

A Level Music Transition Work

1. Please ensure you have a full understanding of pitch and rhythm notation, time signatures and key signatures ready for the start of the course.

YouTube has some excellent resources to help you understand these, particularly from musictheoryguy. Here are some to get you started:

Pitch and clefs:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le10tF_3YWg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMk-q5LCiAs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgmJP-gsS34>

Rhythm notation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=168Y5HiYeFw>

Time Signature:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtvx57P4oKo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3xsoi-NKw8>

Key signatures:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdH6K6LPuS0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qV7qrUWGrN4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDKT6iTbduA>

2. Prepare a solo performance on the instrument which will be your '1st study' i.e. the instrument you will perform on for your A level recital.

The piece should be the highest standard piece you are capable of playing well with few errors and hesitations. It is better to perform a slightly easier piece perfectly than a much harder piece with lots of errors.

You will perform this piece to Mrs Leake sometime during the first 2 weeks of term.

3. Listen to lots of music – particularly symphonies as we will be studying these!
Try to broaden your musical experience/tastes by listening to pieces/composers/styles you have never listened to before. Here are some ideas:

- Any Mozart symphonies
- Any Haydn symphonies but definitely Symphony No. 104 (as this is our set work)
- Any Beethoven symphonies, particularly Nos. 3, 6 and 9
- Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique
- Mendelssohn Italian Symphony.
- Any music by Debussy
- Any music by Poulenc
- Any music by Prokofiev

4. A useful link if you fancy doing any listening and composition activities is:

<https://alevelmusic.com/as-handbook/year-11-transition-to-a-level-music/>

This author of this website is Head of Music of another school but he is happy for all students to access the resources and use them if you have the time!

See you in September!

Mrs Leake