

MUSIC TRANSITION WORK



SUMMER TASK FOR STUDENTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024

We look forward to seeing you in our Performing Arts Department this year!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK:

As you are probably aware, the Btec Music course is very performance heavy as the title suggests: ***50% of the course is assessment on your performance skills.***

By the end of your second year, you will have completed 2 assessments in performance on your instrument or voice. In the first year you will give an 8-10 minute performance as a soloist which will be recorded next May. In the second year you will perform as part of a band, again recorded in May. Therefore, your continued personal practice is incredibly important.

If you do not already practise on a regular basis with an understanding of what you need to do to improve, now is the time to get into this routine! Aim to practise with a focus on either a technical issue or a particular piece, or ideally both, at least 4 times a week. If you need some help with this and don't know where to start, or you have an issue with access to an instrument, email me as soon as possible so that I can offer support.

Remember that we offer subsidised instrumental and voice lessons here at college so that you can continue to develop your performance once you're here. If we haven't had a conversation yet about these lessons, please email me before you arrive so that I can provide you with the details and book the specialist teacher that you may require. If you have lessons outside of college and wish to continue these then of course that is not a problem.

Within the first couple of weeks of the course, you will be asked to perform a song or short piece on your instrument or voice that you have prepared to demonstrate your current ability. Don't worry about this, but obviously it makes sense to continue practising over the summer holidays so that you are ready to do this in September. Please treat this practice and preparation as your major summer task.

Task 2: Popular Music Genres

Pick 3 contrasting genres of pop and rock music from the list below:

- Classic Rock
- Indie Rock
- EDM
- Disco
- The Beatles
- Brit Pop
- Rhythm and Blues
- Soul
- Progressive Rock
- Rap
- Folk
- 80s Pop
- Solo Artists
- Hip Hop
- Metal

For each genre chosen, write a summary to include: the dates that it covers, the main characteristics of the genre and bands/performers of note (including song examples). This can be in any appropriate format and should be illustrated