

NCFE Tech Award in Music Technology

Overview

This course is for anyone who enjoys the technical aspect of music rather than playing instruments and performing. If you enjoy creating music on Garageband and would like to know how to use a recording studio then this is the course for you. However, this is not a purely technical course. You will also develop your creativity and listening skills – both of which are essential for good music technologists.

Topics

Unit 1 Using a Digital Audio Workstation. Looking at the hardware and software needed to create music using MIDI and audio. You will then create a piece of music demonstrating the features available and evaluate it.

Unit 2 Creating Music. You will research a style of music of your choice and then compose an original piece in your chosen style using software instruments and recorded audio.

Unit 3 Studio Recording. The ability to create audio recordings is essential for anyone with a desire to work in the music industry in a technical role. In this unit, you will use music technology to create multi-track recordings; recording a range of audio sources (instruments and vocals) and learning how to mix the recording down into a final track.

Unit 4 Sound Creation. You will explore how sound and music are added to a range of media such as films, adverts, and video games. You will then compose and record all the sound for a short animation.

Course Structure

The course is assessed by a portfolio and two tests. Over the two years you will generate evidence across all four units through a range of assignments, this will be your portfolio. There are two tests in year 11: one written that is based on understanding of the equipment and processes you have studied over the four units and listening skills and one practical where you are given a task to complete on Garageband within a set time.

- Portfolio – 50% of final grade
- Written test – 15% of final grade
- Practical test – 35% of final grade

Additional Information & Who to Contact

- For more information please follow the link to the course specification on the exam board website <https://www.qualhub.co.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/ncfe-level-2-technical-award-in-music-technology-3665>
- If you require any further information or have any questions, then please contact Mrs Hudson Head of Music via email - claire.hudson@consilium-at.com

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