



St Mary's Catholic School Music Department: A Level Music Summer Work

You Must:

Find the specification for Edexcel A Level music (first teaching 2016) and read through the assessment criteria for performance.

Using this criteria research a suitable performance piece that would be marked highly in this criteria. Prepare and rehearse this piece in preparation for September.

Listen to the following: **Kate Bush, *Hounds of Love*: 'Cloudbusting', 'And dream of sheep' and 'Under Ice'**. Write a paragraph for how each of these musical features are used in these pieces. Instruments, texture, pitch, rhythm and tempo.

You Should:

Listen to **J. S. Bach, *Cantata, Ein feste Burg, BWV 80***: movement 1 and write two paragraphs as to whether you like or dislike this piece of music based on musical reasons. (i.e. relating this to the musical features you here).

You could:

Research what **musical fusion** is. Find a piece of music that is a fusion of two styles. Which features of these styles can you hear? Write a page of A4 on your findings.