



Careers in Music, Media & DJ

Your guide to training, jobs and opportunities

Liverpool & Merseyside | Level 1 to Level 3 | SEND-friendly options may be available

Why Choose a Career in Music, Media or DJ Work?

- Creative work expressing your passion for music, sound and visual media
- Diverse career options — recording studios, live venues, festivals, radio, film, TV, gaming
- Technology-driven industry with cutting-edge equipment and software
- Performance opportunities — DJing clubs, festivals, weddings, corporate events
- Growing digital media sector with strong global demand
- Flexibility to work freelance, remote or build your own production business

Skills and Personal Qualities

- Musical talent or strong passion for music and sound
- Technical aptitude — comfortable learning industry software (Pro Tools, Logic Pro, Ableton, etc.)
- Creative flair — original ideas in music production, mixing and composition
- Attention to detail — precise audio editing and quality control
- Problem-solving skills — troubleshooting technical issues quickly
- Communication skills — working with artists, producers, clients and audiences

Useful School Subjects

- Music — performance, composition, music theory, production skills
- Physics & Sound Science — understanding acoustics, sound waves, audio technology
- Media Studies & Film — visual storytelling, editing, post-production
- IT & Computing — audio software, video editing, digital systems
- Design & Graphics — visual media creation, animation, graphics

Local Courses (Levels 1 to 3)

Courses are available at local colleges across Merseyside. Many courses accept students without GCSEs.

Music Production & DJ

- City of Liverpool College — Music Technology L2 | Music Performance & Production L2 | Music Production HND
- St Helens College — Music Performance & Production L2–L3 (UAL accredited) | Music Production L3 Extended Diploma
- Hugh Baird College — Music Courses L2–L3 including DJ and sound engineering

Creative Media & Production

- Hugh Baird College — Creative Media Production & Technology L2–L3 | Film, TV, radio, sound engineering
- St Helens College — Creative Media L1–L3 | Content Creation (Media) L3 | TV studio & editing suites

SEND-Friendly & Supported Provision

- Supported study options may be available — speak to your careers adviser about what could work for you

Apprenticeships and Training

- Music Production Apprenticeship — Level 2–3
- Sound Engineering Apprenticeship — Level 2–3
- Media Production Apprenticeship — Level 2–3
- Short courses in DJ training, music software (Pro Tools, Logic, Ableton), live sound and mixing
- Search live vacancies: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
- Supported Internships (for students with an EHCP) are run by local colleges with their selected employer partners — ask your careers adviser whether this route could suit you

Jobs, Volunteering and Work Experience

There are many different roles in music, media and entertainment — from recording studios to live venues, radio stations, TV production and digital media companies.

Role	Where You Work	Starting Qualification
DJ / Club DJ	Nightclubs, bars, festivals, weddings	DJ Training or Level 2 Music
Music Producer	Recording studios, production companies	Level 2–3 Music Production
Sound Engineer / Technician	Studios, live venues, festivals, TV/film	Level 2–3 Sound Engineering
Audio Technician	Radio stations, TV, film, corporate events	Level 2–3 Audio Production
Music Tutor / Music Teacher	Schools, private studios, online	Level 3 Music + PGCE (for schools)
Media Producer / Editor	Production companies, agencies, TV, film	Level 2–3 Media Production
Live Sound Technician	Concert venues, touring bands, festivals	Level 2–3 + experience
Broadcast Technician	Radio, TV, streaming services	Level 2–3 Audio/Media
Music Composer / Songwriter	Self-employed, production companies, film/TV	Level 2–3 Music + portfolio

Typical starting salary: £16,000–£24,000. Experienced producers, engineers and DJs can earn £28,000–£45,000+.

Work Experience & Volunteering

- DJ at student radio stations, college events or local community radio
- Work experience at recording studios, radio stations, venues or production companies
- Volunteer at music festivals, concert venues or broadcast facilities
- Build a portfolio by producing beats, remixing tracks and creating content online

Next Steps and Contact Information

- Visit college open days and websites
- Search for local jobs: www.indeed.co.uk | www.notjustjobs.com
- Find apprenticeships: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

TAGS Careers	www.tags.careers — local careers information and resources
Colleges	City of Liverpool College: www.liv-coll.ac.uk Hugh Baird: www.hughbaird.ac.uk St Helens: www.sthelens.ac.uk
More Support	Your careers adviser can provide additional guidance tailored to your needs
Apprenticeships	www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk www.indeed.co.uk www.notjustjobs.com