

### Key Stage 4 (11) Music

<p>Autumn 1 (September-October) to Autumn 2 (October-January)</p>	<p>We tackle the last two set works: Release and Samba Em Preludio, with constant reminders of the previous set works. Students should now be secure in applying terminology to unfamiliar pieces as well, as this is part of the final exam (indeed several of the Year 10 tests will have set the path for this). Students should also be able to use unfamiliar pieces to compare use of musical elements such as harmony, melody, rhythm to pieces they have studied.</p> <p>Importantly, the exam board will have released the Composition 2 brief and students will look at their previous exercises to see if one can be tailored to the brief. If not, then a brand-new piece will be started from a choice of four briefs. We record the solo pieces in November, and start to polish the ensemble pieces. Most students will be playing duets as the best way to achieve the right balance of difficulty for each part.</p> <p>Students must have chosen and begun this much earlier, and pianists will normally be accompanying an experienced student on one of two suggested pieces. They are welcome to choose their own pieces, but this can be much harder than they imagine.</p>
<p>Spring 1 (February - April) to Spring 2 (April-May)</p>	<p>Students will record their ensemble performances in February at the latest, though students who are ready earlier can record at any time. Revision is in constant progress by now, with multiple starter activities to refresh the older set works. There is a full mock listening exam.</p> <p>Students must have recorded any re-take performances by the end of term. The end of term is the deadline also for handing in both completed compositions.</p>
<p>Summer 1 (May-June) to Summer 2 (June-July)</p>	<p>Finally, students revise all eight set pieces, concentrating on exam techniques. Much progress can be made with the right revision guide and support materials.</p> <p>Frequent listening to the set works is vital, and a healthy attitude to this is behind every success.</p> <p>The listening exam is around the final week before half term.</p>