



A Level Music

Summer Independent Learning Year 12-13 2021

Compulsory tasks

Task 1 - Performance

Prepare two pieces which you have not performed before in college. Try to make sure the pieces are from at **least two areas of study** (Jazz/Western Classical Tradition/Music Theatre/Pop and Rock). You will perform these when you return to college in September.

Task 2 - Haydn 104 "London" Symphony

Review each movement and check your revision notes, flashcards and listen repeatedly to each movement and check that your analytical knowledge is secure. We will complete many retrieval tasks on these movements in the Autumn Term.

Task 3 – Music in the Twentieth Century

1. Watch the following video and make notes on Debussy and Impressionism
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKwRQh94toA>
2. Read and make notes on Impressionism in Music and the musical characteristics of Impressionism.
3. Listen to this piece by Debussy, it is called *Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un Faune*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYyK922PsUw>

Boulez considered that this piece of music was the beginning of modern music.

4. Read about this piece and make notes on why it is a piece of Impressionist music.
5. Choose one other piece of Impressionist music and prepare a PowerPoint which you will present to the class in September.

Recommended additional tasks

Task 4 – Music Theatre

Go through all of your Music Theatre notes and prepare revision documents for each composer and his musical style. Maybe you will use spider diagrams, flash cards, pictorial cards etc. Remember your notes must cover 1940-2005.

Task 5 – Composition

Thinking about the Western Classical Tradition, compose at least 10 4 bar phrases which could be used as a basis for a composition in sonata form, so a first or second subject. Look back at your exemplar sheets for ideas and also graded piano examination pieces. The A section pieces often provided ideas for periodic phrases, rhythms, shapes of melodies and harmonies to accompany these. Notate all of your ideas and bring them to the lessons in September.