Get ready for BSc (Hons) Audio and Music Technology

I hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto your BSc (Hons) Audio and Music Technology degree programme.

I have provided some preparation suggestions, including:

- **information on things to do before you start**
- **how to connect with your course mates**
- **advice on buying headphones & computers**

Please read all the sections of this letter carefully as it contains lots of useful information and links to resources.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you soon!

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Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Our study skills workbook introduces you to essential services as well as key skills.

You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise**.** UWE Careers & Enterprise provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The Careers Toolkit is our online portal to finding vacancies, booking onto events and accessing a range of resources.

Enrolment
Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Access and Disability Support

Check the information on our Disability Support web pages so you know what you need to do to disclose a disability and access support to help with your studies. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader (contact details below).

Engage with your programme

In your first year, you'll study a mix of large 30credit modules:

- **Music in Practice:** Exploring music theory and how it's used in real life.
- **Music Production:** Creating music using synthesis, sampling and effects.
- **Sound Recording & Live Sound:** using studios, stages, mixers and mics.

You'll also take smaller 15credit modules:

- **Science of Sound:** How sound works, made practical.
- **Coding for Audio:** An introduction to coding for making and shaping sound.

Some of the content may feel familiar, and some may be completely new, so try to stay openminded and get involved with everything. This course is designed to help you grow your passion for music into confidence, skills, and a strong portfolio for a wide range of audio and music careers.

Why not spend some time exploring these topics online before joining us?

Connect with others

You can connect with current students and graduates in industry by joining the UWE Music Technology LinkedIn and Facebook groups.

You can also, connect with other musicians across the entire university, by joining the UWE Bristol Centre for Music, who host a range of instrumental groups, bands, DJs, and

choirs, with performance opportunities and music events throughout the year.

Get equipped

Professional audio and its many related industries often use MacOS computers, and you will find these in all our recording studios and teaching spaces with a huge array of specialist software for you to complete your studies. We understand that these can be very expensive investments for personal devices.

All our course software is selected to run on both Windows and MacOS devices.

Equipment such as microphones, recorders, interfaces, mixers, etc. will be available to book and use for your practical learning. You will be able to book this for home use and our dedicated studio spaces once you've completed the induction training during the first term.

You MUST have your own high quality studio headphones for use throughout the course for on campus lab work, studio sessions and outdoor field recording. These headphones will be the main tool for you to listen through to work and should be of an appropriate professional quality. The key features should include:

- "Over-ear" headphones.
- Closed-back design.
- No active noise cancelling.
- Must have a wired connection (not Bluetooth).

Some recommended models (~£99) include: Sony MDR-7506, Audio Technica ATH-m50x, Sennheiser HD-280 Pro, BeyerDynamic DT770 Pro (32- or 80-ohm variants).

If you want to purchase your own personal computer, we recommend that you select a MacOS or Windows device with the following **minimum specifications**:

- Intel, or Apple Silicon processor
- 16GB memory (RAM)
- 1TB Storage solid state drive (SSD)

Recommended models include MacBook Pro, MacMini, Lenovo Legion, LenovoThinkPad, Asus ROG, ACER Predator, Dell XPS - but check the specs before buying.

See our website for more general information on choosing your IT equipment.

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact me: **Luke Reed** via email at luke.reed@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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