their own musicality. If you are interested in writing, performing or producing music then this course will cover skills which are relevant to today's modern music environment.

Students are taught the core skills needed to work within many areas of the recording, broadcast, live sound sectors as well as audio techniques for the visual medium and computer games by former industry staff. Students have the opportunity to record bands set up for sound for several concerts as well as trips to a range of Studios.