

A Level Music: Bridging work

Exam Board: AQA – Course Code 7272

Google classroom: Year 11 – 12 Bridging Work Music

Class code: yv3a3n2

Googlemet time: 11am Friday

There are five areas of bridging work to help pupils transition from GCSE to A Level Music

- 1) **Performance:** The single most important thing a pupil can do is daily practice on their instrument or voice. Performance is 35% of the course and can not be 'crammed' at the last minute.

Daily practice of at least 1 hour a day is the norm at A Level.

- 2) **Theory:** pupils should aim to get to at least Grade 5 Theory standard before the start of Year 12.

A booklet called '**Bridging the Gap from GCSE to A Level Music**' has been posted on both the google classroom and the website. Pupils should aim to complete this booklet.

Other recommended books:

- Music Theory in Practice: Grade 5 ABRSM
- Theory of Music Made Easy: Grade 5 - Lina Ng
- Mymusictheory.com video courses
- How to Blitz! ABRSM Theory Grade 5 - Samantha Coates

- 3) **Listening & contextual understanding:** Advance listening, useful documentaries and reading lists will be posted on both Google classroom and the website for students to listen, watch and read in their own time.

- 4) **Aural Dictation:** A really useful way to get ahead for A Level is to practice Aural Dictation.

The GCSE Past papers posted on Googleclassroom are good practice for this, but the book below is also very good to get pupils to A Level standard.

Recommended books:

- Aural Matters - A Student's Guide to Aural Perception at Advanced Level David Bowman and Paul Terry

- 5) **Composition:** There will be a new composition project posted on googleclassroom to help stretch pupils' scale of ambition and keep composing. There is no expectation that students must have access to Sibelius at home (students can use flat.io or garageband for example for practice projects), but it is something that students might want to consider to help regress their composition outside of school. Compositions will need to be on Sibelius at A Level.

Teachers are available on googleclassroom for 1:1 advice and support and there will be a weekly googlemet at 11am every Friday.