

Using Digital Learning Technologies in Junior Cycle Music

How to Record Video and/or Use a Green Screen



How to Record Video

- Use headphones and two devices (one for listening to the guide track and the other for videoing)
- Have the music either printed out or on a screen to avoid shuffling sounds
- Record in landscape mode, not portrait, with the phone/ tablet on its side
- For best quality, position the device so it is static throughout your performance
- Position yourself in the centre of the frame
- Face the source of natural light in the room (e.g. window)
- Open the camera on your device and Scroll to Video mode. Press to start recording
- Countdown out loud '3, 2, 1, Play' (as you hit **Play** on the guide track) to help the editing process

What is a green screen? A green screen / chroma key is a visual effects technique where multiple images or video streams are layered together

Why green? Because it is considered the furthest from human skin tone. Blue is another possible colour

What can I use for a screen?

Option 1 Manual Green Screen: Use Fabric or painted wall or paper. Ensure the surface is as flat as possible

Option 2 Digital Green Screen: Use PowerPoint or Google Slides

Creating a Manual Green Screen

- Light the background evenly if possible
- Light the person with extra lighting if possible
- When recording, position the frame in the centre of the green screen
- To avoid casting shadows, be sure to stand a couple of feet in front of your green screen
- Wear solid colours (avoid complex patterns, green, and white too reflective)
- **Record** the video and **Upload** to your preferred video editing software (See *How to Record Video and Use a Manual or Digital Green Screen*)

Creating a Digital Green Screen in PowerPoint or Google Slides

- Create a blank slide, left click on the slide and select Format Background
- Choose a green / blue solid colour fill
- Insert any other graphics should you wish (e.g. school logo, prop, etc)
- Save as a JPEG file if the green screen is a picture
- Save as an MP4 file if the green screen is the background to your video
- Upload this picture / video to any video editing software or as a background in Teams / Zoom / other









Landscape

