Edexcel A Level Music Technology

What is it?

Develops skills of music production (using software to create music and compositional skills using this software)

Understanding and developing skills of microphones, live and studio recording as well as general music hardware and software.

A wider appreciation of different musical genres, styles and popular music history, **without the theory!**

Can I take it?

You do not need to have taken GCSE Music to **take the** A Level course or even be able to play an instrument.

However, an awareness of musical concepts and music in general is considered helpful as this course relies on some understanding of chords, musical notation and understanding how songs are constructed.

The Course

4 components – 2 coursework & 2 examinations

2 Year A Level

The four components consist of:

1 live recording – being able to mic up a band and record a 3 minute piece.

1 synthesised piece – taking samples and pre-recorded material and working this into an arrangement of a song

1 written examination - two sections containing four shorter questions on the techniques and technology behind recordings, focusing on listening and anlaysis and one extended essay comparing pieces.

1 practical examination - Re-working and arranging samples set by the exam board under exam conditions.

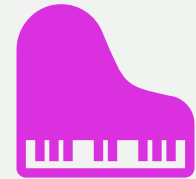# What can an A Level in Music Technology lead to?

University courses focussing on Music and Media production

Sound engineering in recording studios

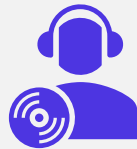Practical music applications for live events and festivals.

Teaching and educating in Music Technology

Who should take A Level Music Technology?

ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN MUSIC.

THOSE WHO ENJOY RECORDING AND SOFTWARE MUSIC MAKING RATHER THAN PERFORMING.

THOSE WHO ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT POPULAR MUSIC AND COMMERCIAL MUSIC MAKING

THOSE WHO WISH TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR A LEVEL MUSIC COURSE WITH ANOTHER STRAND (BOTH COURSES CAN BE TAKEN AND WORK WELL WITH EACH OTHER)

Get in Touch

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