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# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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## TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 MUSIC student



- 1 Listen to music everyday with whatever device you have available. Share this music with your class mates and those around you to explore wider listening.
- 2 Explore the Threshold Concepts for Music
- 3 Watch Youtube videos that extend your knowledge of set works. Take notes on what you have watched.
- 4 Read critical essays about the history and theory of Music, many of which can be found online. Take notes on your reading. Make word lists of critical terms.
- 5 Set yourself challenging composition tasks that extend your practice and push you outside your comfort zone.
- 6 Go to concerts and live performances regularly but not exclusively about A-level music. Think critically about what you hear and see. Read the reviews; write your own.
- 7 Explore music books in the school library and in the department. Ask your teachers for recommended reading.
- 8 Spend time in a practice room, crafting and improving your solo performance
- 9 Learn how to use the recording studio. Learn how to record your instrument.
- 10 Review and refine the evidence you have presented in books. Hone your analytical skills and be able to write fluently about the musical and other elements accurately.