

Performance

The standard required for your coursework is Grade 6. If you are not quite at that standard yet, then use the summer for some dedicated practice. If you are already at that standard or above, don't let anything slip and begin to start thinking about your 8-minute recital. This isn't too early!

Composition

Bach Chorales – this is the brief assessment task we focus on at Bishops' so it would be a good idea to start looking at them now. You will need this text book:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Harmonising-Bach-Chorales-definitive-students/dp/1985791315/ref=asc_df_1985791315/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=311328387040&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=4083835045542379426&hvpon e=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1007044&hvtargid=pla-568948451213&psc=1&th=1&psc=1

We will be working through this booklet in September, there is no need for you to print this out but do start to have a look:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iilzCh62z6d2hjDRCiJT6HC51KdvYZdEcEwTvUMZdLA/edit?fbclid=IwAR0Qm6HO26bGNNvDX5B3Bqk1J4nOa0GWWqstfZjaHc8kC_wuYB2nH6TUWhI

I would also recommend looking through this website: <http://www.choraleguide.com/>

Free composition – have a go at writing a composition this summer. Make up your own brief/storyline. Aim for it to last at least 6 minutes. Do take a look at www.icancompose.com If you think you would benefit from a subscription to this website, I can give you a subscription for £13.50 which will give you access to all the courses and resources on the site.

Listening & Appraising

This is the area that has the biggest step from GCSE. You will learn to analyse and evaluate pieces of music much more deeply than you have done at GCSE. You will be required to listen to lots of music that you may not have chosen to in the past and we will build on your listening library over the 18 months. Over the summer I would like you to complete the attached word document 'GCSE to A-Level transition work 2021'. The pieces listed are compulsory but please feel free to add your own as well.

Howard Goodall produced 6 videos which are excellent and outline the history of music. Watch these over the summer and make notes, these will be very valuable to you in September:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY8x3OyRoNUYeJvc9GIH8uifNdyx74Uqc>

In September you will need a copy of the anthology:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Level-Anthology-Music-2016/dp/1292118369/ref=asc_df_1292118369/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=311223952047&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=4024667666578503820&hvpon e=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1007044&hvtargid=pla-523775644979&psc=1&th=1&psc=1

