

## Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Tasks

### A Level Music

#### 1) Music Theory

Download the 'ABSRM music theory trainer' app. It is not absolutely necessary to do this, but it will really help you to just become more familiar with some music theory basics. It is basically just a 'game' that teaches you some music theory - and if you got through to Grade 5, that would be amazing and give you everything you could possibly mean. It costs £4.99 from the App store.

#### 2) History of Music

A large part of the appraising part of the course will cover works from a range of styles from 1600 to the present day. It is important that you develop a contextual understanding of how and why music has changed over time. These videos by Howard Goodall are an excellent starting point!

Pay particular attention to the development of the symphony and how music developed in the 20th century.

Watch each video and take notes as you go. What important musical styles/features developed and why? Who were the influential composers and pieces?

Howard Goodall's The Story Of Music

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxSWikNAgR3gVH\\_xlRxyRXCz\\_8sUZ97Uy](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxSWikNAgR3gVH_xlRxyRXCz_8sUZ97Uy)

#### 3) Musical Theatre

Watch a musical by one of the following composer:

Richard Rodgers

Leonard Bernstein

Stephen Sondheim

Stephen Schwartz

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Claude-Michel Schoenberg

