

# Music Technology

Level 2 Certificate RSL

## General information

The certificate will give you a highly recognised qualification in Music Technology which is the equivalent to one GCSE. Along with the new school we now have a state of the art recording studio with industry standard equipment, Apple iMac suite and the latest software. This will give you the opportunity to work in a real studio environment and develop your production skills to a professional level.

The music department has highly specialist classroom teachers with real industry experience to support your learning and development. We also have excellent peripatetic instrumental specialists to give you support and guidance as you quickly progress with your chosen instrument. We are very proud to have had a proven track record of 100% A-C results over the past four years at KS4, and former students would testify to the helpful advice and guidance the music team have provided.

## How is the course assessed?

The qualification itself consists of a core music recording unit and two other optional music technology based choices. The majority of the first year will be spent developing skills leading up to an assignment set to given criteria to assess knowledge of the software. The course overall is assessed by a Portfolio of Evidence, Practical Demonstration/Assignment and a Task-based Controlled Assessment in year 10. There will be 1 unit per year.

## Who's it for?

This course is ideally suited to anyone thinking about a career in music that particularly enjoys using a computer to make beats, and wants to learn how to use a recording studio.

We will also develop your instrumental abilities through free half an hour one to one instrumental lessons but fundamentally look to focus on your skills as a producer and technician using the latest music technology software and hardware.

## Progression

The course provides an excellent progression route onto a level 3 Music/Music Technology course and opens up various career options for the future such as a composer, producer, studio technician and many more. It is worth bearing in mind that the music industry is one the UK's biggest and most culturally significant creative industries. It contributes nearly £5 billion annually to the national economy, of which £1.3bn comes from exports earnings and employs around 130,000 people.

## Additional Qualification

There is a mandatory requirement for students to undertake Rockscool performance exams whilst on the ATM course. If students reach Grade 6 or higher, this will count towards a 7 or above on their Progress 8 and Attainment 8 score at the end of year 11.

