# Music Technology (Vocational)

**Information from the exam board can be found here.**

**Grades awarded:** Pass/Merit/Distinction (Level 1 and Level 2)

## Why study this subject?

Students will learn how to compose, record, mix and edit their own music in a course that is heavily based on practical tasks. The course places a strong emphasis upon developing technology-based competencies, as well as introducing students to a range of different musical genres and media. During the course, students will have the opportunity to participate in recording/remix sessions, using a range of studio equipment. The course is also an effective means of developing a range of transferrable skills, including creativity, teamwork, evaluation, and analysis.

## What will I study in this course?

- Popular music genres and styles
- The elements of music
- Using software to record, mix and master music
- Using techniques to program in real- and step-time
- Sampling and editing techniques

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed with a combination of internal performances (marked by your teachers) and external assessment (assessed by an examiner). The assessment weightings are:
Performance (30%)
Creating (30%)
Performing Arts in Practice – Externally Assessed(40%)

## What will this qualification lead to?

This course is an ideal preparation for RSL Level 3 Music Performance course at The Kings Academy and a career within the music and live events industries. It will improve your creative skills whilst enabling you to become a stronger independent learner. The music industry is a big business and offers a huge range of opportunities in many different careers. The course also offers a wealth of transferable skills relevant to ongoing study as well as to future career development, including literacy, critical thinking, communication, time management and organisational skills.

## How is the course structured?

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 9 | Identify the key features of a digital audio workstation (DAW) software package | Born to Produce video package for Mixing and remixes using Steinberg Software. | Level 1 - Use digital audio workstation software to create a project file. |
| Year 10 | Unit 2 - Creating | Unit 2 - Creating | Unit 1 - Performance |
| Year 11 | Unit 1 - Performance | Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice | Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice |

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