

The induction week at college was very beneficial and everyone really helped us as new students to break the ice and get to know everyone we were going to be working with. By the end of the first week, everybody got on really well and the tutors helped us lots with navigating around the college, key people we should know and where we can get support if we needed it. College is a great place to be as everybody is friendly and it's a very adult place, and you get to meet lots of interesting people! You also spend lots of your time with people who have the same interests as you, but also with people in other parts of the industry so it's a great way to see how in real life, different jobs shape together. The tutors at college are always there to help, share advice and help you to develop as a person.

In my Music Technology course, I've studied a wide range of different units including live sound mixing and front of house, studio sound recording, music production and sequencing and composing for adverts and TV. The majority of these units are practical, and as you have access to state of the art equipment, it's really easy to understand the theory behind it all and most importantly to experiment for yourself and find your own way of doing things, which the tutors actively encourage.

Since this course is technology based, you get to work lots with music performance students in live gigs and the studio. Since there is a lot of spare time within college, you can also book the studios and record songs with friends, mix and master your own music, practise recording skills or even learn a new instrument!

Overall since joining college, I feel that I have not only learnt all the different units the course has to offer, but also lots of transferrable skills such as confidence, managing time and being motivated as college is a very fun and stress-free place to be. There are also lots of volunteering opportunities you can get involved with in your spare time.

My advice for a new student would be to remember that everybody else is going to be nervous on the first few days, but you'll have lots of fun and make lots of new lifelong friends during your time here!

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