

# Spencer Rixon | Studying BA (Hons) Popular Music Production

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## Personal Profile

Rather than see myself as a musician or a producer, I see myself as a modern student of Music and it's production, with a genuine fervor to explore all possibilities. I regularly write and produce my own music (a mixture of instrument-based and electronic tracks), practice with bands and generally try to take in as much music as I can; either through the internet or live shows. Having studied production throughout education and having practiced it externally, I am eager to now dedicate my time and effort full time.

## Education

### **BA (Hons) Popular Music Production**

#### **University of Huddersfield (September 2014 – Present)**

##### First Year Modules:

Digital Media & The Internet  
Audio Technology  
Recording 1  
Introduction to Music Theory  
Computer Composition & Sound Design  
Popular Music Performance Skills

##### Second Year Modules:

A Recording 2  
B Popular Music Directed Ensembles  
B The Music Industry & The Internet  
B Live Music Production  
B Computer Composition 2  
B Musicology of Production

### **A Levels**

#### **South Cheshire College (2012 – 2014)**

English Literature A\*  
Drama & Theatre Studies B  
Mathematics C

### **BTEC Level 3 Certificates**

Music Production Distinction\*  
Music Performing Distinction\*

### **GCSEs**

#### **Sandbach School (2006 – 2011)**

Maths A\*  
English Literature A\*  
Science A\*  
Additional Science A  
ICT A  
Performing Arts B  
Art (Graphics) C  
Music Technology D\* (BTEC)

## Key Skills

- Extensive experience using Logic Pro X to write, record and produce
- Using Pro Tools to record and produce
- Studio experience both in and out of education
- Video production using basic editors and Adobe After Effects
- Creating and editing a website using Wordpress

## Studio Experience

**October 2013 – November 2013**

**The Edge Recording Studio, Assistant**

- I spent time helping the renovation of The Edge recording studio by aiding with the re-painting of the studio.
- I then got the chance to sit on a few recording sessions for bands and made sure everyone had what they needed, as well as helping set up microphones.

## Work Experience

**December 2014 – Present**

**Rock Cafe, Bar Staff/Kitchen Assistant**

- Dealing with customers
- Dispensing and serving food and drink
- Cleaning the kitchen and bar
- Restocking drinks fridges
- Basic cocktail training

**December 2013 – September 2014**

**The Folk's Bar and Grill, Front of House/Bar Staff**

- Responsible for opening and closing the restaurant
- Product knowledge (recommending food/drink stock)
- General assistant waiting on tables

**September 2013 – December 2013**

**The Folk's Bar and Grill, Admin**

- Administration and filing
- Sorting and replying to e-mails
- Supporting with recruitment

**July 2012 – September 2012**

**DeVere Academy of Hospitality, Admin Assistant**

**July 2011 – May 2012**

**Cafe Symphony, Front of House**

**June 2010 – July 2011**

**Cafe Symphony, Kitchen Assistant**

## Interests

- I have been learning and playing guitar since I was 12, bass guitar since I was 14 and I have a MIDI keyboard which I have basic skills with.
- I enjoy producing music on Logic Pro X, both electronic and more traditional instrument based music, including remixes and covers.
- I spend most of my spare time finding new music, listening to it and I enjoy trying to emulate new styles/genres.

## References

**Employer Reference**

Richard Downey  
Rock Cafe  
Huddersfield  
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**Academic Reference**

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University of Huddersfield  
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