



# NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL



## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY A LEVEL - Edexcel

### Who is the course for?

Students who are interested in recording, music production, composing music for film/TV/video games, and popular music. The course involves many transferable I.T. skills.

### What can it lead to?

Careers in the Music and Media industries. Many Music degree courses are wholly or partly based on Music Technology. Furthermore, there are strong links to physics and acoustics leading to a wide variety of future careers in the creative sector and beyond.

### What are the entry requirements?

Students that have studied Music must achieve Pass or above in Music Technology or Grade 4 or above in GCSE Music. However, this subject is also open to students who have not previously studied Music, providing they meet the Sixth Form entry requirements.

### What will I study?

This course extends your understanding of the role technology plays in our experience of music today and how it affects the way music is produced and listened to. You'll use technology to compose and arrange your own recordings, gaining a thorough grounding in sequencing and recording skills. The emphasis is on practical recording, producing and composing skills. You will learn how to record in a studio and mix your tracks. As well as how to produce professional music in a variety of genres and styles.

### How will I be taught?

Individual, group work, whole class teaching and practical sessions.

For homework, students will be set tasks that involve listening, research and essay writing.

Parents can help by encouraging students to listen to a wide range of musical compositions and styles.

### How will I be assessed?

40% externally assessed coursework portfolio.  
25% written examination: Listening and Analysing.  
35% written and practical examination: Producing and Analysing.

The student is assessed through four Components:

Recording & Producing: 20%  
Technology Based Composition: 20%  
Listening & Analysing: 25%  
Producing & Analysing: 35%

To prepare for the listening and analysing exam many genres and pieces of music will be studied, from 1930 to present day.. The development of recording and production techniques through this period will also be studied.

Practical skills that students have learnt for their coursework will also be examined in their producing and analysing exam.

### Date(s) of Assessment

May/June

### What equipment or materials do I need?

Lever arch file, folder dividers, revision guide, headphones.

### Are there any links to other courses?

Music Technology links with Physics and Maths. There is also a link with other performing arts such as Dance, Drama and Media studies.

