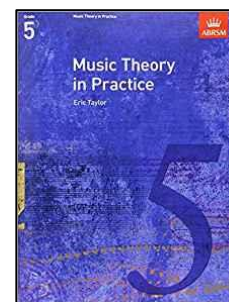


## Preparation for A Level Music 2021-2023

### 1. Theory

- If you haven't passed Grade 5 ABRSM Theory, you need to buy the book:
- You need to complete as much as possible in the book as you will be entered for the exam at the start of the course
- If you have already passed Grade 5 theory, why not start Grade 6, 7 or 8?



### 2. Listening

- Listen to a wide range of music, particularly from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras. Classic fm is a great source - [www.classicfm.com](http://www.classicfm.com), or access the BBC Proms on the iPlayer
- Whilst listening, take note of instrumentation, structure, texture, timbre, rhythm, melody and any other point of interest. Please create a listening log to keep track of what you have heard
- Access some 'live' music events over the Summer – there is plenty going on, from various orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra



### 3. Performing

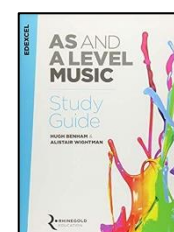
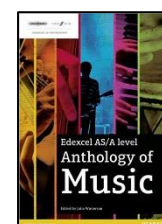
- You will need to produce a 6-minute performance (solo or ensemble, any style, any instrument) of at least Grade 6 standard during Year 12. Start to have a think about what you might perform.
- Practice your instrument daily. Make sure it is **quality** practice, rather than for a 'set' amount of time.
- If you don't have a private instrumental/vocal teacher, please get one!

### 4. Composing

- Have a go at creating some melodies in different keys
- Think about the phrase structure, key, melodic shape, modulation etc.
- Don't let anything hold you back – be creative and you might even end up with a full piece by the end of the summer!

### 5. Edexcel

- Familiarise yourself with the NEW Edexcel syllabus – [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com). Please **read** the specification!
- Buy the Edexcel Music anthology <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Level-Anthology-Music-2016> to familiarise yourself with the set works. There are recordings of all of the set works online, you do not need to buy the CDs.
- Please also buy the Study Guide, <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Level-Music-Study-Guide>
- Request to join the Facebook group 'HBK A Level Music 2020-2022' where you can keep up to date with articles, listening, news and information for the course and contact each other!



## ANY QUESTIONS???

Please contact Mrs Cooke at [kcooke@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:kcooke@hbk.acesmat.uk) with any questions, big or small. I'll be happy to help!