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Music Technology

The following is a list of activities you may like to do during your summer holidays, in preparation for studying A level Music Technology.

Your GCSE or BTEC course at school will have provided you with some valuable experience of performing, composing and listening. On the A level course these skills will be dramatically developed.

Using a keyboard, reading from music and sequencing are a big part of the course so ensure that your keyboard skills are up to scratch. Find some songbooks that contain scores of songs with chord symbols and use these to practice keyboard.

Alternatively, you could practice using music from previous years.

See page 5 of these documents:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A-Level/Music-Technology/2013/Exam-materials/Question-paper-June-2015-GCE-Unit-1-Music-Technology-Portfolio-1.pdf>

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Sound On Sound is the industry magazine and is a superb resource, with detailed articles about how classic recordings have been made, and recording / mixing techniques from the pros: <http://www.soundonsound.com/techniques/mixing>

I also recommend <https://theproaudiofiles.com> as being a very accessible and insightful resource for music production techniques for all levels of experience.