



## Music Technology

**One year AS/Two year A level.**

This is an ideal course for students who have a keen interest in the use of technology to create music.

### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. In addition, the subject builds on GCSE Music/Music Technology (preferably grade B or above). The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. Piano-keyboard and theory skills are essential. Talented musicians without these qualifications may be accepted in special circumstances. A desire to become involved with College ensemble/groups in performing and recording is an important part of this course.

### **This subject will focus on:**

- recording – students will learn how to create a multitrack 'pop' recording which will be mixed using both hardware and software;
- arranging – students will develop skills in Logic software to produce an arrangement in a given style of music;
- listening and analysing – students will listen to a wide variety of popular music from 1900 to the present day. Each year at AS Level there are two special focus styles which we will study in more detail. In 2011 these styles are Soul and Indie Rock; and
- at A2 Level we build on the skills learnt at AS Level. Composing and mixing skills are studied, alongside more in-depth
- production techniques.

### **You can expect to:**

- use performance skills in both recording and sequencing of compositions/arrangements;
- produce recordings of performance work with an understanding of techniques used and knowledge of the musical components; and
- develop listening skills through appreciation and knowledge of various styles of 20th/21st century music.

### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by a coursework portfolio and a listening/analysing written examination.

### **Progression:**

Numerous universities and vocational colleges offer a range of Music Technology related courses in Higher Education. On completion, students can choose a wide range of career paths including producing, composing, sound engineering, multi-media and teaching.

### **Other information:**

Music Technology has had a 100% pass rate for the past three years.