

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY A Level

Why Study This Course?

- You enjoy listening to music, reading and researching
- You are interested in developing an academic and technical understanding of music from multiple styles

What You'll Study

Year 1:

You will be taught in small groups, which allows for one to one support across the whole course, and more access to the equipment. Course content is taught through practical based lessons, listening, analysis and composing.

Component 3: Listening and Analysing

Component 4: Producing and Analysing - you will be using the studio and your own workstations to develop your musical and studio recording skills.

Year 2:

Component 1: Recording (coursework)

Component 2: Technology-Based Composition (coursework)

Final examinations for Components 3 and 4, studied in year 12

You will choose the artists and songs for your final recordings for component 1, from a list issued by Edexcel. You will also have a number of briefs to choose from for your final composition for component 2.



Career Progression

- Many of our students have successfully secured places in prestigious conservatoires and universities, including the Royal Northern College of Music, University of Salford, University of Liverpool, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Goldsmiths College
- Students may also go on to have successful careers in the music industry, working as performers, session musicians, radio producers, television producers, music producers and music journalism.

Why Study Music Technology at PWSFC?

Why I chose

"I chose Music Technology as I would like to go into the industry in the future, either as a producer or recording engineer. I also know the staff well, who can support me with my studies, which have continued from GCSE Music and Music Technology. I have had the opportunity to take part in numerous different ensembles and to play and record with a variety of musicians."

- Mateusz, year 12

If you like this subject you may also like:

Music, Media Studies, Physics, Mathematics, ICT

What We Expect From You

- Passion for music technology!
- Regular listening to a variety of styles of music
- Hard work
- Engagement with enrichment activities

What You Can Expect From Us

- Experienced, dedicated and passionate staff
- Small group sizes to allow greater access to facilities and staff time
- Outstanding relationships with local and national higher education institutions
- UCAS guidance and support
- Being part of a busy, vibrant and fun department!

Why Parrs Wood?

Studying Music Technology at Parrs Wood you will benefit from:

- Excellent links with Salford University and their recording facilities'
- You will practice regularly as a practical musician and technology student using our outstanding facilities
- You have the opportunity to mentor younger students throughout the school in Music and Music Technology to support their composition and recording work
- Students provide technical support in large-scale projects such as school musicals, concerts and productions
- There are many ensembles to join including Jazz Band, Choir, Orchestra, String Group and Rock Bands
- Students can also work towards completing their Gold Arts Award, Worth a further 16 UCAS points

Exam Board: EDEXCEL

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