

## Preparation for A Level Music 2018-2020

### 1. Theory

- Complete, to the best of your ability, the Theory Workbook given out on taster day. If you don't have it please see Mrs Cooke. This work **will be marked**.
- If you haven't passed Grade 5 ABRSM Theory, you need to buy the book [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Music-Theory-Practice-Grade-ABRSM/dp/1860969461/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1530277533&sr=8-1&keywords=grade+5+theory](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Music-Theory-Practice-Grade-ABRSM/dp/1860969461/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1530277533&sr=8-1&keywords=grade+5+theory)
- 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

### 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. You could create a listening log to keep track of what you have heard
- Try to get to some live performances over the summer

### 3. Performing

- You will need to produce a 5-6 minute performance (solo or ensemble, any style, any instrument) of at least Grade V 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, passing notes 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/dp/1292118369/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1530277737&sr=1-2&keywords=edexcel+music+anthology](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Level-Anthology-Music-2016/dp/1292118369/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1530277737&sr=1-2&keywords=edexcel+music+anthology) to familiarise yourself with the set works
- Join the Facebook group 'HBK A Level Music 2018-2020' where you can keep up to date with articles, listening, news and information for the course