

YEAR 11 INTO 12 SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

Subject: Music

Qualification/Level: BTEC Level 3

These transition tasks are designed to help you develop an understanding of the requirements of the level three course. There are two tasks for you to complete. You should prepare this work and bring it to the first lesson.

Task One

You should prepare a solo performance on your main instrument. The performance needs to show the standard that you are capable of playing at. The piece should be at least two minutes long and should be an existing piece (not a composition of your own). You should also be prepared to discuss the performance techniques you use within the piece and how the piece challenges you.

Task Two

Write a 1000 word essay/blog post or record a vlog that will contain information about the music that you have performed – who wrote the music and what can you find out about the song/composition? You need to write about key features of the music you are performing – what techniques do you need to use and what are the challenges in its performance? Analyse the piece in a musical way (instrumentation, structure, harmony, dynamics, tempo, motifs, melody, style, texture, etc.) as well as explaining why it is inspirational or interesting to you.

How the work should be presented

Practical work and written in the form of an essay or blog post (1000 words). Alternatively, you can record a Vlog with the same information.

Success criteria

The work will be assessed as a piece BTEC evidence and therefore provide students with an introduction to the assessment expectations

Resources to be used

Information about the composer, performances and students experiences of practising and performing the music

Who to contact if you should require further assistance with the work before the end of term

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