

GETTING AHEAD



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Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

Music Performance & Production in Jazz - Level 3 Diploma

What is Jazz? The word jazz is thought to be derived from the term 'jass' which was a derogatory term to describe the act of sex! The history of jazz can be traced back to the US in the early part of the 20th century. Born out of the work-songs of slaves, jazz evolved from Ragtime and Blues to Big Band and Bebop. Jazz is experiencing an unprecedented surge in popularity now, with the UK scene particularly vibrant, including Tom Misch, Dinosaur (featuring Laura Jurd – alumni of Alton College!) and Moses Boyd. This is helping create a demand for young, talented and proficient jazz musicians

Activity - Discover someone new!

Listen to the three modern jazz groups listed below.

- Snarky Puppy
- Polar Bear
- E.S.T

Pick one jazz group, and research who has influenced them in making their music? Use this to discover other artists that you may not have heard of before? When you join the class in September you can bring your discovery with you and share it with the group!

This should include.

- A short biography (a couple of paragraphs)
- Two songs that you really like by the influencer

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Activity - The British Jazz Explosion

Read about the up and coming artists of your generation, making exciting new jazz!

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2018/apr/08/british-jazz-invasion-moses-boyd-matthew-halsall-nubya-garcia>

Activity - The Year That Changed Jazz, 1959

This was an important year in the history of jazz, four seminal albums were released that changed Jazz forever! You must get to know them!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKYa3wwc1SU>

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