Level 3 DIploma in Music Technology

To prepare you for joining the music department in September, I'd like you to have a go at a couple of activities over the summer. This will help prepare you for two key components of the course: **Listening and Creating!**

Task 1:

I want you to tell me about two songs of your choice.

Describe two songs (or instrumentals), one dating from pre 2000's and one recorded from either 2019 or 2020. So an older track and a very recent track.

Tell me…

- What genre are they?

- What instruments can you hear?

- What musical characteristics can you hear?

You might want to consider melody, rhythm, chords and structure

- What production characteristics can you hear?

You might want to consider effects such as echo, reverb, distortion etc

- What other artists are well known in this genre?

Task 2:

Write an idea for an original piece of music on whatever resources you have available.

This could be a beat or chord progression based idea made on something like garageband or just an idea recorded on a phone, be it on guitar, keyboard, voice or whatever you have at hand. Be as creative as you can with whatever resources you have available!

If you have a Computer at home try downloading the free 3 month version of Logic Audio or Ableton Live
If you only have access to a phone or IOS device there are also many free apps available or sound and music creation such as Garage Band or *Launchpad: Make & Remix Music*

Good luck! I look forward to hearing what you come up with!

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