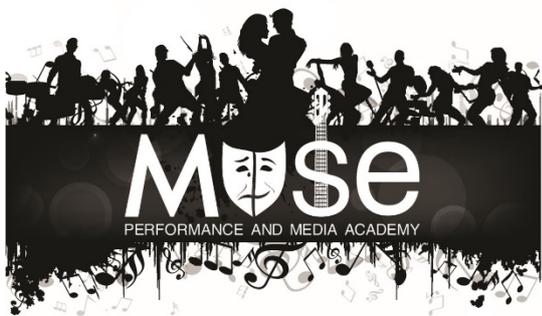




**PRE-ENROLMENT  
LEARNING PACK**

**Macclesfield  
College**



Dear Potential Music Student,

I am pleased to enclose some useful and hopefully, fun ideas for activities and to be getting on with in preparation for your Music course next academic year, and to keep your brain musical and active whilst you are at home.

### **Things to do:**

#### **Learn a new piece of music on your chosen/principal instrument**

Learn to play one specific new piece of music really well. Video some of your rehearsals for this and then when you feel ready, carry out a performance of this. You could video this and then think about how you could improve things.

#### **Create a presentation for research and analysis about a specific piece of music**

Create a presentation which examines one specific piece of music from a musical group or ensemble, which investigates;

1. What musical genre it is from and what elements of the music make it this genre, for instance, are there any specific instruments, techniques or styles that are relevant to this genre.
2. What is the instrumentation used in this piece of music? Really listen hard to the pieces and try to establish what instruments you can hear, without watching the video or googling.
3. Explain why you like this piece of music, identifying and describing specific elements of the music which you feel make the pieces of music what it is.
4. Now video yourself presenting this presentation.

#### **Watch a good documentary**

In the present times, online learning is essential to everyone, but why not try to find an in-depth documentary which is interesting and gives a good performance/production insight. The documentary link below to the BBC iplayer gives a good insight in to how innovative The Beatles were, and how some of theirs and the record producers ideas have influenced todays musicians and music producers. Give it a watch

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08tb97f/sgt-peppers-musical-revolution-with-howard-goodall>

There are also millions of video resources that you could look into and companies producing new ways of looking at content.

### **Learning a piece of Music Production Software**

Companies producing digital audio workstations and music production software have stepped up to mark to give access to online and downloadable packages to really get your teeth into in regards to producing music using a computer.

Attached separately is a comprehensive list of some free music production software available at the moment. Here at college you will get to learn Logic X on an apple machines, however many of these are available on Windows PC and Laptop.

Ableton Live is really good, with some excellent tutorial materials to go with them.

Have a go at some of them, but do not worry if they make no sense, as we will go through this at college.

### **Keep being musical and stay in touch**

We post regularly on Facebook as *Muse Macclesfield Coll*. You can also meet other students on the Muse courses through the page.

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