

# PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION GUIDE

## POPULAR / POPULAR WITH FOUNDATION YEAR



Please send the following items for assessment:

- A video of you playing two different pieces you have selected to demonstrate your musical strengths and identity. Ideally, at least one of these pieces should be original, and covers must be interpretative and not identical copies (i.e. you must make them unique to you). You can perform solo (with or without a backing track), self-accompanied, or with a group.
  - **Drummers:** You should demonstrate that you are able to improvise various popular beats and fills (reggae, drum-and-bass, funk, blues shuffle, disco, etc.) within one or both of your videos.
- A short video with your answers to the following questions (please speak to camera)
  - Why do you want to study at Leeds College of Music?
  - Who are your influences as a performer/producer/composer and why?
  - What music are you currently listening to and why?
  - Tell us about an issue facing pop performers that you think is particularly important at the moment.
  - Tell us about your live performance experience.
  - To help us assess your music theory knowledge, please identify and describe THREE interesting features of one of your audition pieces (these can be harmonic, rhythmic, or melodic).
  - Why should we offer you a place? What can you bring to the conservatoire?
  - What do you want to do once you've finished your studies?

### Please remember:

- Your lyric sheets (where applicable) and any vocals featured in recordings should be in English.
- If you are performing with a band, please identify yourself to camera
- If you are applying for a combined degree please remember to send the audition materials required by both your major and minor pathway
- Video files (e.g. performances, answers to our questions) must be formatted as .avi or .mpeg4
- Audio files (e.g. portfolios) must be high quality .mp3 files (192kbps)

### Submitting your materials:

Instructions on how to send us your files will be included in your formal invitation to submit them. Once we have reviewed your videos and/or portfolio we may arrange a short interview with you via phone or Skype.