NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology

- This course teaches the musical and technical skills required to write, arrange and produce music.

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What Will You Learn?

Content Area 1 – Introduction to music technology and the music business

Content Area 2 – The digital audio workstation (DAW)

Content Area 3 – Musical elements, musical style and music technology

Content Area 4 – Sound creation

Content Area 5 – Multitrack recording

How Will You be Assessed?

Synoptic Assesmsent = 60% of the course

- A 17-hour practical assessment, where students will put into practice everything they have learnt on the course.

Written Examination = 40% of the course

- A 90 minute written examination, which takes place in May/June of Year 11.

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Grading

Grade	GCSE Equivalent
Level 2 Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 Distinction	7
Level 2 Merit	5.5
Level 2 Pass	4
Level 1 Distinction	3
Level 1 Merit	2
Level 1 Pass	1

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Resources:

- A recording studio equipped with industry standard recording equipment.

- 16 computers, equipped with Pro Tools software (industry standard).

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Content Area 1 – Introduction to music technology and the music business

- You will understand **roles and responsibilities** within the music industry
- You will understand how music technology has **developed over time** and how this has affected music production
- You will understand how to **market, promote and distribute** music effectively

Content Area 2 – The digital audio workstation (DAW)

- You will understand the **hardware components** of the digital audio workstation
- You will understand the **software features** of the digital audio workstation

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Content Area 3 – Musical elements, musical style and music technology
- You will understand how music is **stylistically composed** using musical elements.
    - Structure/form (how to arrange your music)
    - Melody (how to write a catchy tune)
    - Harmony (how to write an interesting chord sequence)
    - Rhythm (how to add interest through timing of notes)
    - Instrumentation (how different instruments are used)

- You will understand how musical elements are used to define **musical styles**.
- You will understand the **developments in technology** in different eras and how they influenced the music of the time.

Content Area 4 – Sound Creation
- You will understand how sound creation is used in different media.
- You will understand different types and methods of sound creation.

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Content Area 5 – Musical elements, musical style and music technology

- You will learn about different equipment in the recording studio and how it works.

- You will understand how to identify hazards and health and safety risks in the studio.

- You will learn how to plan and undertake your own recording sessions.

- You will learn how to use audio effects to mix multi-track recordings.

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Choose this subject if:

- You are interested in music and how it is made.

- You like to learn in a practical way.

- You have used music technology software before and enjoyed it.

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- You don't need to play an instrument, but basic keyboard skills are useful.

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Careers:

Music Producer

Audio Engineer

Recording Engineer

Mastering Engineer

Audio Editor

Audio Systems Engineer

Audio Systems Designer

Software Designer

Sound Designer,

Performer

DJ

Songwriter

Film Composer

Teacher of Music Technology,

Live Sound Specialist

Audio Technician

Foley Artist

Radio Producer