

## NATIONAL 5 MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

### What are the aims of this course?

To develop technical and creative skills through practical learning.

To develop knowledge and understanding of music technology and musical concepts, particularly those relevant to 20th and 21st century music.

### What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

Entry to this Course is at the discretion of the Music Department. Prior learning and experience will be taken into account.

### What content is included in this course?

The course consists of 3 units: **Music Technology Skills, Understanding 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Music** and **Music Technology in Context**.

### What skills will I develop?

**Music Technology Skills:** In this Unit, pupils will develop a range of skills and techniques relating to the creative use of music technology hardware and software. Pupils will explore a range of uses of this technology through practical activities.

**Understanding 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Music:** In this Unit, pupils will develop knowledge and understanding of 20th and 21st century musical styles and an understanding of how music technology has influenced and been influenced by 20th and 21st century musical developments. Pupils will also develop a broad understanding of the music industry.

**Music Technology in Context:** In this Unit, pupils will use music technology skills in a range of contexts such as live performance, radio broadcast, composing and/or sound design for film, TV themes, adverts and computer gaming.

### What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

There will be a combination of whole-class, small group and individual teaching/activities. Extensive use will be made of Internet and ICT/Recording resources. Students will be expected to take a high degree of individual responsibility for their learning.

### How will I be assessed?

All 3 units must be passed and are assessed internally. For the **course assessment**, pupils will draw on and apply the skills, knowledge and understanding they have developed during the course. These will be assessed through a **question paper** and an **assignment**. The question paper will assess concepts relating to music technology and 20th and 21st century music. The assignment will demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge and skills to plan, implement and evaluate a completed creative sound production. It will be sufficiently open and flexible to allow for personalisation and choice.

### What are the homework requirements?

Regular written/listening/revision tasks will be set.

### What are the possible progression routes?

This course or its units may provide progression to:

Other qualifications in Music Technology, Music or related areas.

Further study, employment and/or training

### Certification:

National 5 Music Technology is allocated 24 SCQF credit points at SCQF Level 5.