

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 MUSIC TECHNOLOGY student



- 1 Listen to music everyday with whatever device you have available. Share this music with your class mates and those around you to explore wider listening. How was it made? What can you hear?
- 2 Explore the Threshold Concepts for Music
- 3 Watch Youtube videos that particularly focus on recording techniques.
- 4 Read critical essays about the theory and history of Music technology, many of which can be found online.
- 5 Set yourself challenging composition tasks that extend your practice and push you outside your comfort zone.
- 6 Go to concerts and live performances regularly but not exclusively about A-level Music Technology. Think critically about what you can hear. Read the reviews; write your own.
- 7 Explore music books in the school library and in the department. Ask your teachers for recommended reading. Take notes on what you read.
- 8 Expand your knowledge of recording software and how to apply it to your course.
- 9 Learn how to use the recording studio. Learn how to record your instrument.
- 10 Spend time in a practice room, crafting and improving your instrumental technique, ready for recordings.