

Year 11. GCSE Music Revision.

For the examination, you will be sitting a 1 hour listening paper (Paper A).

During the course, you have learned key words and subject terminology from Areas of Study 1 – 5. Revise these in the accompanying documents. Therefore in the event that one of these words comes up in the exam, you will be able to deliver a quicker and more accurate response.

Other things to revise:

1. Know what the main 2 types of tonality are: major (sounds happy) and minor (sounds sad). See if you can practice recognising the correct tonality of a piece of music.
2. Try and tap the beat to various pieces of music and try and work out whether the piece has 3 beats in a bar or 4.
3. Revise the 4 families of instruments – of an orchestra. You will need to recognise a family of instruments playing in a piece of music. (Brass, Woodwind etc.)
4. You will also need to recognise instruments of the orchestra. Visit www.dsokids.com Go to the Listening tab on the home page and then click on instruments. Listen to all of the instruments several times to familiarise yourselves with the sound of each instrument.
5. What playing techniques are used for string instruments? Answers: pizzicato and arco. But what do these mean?
6. Revise cadences.
7. Different types of texture: monophonic, polyphonic (contrapuntal) and homophonic.
8. In relation to singing/use of choirs – a cappella and anti-phonial.
9. Revise the different forms of dynamics.
10. Revise the notes for both treble and bass clefs.
11. Revise the note values of semibreves, minims etc. Practice forming rhythms and then clapping and counting them back to gain fluency in reading and understanding rhythms.
12. www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize When you go to the GCSE Music page, there are 2 sections for you to revise: Music Theory and Music Technology. There are areas to revise and then tests that follow. Read through the info and listen to the videos etc.
13. www.gcsepod.com This is a great resource to help you with your theory. Go through the Grade 1 resources and then make a start on Grade 2.