



## What will Year 12 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Students will have four lessons a week, with each lesson lasting one hour. The main areas of learning are as follows:

1. Recording and production techniques for both corrective and creative purposes.
2. Principles of sound and audio technology.
3. The development of recording and production technology.

## What will Year 12 students need to do to get the most out of their lessons?

In Music Technology, you will be expected to learn in a variety of ways. To get the most out of lessons, you should have an open mind to a range of musical styles, and you should always try to learn from your mistakes. As with all A Level courses, to succeed to your full potential you will also need to have a deep and sustained interest in the subject both in and outside of lessons.

## How much homework will Year 12 students have in this subject?

Students will receive weekly homework tasks that will support learning. This may take on the form of one big task or a selection of smaller tasks that are spread throughout the week. There will only be homework tasks set that are to either support current learning or prepare for the next stage of learning. For this reason, it is critical that students complete all tasks, on time.

## Which careers can this subject lead to?

Music Technology can support careers in a surprisingly wide range of professions. For example:

Sound Engineer, Sound Designer, Composer, Computer Game Audio Specialist, Acoustics Engineer – Buildings and Automotive, on-line content creation, television and radio broadcast careers, Live Sound Engineer, noise pollution studies, audio equipment design and repair, Studio Designer, Audio Installation Engineer.

## Which other subjects complement this subject?

Music Technology is centred around Music, ICT and Physics and general creativity. Subjects such as Music, Media, Physics and Theatre Studies complement Music Technology well. There will be elements of transferable knowledge and application of skills between Music Technology and these subjects.

## Do I get to make my own music?

Yes. You will have opportunities to create music when practising skills. The official coursework tasks will also provide opportunity to create your own music in response to a brief set by Edexcel.

## Do I need any special equipment at home?

No. There is no requirement for you to have music technology equipment at home. The only things we would suggest you purchase are the course textbooks and revision guides. Details of these will be made available prior to the start of the course.

## How is Music Technology assessed?

There are 4 units that make up the assessment:

1. Studio Recording – You will carry out a studio quality recording project in response to a set brief. 20%
2. Composing using technology – You will complete a technology-based composition in response to a set brief. 20%
3. Listening and Analysing exam – You will sit an exam with questions about a selection of audio tracks. 25%
4. Producing and Analysing exam – You will sit an exam where you carry out practical tasks connected to a music project. 35%