



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.

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 is an appropriate standard but try to aim for Grade 4-5. If you require an accompanist, you must arrange to rehearse with them in your own time. You will perform in the second week of September. If you are unsure about what to perform then please speak to either Miss Leggett or Mrs. Quinton.

Theory task

The theory task covers the very basics of major and minor scales, identifying key signatures and sharps and flats. Try to do as much as you can independently and set yourself 1-1½ hours to complete it in. You may wish to do some additional work on theory and there are some online tutorials which can help with this and also the 'ABRSM theory in practice' books. The paper will be due in on the first lesson back.

Presentation

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

- Brief and relevant history on 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/limitations
- Playing techniques
- How to write for it/common symbols
- Demonstrations (live or recorded)

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