



Year 10 Music Key Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to highlight some key information regarding GCSE music to ensure your child is prepared and makes a good start to the course.

Students will need a ring binder for their notes and to store any exam papers and questions completed during lessons. This will help them look back over notes when revising. There are only two set works for the Eduqas GCSE, so it is essential they keep the scores given securely in this folder as they will need to refer to these in lessons and for revision.

Students should be regularly practicing their instrument/ voice for the performance exam, which takes place in year 11. They will complete a few mock recordings this year to familiarise themselves with the mark scheme. In addition, they will start their first composition in January, which accounts for 15% of their overall grade. Support will be given in lessons with this, and they will be allocated homework time to work on this. This composition is due at the end of the summer term.

We have asked all students to be involved in **at least** one ensemble. We find this helps support them with preparation for the performance exam's ensemble element and developing their listening skills. They do not have to perform with this ensemble for the exam, and they will receive guidance on selecting a suitable ensemble during the summer term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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