



# Edexcel Music GCE

## Year 12 transition tasks



To help you prepare for the first year of the A level Music course, you will need to complete the following transition tasks. They will need to be completed over the summer holidays and submitted in September. The tasks cover both practical and theory aspects which you will come across during the course.

### **Performing and Composing**

Read through the course requirement and assessment criteria that you were given on the transition days. Make sure you clearly understand what is expected and how it will be marked.

#### **Solo Performance**

You will need to prepare a solo performance on an instrument of your choice. It is important that you choose a piece that you can play confidently, but try to aim for a standard of Grade 6 if possible. If you require an accompanist please make sure that you are prepared for this. You will perform your piece in the second week of September. If you are unsure about what to perform then please speak to Mrs Quinton.

#### **Theory Task**

Please complete the grade 5 theory paper that you were given in the transition sessions. This is to give us a good idea of your strengths and weaknesses. This should be handed in during the first lesson in September.

#### **Presentation**

You need to prepare a presentation which focuses on your first instrument. You will present this to the rest of the class at the beginning of term. It can be a powerpoint presentation with YouTube clips etc. and should cover the following points:

- Brief, relevant history of the instrument
- Family it is from and similar instruments
- The key it is in and the clef it uses
- The styles of music the instrument usually features in
- The range of the instrument and any limitations
- Playing techniques
- How to write for the instrument and any common symbols
- Demonstrations (live or recorded).

#### **Glossary**

Please complete the glossary list of key terms that you were given in the transition lessons. Give an explanation of each term.

#### **Contact**

If you need further assistance please contact Mrs Quinton by email:  
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