



Royal Conservatoire  
of Scotland

## **BA Production Technology and Management Required Programme Materials**

### **Clothing**

Most of your work will be practical and you will need to wear suitable clothing. We are not prescriptive about what you wear except that open-toed and high-heeled shoes are unsuitable for any kind of technical or production work. You should wear clothes that you feel comfortable in and that you are not too precious about, as they will undoubtedly get quite dirty. It is advisable to purchase a set of overalls for the manual work onstage or in the production workshops.

You will be provided with protective footwear and other personal protective equipment as relevant to your subjects for use in workshops and on stage. If you have not already emailed this information, please confirm your shoe size **immediately**, as we will need to order safety footwear for you for the start of term.

If you do not have this equipment you will be excluded from certain classes for safety reasons.

### **Books**

There are detailed specialism reading lists in subject handbooks and on the RCS Portal, which you will have access to once you matriculate. In the meantime here are some books you might want to have a look at before you arrive in September. Please don't feel obliged to purchase any books immediately, most are available in the Conservatoire library and there are many other useful resources online.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Production Management	Peter Dean
The ABC of Theatre Jargon	Francis Reid
A Beginners Guide to Stage Lighting	Peter Coleman
A Beginners Guide to Stage Sound	Peter Coleman
A Beginners Guide to Stage Management	Peter Coleman
An Introduction to Rigging in the Entertainment Industry	Chris Higgs
A Practical Guide to Greener Theatre	Ellen E. Jones

### **Production Visits**

As part of your own professional development you will be expected to attend as many professional productions as possible in your free time over the three years. You will also be specifically required to go and see some productions as part of your studies. We will help with costs where possible, but you should plan for such outings as an integral part of your budgeting for the year.

## Laptops and other digital equipment

It is strongly advised that you invest in a laptop and a set of comfortable headphones as some work will be delivered either online or remotely from the RCS premises. You might also want to ensure you have suitable internet bandwidth for this kind of activity at your accommodation.

Digital cameras are excellent for all kinds of documentation and creative projects. We are happy to advise you more once you begin the programme.

Please be aware that personal equipment will not be insured by the Conservatoire so a security device for laptops such as a Kensington lock is advisable.

## Tools & Equipment

BAPTM students, regardless of specialism, should purchase a basic tool set similar to the following list, as suggested by current students based on their first-year experiences.

<b>Tool</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>Essential</b>	
Quad Spanner (13/17/19/21mm)	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quad-Spanner-13-17mm-21mm/dp/B001D3911C/">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quad-Spanner-13-17mm-21mm/dp/B001D3911C/</a>
Adjustable Wrench	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bahco-8071-Black-Adjustable-Wrench/dp/B0001IX8UA">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bahco-8071-Black-Adjustable-Wrench/dp/B0001IX8UA</a>
Insulated Screwdriver Set	<a href="https://www.toolstation.com/minotaur-vde-interchangeable-blade-screwdriver-set/p67053">https://www.toolstation.com/minotaur-vde-interchangeable-blade-screwdriver-set/p67053</a> or <a href="https://amzn.to/2Cf2iZn">https://amzn.to/2Cf2iZn</a>
Stanley Knife	<a href="https://www.screwfix.com/p/stanley-0-10-810-quickslide-pocket-utility-knife/3054f?_requestid=137898">https://www.screwfix.com/p/stanley-0-10-810-quickslide-pocket-utility-knife/3054f?_requestid=137898</a>
Head Torch	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B01KYTRGHQ">https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B01KYTRGHQ</a>
Scale Rule (1:25/1:50/1:75)	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Helix-300mm-Metric-Triangular-Scale/dp/B0027VSH32">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Helix-300mm-Metric-Triangular-Scale/dp/B0027VSH32</a>
Tool Lanyard x 2	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Petzl-P42-CARITool-Holder-Harnesses/dp/B000T2810U/ref=sr_1_fkmr1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1530004071&amp;sr=8-1-fkmr1&amp;keywords=petzl+carry+tool">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Petzl-P42-CARITool-Holder-Harnesses/dp/B000T2810U/ref=sr_1_fkmr1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1530004071&amp;sr=8-1-fkmr1&amp;keywords=petzl+carry+tool</a>
Sharpies	
8m Tape Measure	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Stanley-033728-Fatmax-Tape-8m/dp/B000X2F0GO/">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Stanley-033728-Fatmax-Tape-8m/dp/B000X2F0GO/</a>
Work gloves	
<b>Optional</b>	
Truss Hammer	<a href="https://shop.flints.co.uk/Product-Details/All/TOLTH0712">https://shop.flints.co.uk/Product-Details/All/TOLTH0712</a>
Multitool	<a href="http://www.leatherman.co.uk/">http://www.leatherman.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.gerbergear.co.uk/Industrial/Tools">http://www.gerbergear.co.uk/Industrial/Tools</a>
Wire Cutters	<a href="https://bit.ly/3fKEp9B">https://bit.ly/3fKEp9B</a> Or <a href="https://amzn.to/2PHN6qS">https://amzn.to/2PHN6qS</a>
Tool Belt	
<b>Other useful additions (from the staff)</b>	
Wire Strippers	<a href="https://www.screwfix.com/p/magnusson-ratcheting-wire-strippers-8/5175v">https://www.screwfix.com/p/magnusson-ratcheting-wire-strippers-8/5175v</a>

Allen Keys	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Allen-Ball-9-Part-Length-Plastic/dp/B007F9H37W">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Allen-Ball-9-Part-Length-Plastic/dp/B007F9H37W</a>
Hex Key Set	<a href="https://amazon.co.uk/Bahco-9770-BE-9770-1-5-10mm/dp/B002SHPOZO/ref=sr_1_9?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1530002003&amp;sr=8-9&amp;keywords=hex+key+set">https://amazon.co.uk/Bahco-9770-BE-9770-1-5-10mm/dp/B002SHPOZO/ref=sr_1_9?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1530002003&amp;sr=8-9&amp;keywords=hex+key+set</a>
Wing Nut Spanner (Lighting students only)	<a href="http://wingnutspanner.co.uk/">http://wingnutspanner.co.uk/</a> or <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dirty-Rigger-DTY-MULTITOOL-Tool/dp/B01GV58W6G/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1530003498&amp;sr=8-5&amp;keywords=Dirty+Rigger">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dirty-Rigger-DTY-MULTITOOL-Tool/dp/B01GV58W6G/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1530003498&amp;sr=8-5&amp;keywords=Dirty+Rigger</a>

The cost of these items vary depending on their build, quality and features, but we suggest that you consider buying good quality tools to last your entire professional life. Please note, however, that the items in this list are suggestions and you are encouraged to buy tools that suit your budget.

### **Consumables One Off Payment**

Throughout your studies you will use an inordinate amount of 'consumables'; this includes PVC tape, paper, printer ink, scripts, departmental tool replacement and upgrades, supplementary materials etc. To cover the cost of these items, as well as certain safety equipment and the occasional organised field trip or networking event, we charge a one-off compulsory consumables payment of **£350.00 per student** which should be paid to the Finance department at matriculation.