A Level Bridging Work

Music

At A Level we will be studying a broad range of music.

We will start by learning about 19th Century piano music. In order to grasp the development of music, we would like you to listen to the following tracks and be very familiar with them. You will be studying the Chopin in September.

**Baroque**

Bach’s Goldberg Variations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_sIdXTqXKU>

**Classical**

Mozart Piano Concert K488

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMYjGkgzinU>

**Romantic**

Chopin Ballade in F major. We’ve included the score of this so you can read through as you listen. **Challenge:** Can you find any perfect cadences? The piece moves into a variety of keys, including Aminor, C major, G minor. Can you work out where?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZfNAVQ6H4o>

**Reading music**

We will be studying scores from our first lesson. Therefore it is our expectation that you can read both treble and bass clef relatively fluently.

Finally, you need to be familiar with the circle of fifths in terms of keys. You need to be able to recognise different key signatures and be able to work out their relative minor.

**Listening to music**

When studying A Level Music, being interested in a range of musical styles will be crucial to your success - so start building up a playlist now!