

NCFE LEVEL 3
APPLIED GENERAL
CERTIFICATE
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY



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Music technology plays a key role in music across the world. This course is designed to open up a range of exciting and useful tasks to a wide range of students, and to encourage you to learn about the subject.

Students, including those who do not play a traditional instrument, are encouraged to explore their musicality and create original materials using technology.

The College is investing substantially in the Performing Arts department, and as a consequence the Music Technology course has access to:

- a newly refurbished, fully equipped and acoustically treated recording studio and control room, complete with full production versions of the latest DAW editing software
- three acoustically treated music rehearsal rooms
- Twenty one classroom PCs running the latest version of DAW editing software
- A large variety of microphones, amplifiers, guitars, pianos and other instruments

The course is split across two years, taking up the same amount of time as a traditional A Level with the same UCAS points.

You are able to mix this course with your other choices of A Levels or BTEC / Applied courses.

Students will have the opportunity to be part of the College Performing Arts Academy Production.



Areas of Study

The qualification has been developed to:

- give you the opportunity to enter employment in the music and music technology industries or to progress to higher vocational qualifications or study Music Technology at one of a huge range of universities.
- give you the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques, and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.



Topics Covered

- Using a DAW
- Creating music
- Multi-trace recording, mixing, mastering
- Sound creation
- Live sound
- Digital music business



Learning outside the classroom.....

Throughout both years of the course there will be opportunities to enhance your learning through trips and visits. These will include:



- visits to local recording studios and rehearsal
- spaces to experience the use of a huge range of recording and PA equipment,
- a visit to The Eden Project, and Falmouth University, and
- the opportunity to help run a stage at a music festival.

Summer Task:



This should be completed over the summer break and the outcome / work should be brought to your first Music Tech lesson in September.

- Choose 4 tracks / songs which you really like. Choose these from 2 different genres.
- Listening to the tracks, for each track, identify as many different components / instruments as you can and list them.
- Write a paragraph each, explaining what it is you like about each of the 4 tracks.
- Watch this Youtube Video and write a short commentary on what you have learnt from it:

<https://youtu.be/fR4BuM6dP44>

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