



Why study Music Technology at Formby High School?

Music Technology plays a key role in music across the world. This qualification is designed to open up a range of exciting and useful opportunities to encourage students to learn about the subject. All students are expected to explore their musicality and create original materials using technology. Music Technology A Level explores production, mixing, editing and engineering. As well as developing the skills required to use music software such as Cubase, you will study the history of Music Technology, the development of musical styles such as hip hop, rock and dance music, and the influence of some of the most famous artists and producers. You will work in our Music Technology suites and our recording studio is available for you to run your own sessions and experiment with the equipment on offer.

What does the course involve?

During the Music Technology course, students will learn and use a variety of music and music technology skills.

Component 1: Recording - externally assessed (20% of the qualification)

You will produce a recording, chosen from a list of 10 songs provided, using production tools and techniques to capture audio, edit, process and mix.

Component 2: Technology-based composition - externally assessed (20% of the qualification)

You will build on newly acquired skills to produce a technology-based composition chosen from three briefs set by the examiner. You will create, edit and manipulate sounds using synthesis and creative effects in order to produce your composition.

Component 3: Listening and analysing - written examination (25% of the qualification)

You will be expected to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of recording and production techniques and principles. This will involve the application of knowledge related to three areas of study:

- recording and production techniques for both corrective and creative purposes
- principles of sound and audio technology
- the development of recording and production technology.

Component 4: Producing and analysing - written/practical examination (35% of the qualification)

You will be expected to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of editing, mixing and production techniques. These will be applied to unfamiliar materials provided in the examination and relate to two areas of study: recording and production techniques for both corrective and creative purposes; and principles of sound and audio technology.

What can the qualification lead to?

There are many important opportunities in higher education and many career opportunities for those proficient in handling Music Technology. Music Technology careers could include the following: foley artist, sound engineer, record producer, teacher, media producer, and sound design. Formby High School students have been successful in gaining places at leading conservatoires and universities, with many working in the music and film industry at home and abroad.

What are the entry requirements?

A grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics or Computing, or grade 5 in Music Theory. You will also demonstrate a healthy interest in a wide range of musical styles, coupled with a hunger to learn and develop the skills needed for music production and sound design.

Which other subjects complement Music Technology?

- Dance
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics



“ Music Technology is a creative and inclusive course run by amazing teachers with extensive experience in the industry. We look at how to use recent developments in recording and production while learning the roots of where they came from. Along with how to record and master tracks yourself, My experience in this course has been so enjoyable ,with an abundance of teacher support and interesting topics.

Katie chose to stay at Formby High for Sixth Form