



# The Thomas Hardy School

## Summer Preparation Task

### A Level Music

#### **Purpose of task:**

To prepare for the performance component of A level Music.

A performance is scheduled for the beginning of term, at St Mary's Stratton, where you will perform a 6 minute programme.

#### **Task:**

Prepare a performance lasting a minimum of 6 minutes.

The performance can consist of more than one piece, but the amount of playing time must add up to at least 6 minutes. Playing time includes rests within the music, and musical introductions, e.g. four bars of piano introduction in a piece for voice & piano is counted towards the 6 minutes.

The pieces may be unaccompanied or accompanied by piano or backing track. We would recommend you include at least one accompanied piece.

The piece(s) must be performed from a score, and must be on a recognised exam board syllabus. The minimum level for the first year of A level music is grade 6.

You will need to decide on the piece(s) you are going to perform, and spend time practicing them and working on them with your instrumental teacher. You should be spending a minimum of 30 minutes every other day practicing your 6 minute programme.

In the first lesson of term you will provide Mr Bruton with copies of all scores that you will be using for your performance. In that same lesson you will also schedule a rehearsal with Mr Oakes who will provide piano accompaniment as necessary.

#### **Recommended resources:**

ABRSM grade 6/7/8 syllabus  
<http://gb.abrsm.org/en/home/>

Rockschool grade 6/7/8 syllabi  
<https://www.rslawards.com/>

Trinity College London grade 6/7/8 syllabi  
<http://www.trinitycollege.com/site/?id=55>

London College of Music 6/7/8 syllabi  
<http://www.uwl.ac.uk/academic-schools/music/lcm-exams>

#### **Additional information:**

#### **Recommended reading & activities list:**

N/A

**Deadline for Task:** First lesson in week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017