

WE HIT ALL THE HIGH NOTES!

By JAMES Director
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The Gus Dudgeon Foundation and JAMES Summer School once again took place at Rockfield Studios.

A dozen students handpicked from JAMES Accredited Institutions across the UK had an absolutely fantastic experience at the legendary Rockfield Studios! From university programmes in Buckinghamshire, London, Leeds, Plymouth, Salford and beyond - everyone came together for an unforgettable learning adventure.

Star Performance from the Engineering Team

The Rockfield engineering staff were nothing short of exemplary! Their approach was masterful, providing:

- a perfect balance of guidance without being heavy-handed
- a subtle, professional redirection when needed
- an authentic studio environment that felt both professional and welcoming



Students Stepped up to the Challenge

The session revealed natural studio dynamics with some students confidently taking the lead while others initially observed. However the staff were on hand to expertly rotate everyone through different roles, ensuring every single student got hands-on experience with:

- professional console operation
- Pro Tools in a world-class studio
- patch bay configuration
- microphone placement and setup



“Thanks to all the staff at Rockfield Studios for their support during our stay and huge thanks also to my university lecturers and everyone at the Gus Dudgeon Foundation and JAMES for giving me this opportunity!

Scott P, Glasgow Caledonian University

Real Artist Collaboration

One of the most exciting aspects was watching students work directly with the recording artists. The band provided creative direction about their desired sound, and the students rose to the occasion - making real creative decisions and translating artistic vision into technical reality. This is exactly how the industry works. The students gained invaluable technical skills, professional insight, and creative confidence all in one incredible Summer School.

“The week gave us a realistic insight into the recording industry, and it was amazing to collaborate with students from other universities and work with professional engineers.”

Ellyn M, University of Plymouth

Bottom Line

Rockfield Studios is an invaluable educational partner for JAMES, delivering exactly the kind of real-world experience that helps to transform students into industry-ready professionals!