

Music and Sound Production Academy (Sound Production Award)



Sound Production Award Overview

This Edinburgh College award is aimed at S3+ students who are currently participating in music classes within a school or community setting amounting to 3-4 hours a week. It has been created as an access point and link to the School of Music and Sound Production at Edinburgh College and allows students to develop their skills and knowledge while in school and later at college. ECMS will offer introductory sessions to all groups that sign up and a performance/showcase opportunity at industry-leading performance spaces/studios in June 2023. We will have a formal graduation and students will be presented with a certificate upon completion of the units below.

Start Date: Week beginning 23th January 2023
(notional)

End Date: Week beginning 19th June 2023

ECMS Music and Sound Production Academy

The Sound Production Award is designed by Edinburgh College to enhance and endorse the experience of school-age music/music tech students. It sits at SCQF Level 5.

To achieve the award, students must complete the following three units:

Creative Music/Sound Production (2 credits)

Learning outcome 1 – Participate in planning for a creative music/sound production project

Learning outcome 2 – Develop an understanding of music/sound production through engaging in a creative project

Learning outcome 3 – Demonstrate skills in music/sound production

Audio Editing Techniques (1 credit)

Learning outcome 1 – Develop the ability to edit audio using a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation)

Learning outcome 2 – Develop audio editing skills through a variety of activities (audio for music, film, recordings of performances)

Learning outcome 3 – Mixdown and bounce audio to relevant formats

Basic Sound Recording Techniques (1 credit)

Learning outcome 1 – Demonstrate knowledge of basic sound recording equipment

Learning outcome 2 – Demonstrate knowledge of basic sound recording in different settings

Learning outcome 3 – Demonstrate an understanding of resolving technical challenges in basic sound recording

Benefits of completing the qualification:

- Provides students with knowledge and understanding of working on college level qualifications, consolidates current learning
- Prepares students who may wish to progress to full time music, music business or sound production courses
- Excellent experience for college and university applications
- Introduction to the qualification with ECMS staff
- Invitation to perform, showcase and workshop work at Edinburgh College (Cre:8 at Milton Road, or The Music Box at Sighthill)
- Sharing work and skills with other students with similar interests

Possible Progression routes:

- NPA L6 Sound Production & Music Business/ NPA L6 Performance & Production (schools college partnership) at Edinburgh College
- NC6 Music/ NC 6 Sound Production, Full time course at Edinburgh College
- HND Music/ HND Music Business/ HND Sound Production, two-year full-time course at Edinburgh College.

What happens next?

Students must enrol individually, but can complete activities as part of a group (or in collaboration with students completing the music award); activities may be supported in existing classes, or in new classes set up specifically to support the award. Each participating student must do at least 2 - 4 hours of class each week to cover the unit value of the course; this can be done across school curriculum classes, extra-curricular activities within or outside school, or work towards other qualifications. Students will also be required to take part in an introduction/workshop for the award with an ECMS team member, and invited to come into college in the week 19th June 2023 (Date TBC) to take part in a performance/showcase platform and graduation ceremony. The format and content of the showcase event will be finalised once all participating students are enrolled.

Workshop Dates for 2022/23

Please contact allan.glen@edinburghcollege.ac.uk with a preferred workshop date.

A member of the ECMS teaching or management team will come and visit you and your school to audit your space (prior to commencing the award) to make sure it meets the needs of the activities; they will also be able to discuss any additional support the college can offer to facilitate the delivery of the award. There are no financial costs to you or your students for the award - all we ask is that someone accompanies the students when they attend the performance/showcase platform and graduation in June. A member of staff will be the lead contact for each group so that we can complete appropriate registers. This will be done in a way that works for each school, centre or setting.

The students that are interested are required sign up using this link: **Sound Academy** to complete the online application form (full link: <https://application.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/login?ref=CR2ECSAZ22-D1M>). If you have a group of students at S3 an online application is not necessary and we can collect basic student application info using a spreadsheet (please just let us know).

From here they will be offered an unconditional place on the Academy and will be sent a link to enrol with an explanation on how to do this.

Student Evidence

All students will be sent a link to an online resource which will support all evidence needed for this award. This includes detailed instructions and options for submission of work. In house contacts/teachers will be briefed on this prior to sending to students.

- Creative Music/Sound Production – Plan for project/Links of copies of work/teacher testimonial/participation in school and college workshops
- Audio Editing Techniques - Overview of project (annotated screenshots)/project files/audio
- Basic Sound Recording Techniques – Overview or work (images and report), audio, teacher testimonial

Contact

If you would like more information about this course or to book a face-to-face session, teams meeting or phone call, please email allan.glen@edinburghcollege.ac.uk