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# Music Technology (BTEC Level 3)

**Exam Board:** Edexcel

**Contact Teacher:** Mr R Brimacombe

## Why study Music Technology?

Music Technology focuses on the way we use technology to make, record and manipulate sound. We study the development of the popular song and understand how technology has influenced its development. Music Technology equipment has become economical to own and many artists have started or are running their own recording sessions. It has therefore never been more relevant to have the skills necessary to make proper recordings because you no longer need expensive studios like Abbey Road!

## Course details

### Year 1

Unit 1: Music Technology (Portfolio 1)

Unit 2: Listening and Analysing

### Year 2

Unit 3: Music Technology (Portfolio 2)

Unit 4: Analysing and Producing

## How is the course taught and assessed?

Music technology plays a key role in music across the world. This qualification is focused on using technology to record, manipulate and create professional sounding recordings. Students will study by listening and analysing the development of the popular song from 1900 to the present day. They will know how the development of technology has influenced the progression of the popular song.

This course is open to all students and a musical background is not necessary, although basic keyboard skills will be an advantage. The course will allow students to access degree level sound engineering courses and most other non-performance based music courses. There will be opportunities to learn basic technology techniques to help with the composition unit.

## Entry requirements

Anyone intending to take Music Technology will normally be expected to have achieved 6 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Mathematics.