

Preparing for A-Level Music

The resources and activities below are intended for you to become familiar with the study of music at A-level. Each activity will link to the three components of the course; Performance, Composition and Appraising Music. Some of these tasks will link directly to the course content while others will challenge you to think critically about music.

Watch this TED talk

Summarise how this musician has changed their style

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFK8NKfLp1Y>



Listen to this Composition

In 100 words describe how the musical elements have been used to fulfil the brief of music for a science fiction film.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfK9Si50aO0>



Test your Theory Knowledge

Follow the link and test your music theory knowledge

<https://www.musictheory.net/lessons>



Comparing musical styles

Describe in 100 words the differences between the composer's style in these 2 pieces.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eENWTA0bs4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB8BkNfF-68>



Practice routines

Read the short article below and create a 1-hour practice routine for yourself. What will you practice during that 1-hour?

Follow this new routine at least 3 times a week!!

<https://www.rcmusic.com/about-us/news/why-it%E2%80%99s-important-to-continue-practicing-music>



Music and Film

Summarise the James Horner's approach to writing music for film in 100 words.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-8D6j5LPho>



Ear Training

The following apps will be very useful in all areas of study and will help you identify intervals and chords. Download on to your phone and have a go: there is lots of free content on these apps to keep you busy for a long time!

I-phone – Ear Master



Android – Perfect Ear

