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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 GCSEs throughout the coming months. With this in mind, please find below a list of key dates for GCSE Music this year.

Wednesday 30th September – Composition 1 due.
Audio export of composition and write up (word/pdf) handed in online via students shared file.

Friday 2nd October – Practice solo performance due.
Audio recording and PDF of sheet music to be handed in online via students shared file.

Friday 16th October – Bridgewater Hall trip.
Final details will be sent in due course.

Friday 13th November – Solo performance recording day.
Throughout the day students will be taken out of some lessons to record their solo performance. They will need to bring all sheet music and any instruments they need with them on this day.

Wednesday 16th December – Festival of Christmas.
Students will be expected to perform at this event as a soloist or in an ensemble or both.

Week beginning 1st February – School production.
Some students are in the cast.

Monday 8th March – Ensemble recording day.
Throughout the day students will be taken out of some lessons to record their ensemble performance. They will need to bring all sheet music and any instruments they need with them on this day.

Wednesday 17th March – GCSE Drama & Music performance evening.
Student will be performing either their ensemble or solo pieces at this event.

Friday 16th April – Composition 2 deadline
Audio export of composition and write up (word/pdf) handed in online via student shared file.

Friday 23rd April – Final coursework deadline.
Final checks of coursework and submission of all outstanding coursework.

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On top of these deadlines, please find below some performance opportunities for the students to take part in. These are all excellent opportunities for the students to practice performing on their chosen instruments in front of an audience.

Assemblies

- **Fri 6th Nov**. Remembrance Assembly. Someone to play the last post, and possible another musical number of some form.
- **Fri 18th Dec**. House Assembly. Possibly a piece from the FoC?
- **Fri 15th Jan**. LGBTQ+ Assembly. Any performance from a group/soloist.
- **Fri 19th March**. House Assembly. Any performance from a group/soloist.
- **Either Fri 9th July or Fri 16th July**. Any performance from a group/soloist.

Other School Events

- **Thurs 15th Oct**. GCSE Presentation Evening. Music whilst people are arriving then a performance during the event.
- **Weds 12th Nov**. Sixth Form Open Evening. Music whilst people are arriving

Thank you in advance for supporting your child to meet the strict deadlines for this course, as well as taking advantage of the performance opportunities that are on offer.

Kind Regards
Mr A Harrison
Head of Music