

Performance Coursework – 30%

This year students need to prepare **one** performance on their instrument / voice / music tech. This will be recorded in December – date will be shared with students and parents after half term. The performance must be at least one and a half minutes in duration for solo, or two minutes for ensemble. It can consist of one piece or two or three shorter pieces. Students must submit the score (sheet music).

Composition Coursework – 30%

This year students need to prepare **one** composition. They have a free choice of genre and instruments; guidance will be offered on students' choices. This will be completed by February half term. The composition must be at least 1 and a half minutes in duration. Students must submit the score / lead sheet / TAB / annotated screen shots of their composition.

Listening Exam – 40%:**Questions based on the content of the Areas of Study:**

- AoS2 – Concerto Through Time
- AoS3 – Rhythms of the World
- AoS4 – Film Music
- AoS5 – Conventions of Pop

- Make flash cards or similar to help you remember the musical features of each style – particularly following a Key Words Quiz.
- Make use of the Area Study Videos within our YouTube Channel
- Practice listening to a wide range of music – even if it is not a style we study.
- Try working out the time signature / picking out the instruments / describing the musical elements
- Use the listening apps or work with a friend to practice melodic dictation, intervals and cadences whenever you have a spare few minutes.

Other tips

Practice regularly to prepare for your performance. Little and often is best – aim for a minimum of 15 minutes three times per week. Speak to Mrs Thompson if you would like to arrange to use a practice room in school.

Explore musical ideas for composition at home. You will need to complete your final piece in controlled conditions in school.

Use your instrumental / vocal / music tech tutor for advice and support as well. Make sure they understand the requirements so they can guide you appropriately.

Useful Resources:

- OCR GCSE Music Revision Guide
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music
- www.musictheory.net
- We have collated useful videos on many aspects of music that you need to understand in one Music department YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTnFvfqNX0TBHqJxxLHIKEQ>

