

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Edexcel A Level Music Technology

Code: 9MTO

Taught hours per week: 6 hours

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Course Features

Music Technology is an exciting ever evolving world where it is now possible to create professional sounding music with minimal equipment.

Students will have the opportunity to explore this through learning about capturing, creating and manipulating sound by creating their own recordings and creating music as well as developing a rich knowledge on the history of recorded sound.

Entry Requirements:

- Music GCSE or Music Technology equivalent at 6 or above
- Playing an instrument is desirable but not mandatory

Component 1: Recording Music

20% of final grade

What is assessed?

- Capture of sound
- Mixing

How is it assessed?

A recording of a song chosen from a list of artists provided by the exam board

Component 2: Technology-based Composition

20% of final grade

What is assessed?

Creating, editing, manipulating and structuring sounds to produce a technology based composition

How is it assessed?

One composition chosen from three briefs set by the exam board.

Component 3: Listening and Analysing

25% of final grade

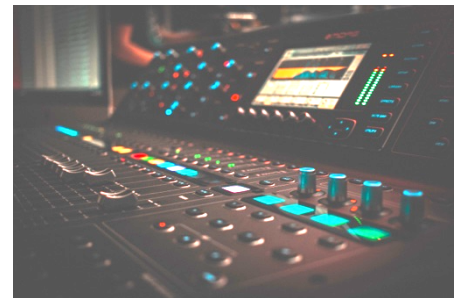
What is assessed?

Knowledge and understanding of:

- Recording and production techniques for both corrective and creative purposes
- Principles of sound and audio technology
- The development of recording and production technology

How is it assessed?

Written Examination – 1 hour 30 minutes



Component 4: Producing and Analysing

35% of final grade

What is assessed?

Application of knowledge related to two areas of study:

- Recording and production techniques for both corrective and creative purposes
- Principles of sound and audio technology

How is it assessed?

Written Examination – 2 hours 15 minutes (plus 10 minutes setup time)

Possible careers include:

Live sound technician
Music Producer
Studio Engineer
Sound Design
Media Composer
Sound Technician
Mixer
Music Therapy

Essential Equipment

A good pair of mixing headphones (we can advise on cost effective makes and models.)

You can purchase a Rhinegold Edexcel Music Technology A Level Study Guide through the Sixth Form.

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