

Music Technology (Music Industry Skills - Technology) Diploma level 2

Course Overview

This course is for those seeking a technical career in the music industry including recording studio engineers, modern computer producers, radio, TV and film sound and sound equipment manufacturing. You'll gain a broad overview of all of the creative and technical aspects that music technology has to offer. We also have excellent equipment in our sound studios and Mac Suites. If you are aged 16 to 18, you will be enrolled on a study programme. This will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and maths if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will take part in activities that help you to develop your personal skills, such as building your character and confidence. This will help you to live well and move into your chosen career. If you are 16-19 years old these activities will be timetabled as will work experience and placement. You can also choose to take part in other activities. For other age groups, activities will be tailored to your needs.

What you will learn

The course is highly practical and centres around teaching you the underpinning elements of being a Music Technologist. During the year you will learn subjects relevant to a career in sound engineering and music production including recording studio theory and practice, the music industry, computer music production, contextual studies and composition. You will work with students on our music courses in recording projects at least twice a year. You will need to commit to at least five hours practice in your own time each and every week, which is vital for you as a producer.

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires four GCSEs at grade 3 (D) including English (essential) and maths (desirable). You will be required to provide one reference and it is desirable that you can demonstrate 90% attendance at your last place of work or study. You will be invited to attend a welcome event where you will participate in an audition to demonstrate that you have a suitable interest in music technology either through recordings, live sound or computer music activities you have tried already. The audition is also to support your careers choice and ensure that we place you on the right programme for you. Attending our mandatory welcome event/audition is a required part of the application process. Consideration will be given to all applicants over the age of 19 who do not hold formal English and maths qualifications.

Course Fees

Materials fee: £20.

Course Progression

Typically, students continue onto the Music Technology Extended Diploma level 3, which covers a broader range of music technology subjects in more depth. With suitable professional skills, after the level 2 course, you can progress into the sound, music and broadcast industries in roles such as a producer or recording engineer.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications and employment history, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00175
Start Date	06/09/2027
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	2

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