

Sixth Form Induction Day Music Taster Session



Starter Questions

- Do you know what exam board we use?
- What chords are in an Imperfect Cadence?
- What exam board did you use for GCSE?
- What note would be a perfect 5th above a D?
- What instruments do you play?
- What is in the key signature for D major?
- What grade or level are you?
- What is the lowest pitched woodwind instrument in an orchestra?
- What grade are you hoping to get in your GCSE Music exam?







What will you study at A level?



60% Coursework – 40% Examination



Three components – all assessed in Year 13



Component 1: PERFORMING (25% - 35%)



Component 2: COMPOSING (25% - 35%)



Component 3: APPRAISING (40%)



The course is largely practical but the Appraising examination is challenging.



Component 1: Performing

Option A: Total duration of performances: 10-12 minutes

Option A: 35% of qualification

Option B: Total duration of performances: 6-8 minutes

Option B: 25% of qualification

Non-exam assessment: externally assessed by a visiting examiner

Component 2: Composing

Option A: Total duration of compositions: 4-6 minutes

Option A: 25% of qualification

Option B: Total duration of compositions: 8-10 minutes

Option B: 35% of qualification

Non-exam assessment: externally assessed by WJEC



Option A: Performing (35%)

A performance consisting of a minimum of three pieces. At least one of these pieces must be as a soloist. The other pieces may be either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble or a combination of both. One piece must reflect the musical characteristics of one area of study. At least one other piece must reflect the musical characteristics of one other, different area of study.

Option B: Performing (25%)

A performance consisting of **a minimum of two** pieces **either** as a soloist **or** as part of an ensemble **or** a combination of both. **One** piece must reflect the musical characteristics of **one** area of study.

Option A: Composing (25%)

Two compositions, **one** of which must reflect the musical techniques and conventions associated with the Western Classical Tradition and be in response to a brief set by WJEC. Learners will have a choice of **four** set briefs, released during the first week of September in the academic year in which the assessment is to be taken.

The **second** composition is a free composition.

Option B: Composing (35%)

Three compositions, **one** of which must reflect the musical techniques and conventions associated with the Western Classical Tradition and be in response to a brief set by WJEC. Learners will have a choice of **four** set briefs, released during the first week of September in the academic year in which the assessment is to be taken.

The **second** composition must reflect the musical characteristics of **one different** area of study (i.e. not the Western Classical Tradition) while the **third** composition is a free composition.

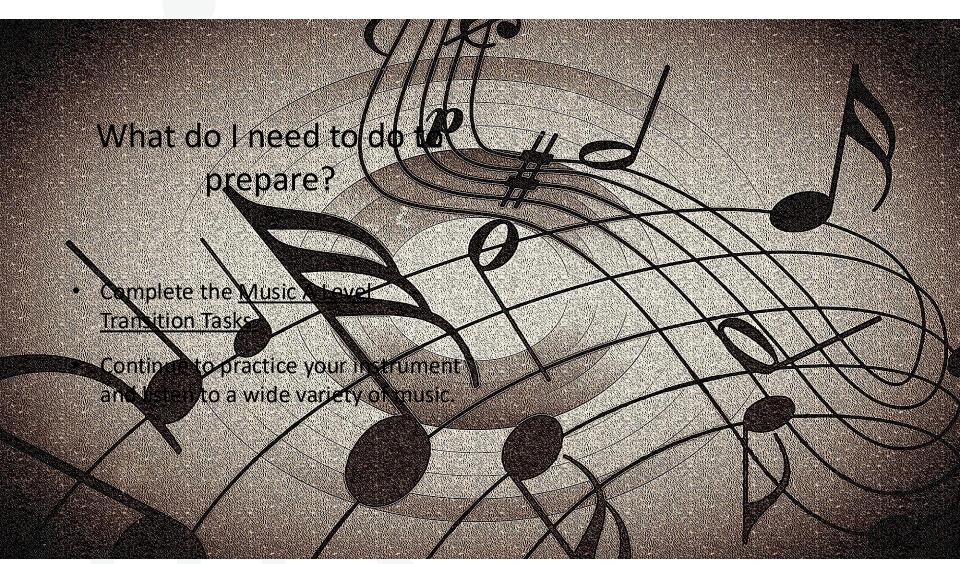


A level Music – what is it all about?

- Lots of composition tasks in Year
 12, to prepare for Year 13.
- In-depth study and analysis of 3 set works from one compulsory Area of Study and 2 others from a choice.

The Western Classical Tradition / Rock and Pop / Musical Theatre / Jazz / Into the 20th Century / Into the 21st Century





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Isle of Dogs – End Titles







RULES

- One person is in the hot seat.
- Describe the word without saying the word or part of it.
- You have 20 words to describe.
- The team who describes them in the fastest time wins.
- You can pass but will have a 15 seconds penalty.





BEETHOVEN



TRUMPET



MINOR



ACOUSTIC BASS



RAP



SAMPLE



PITCH



SCALE



SEMIBREVE



ELTON JOHN



GLISSANDO



WICKED (the musical)



TEMPO



JAZZ



LEITMOTIF



JOHN WILLIAMS



TONALITY



SEMITONE



OCTAVE



ARPEGGIO







MOZART



CLARINET



MAJOR



ELECTRIC GUITAR



HIP-HOP



SPEAKER



RHYTHM



CHORD



MINIM



LADY GAGA



PIZZICATO



THE LION KING (the musical)



TIMBRE



BLUES



STRING QUARTET



ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER



TEXTURE



TIMPANI



ALLEGRO



HUMMING



More Isle of Dogs

- Without looking, do you remember any of the musical features from this piece?
- If you were asked to compose a piece of music for the end titles to this film, what choices would you make?

Discuss....



