



Urmston Grammar School

Monday 29th September 2025

Y11 GCSE Music Key dates

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your child has settled well into the new academic year. Organisation and planning will be essential in managing the workload of GCSE's throughout the coming months. With this in mind, please find below a list of key dates for GCSE Music this year.

Friday 3rd October – GCSE Music: Practice solo performance due.

Audio recording and PDF of sheet music to be handed in online via students shared file by 17:00 on this date.

Friday 10th October – GCSE Music: Composition 1 deadline.

Audio export of composition and write up (word/pdf) handed in online via students shared file by 17:00 on this date.

Friday 17th October – GCSE Music: Halle Set Works Concert at the Bridgewater Hall: matinee Performance
Final details will be sent in due course.

Friday 7th November – GCSE Music: Solo performance recording day.

Throughout the day students will come off timetable, for a short period, to record their solo performance. They must bring all sheet music and any instruments they need with them on this day. A timetable will be provided in advance.

Wednesday 17th December – Festival of Christmas.

Year 11 GCSE Music students will be required to perform as either a soloist or in an ensemble or combination.

Week beginning 2nd February – School production.

Some students are in the cast or band for this production. Separate information will be provided in due course.

Monday 23rd March – GCSE Music: Ensemble recording day.

Throughout the day students will be off timetable, for a short period, to record their ensemble performance. They must bring all sheet music and any instruments they need with them on this day.

Thursday 26th March – GCSE Drama & Music: Performance Evening.

Student will be performing either their ensemble or solo pieces at this event.



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Friday 24th April – GCSE Music: Composition 2 deadline

Audio export of composition and write up (word/pdf) handed in online via student shared file by 17:00 on this date.

Monday 27th April – GCSE Music: Final coursework deadline.

Final checks of coursework and submission of all outstanding coursework.

In addition to the above commitments, please find below performance opportunities for our Music students. These are all excellent opportunities for the students to practice performing on their chosen instruments in front of an audience. Please email me (aharrison@urmstongrammar.org.uk) if your child is keen to perform on one of these occasions, alternatively I will aim to allocate performers as appropriate:

Assemblies

- **Fri 7th Nov.** Remembrance Assembly. Someone to play the last post, and possible another musical number of some form?
- **Fri 19th Dec.** House Assembly.
- **Fri 30th Jan.** LGBTQ+ Assembly. Any performance from a group/soloist.
- **Fri 27th March.** House Assembly. Any performance from a group/soloist.

Other School Events

- **Thurs 16th Oct.** GCSE Presentation Evening. Various performances required
- **Weds 12th Nov.** Sixth Form Open Evening. Various performances required.

Thank you for your continued support of the Music department and in advance of support of your child in meeting the strict deadlines for this course. We look forward to welcoming you to a performance event in the near future!

Kind Regards
Mr Alistair Harrison
Lead Teacher of Music