



Tadcaster Grammar School

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September 2018

GCSE Music Deadlines

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of the deadlines for GCSE music this year. Music GCSE is 60% controlled assessment with a final exam worth 40% in the May/June exam period. It is vital that students meet our internal deadlines to give us time to mark their work and provide feedback to them if they need to improve it and to ensure we have plenty of time to thoroughly prepare them for the final exam.

Friday 12 October Composition 1 Final deadline

Students will submit a score and recording of their completed composition alongside a programme note detailing their musical decisions.

Friday 26 October Final Ensemble Performance

Students will be called out of timetabled lessons for a 15 minute slot in which they will complete their final ensemble performance. They should submit a score to me, clearly labelled with their name and candidate number by Monday 15 October. Students must perform for a minimum of one minute.

Wednesday 6 February Final Solo Performance

Students will be called out of timetabled lessons for a 25 minute slot in which they will complete their final solo performance. They should submit scores to me, clearly labelled with their name and candidate number by Monday 14 January. Students must perform a minimum of 3 minutes of music and this can be a combination of more than one piece.

Friday 22 February Composition 2 Final Deadline

Students will submit a score and recording of their completed composition alongside a programme note detailing their musical decisions.

Students should discuss repertoire for the performances with their instrumental or vocal teacher and speak to their class music teacher if they require further guidance. The more successful candidates pick pieces that they can play very well, allowing them to concentrate on a confident musical performance rather than playing a more technically difficult piece where they may make mistakes.

Some students will require a piano accompaniment for their exam and school can provide this. If you are not sure if this applies to your child please contact their instrumental teacher. Any piece that is usually performed with accompaniment must include one. Backing tracks are acceptable if applicable. If your child requires an accompanist please complete the reply slip below and ask your child to bring in a copy of the piano part no later than Monday 14 January.

I would be grateful if you could discuss these deadlines with your child and if you have any further questions please email me on v.caine@tgs.starmat.uk

Yours sincerely

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GCSE Music Performance – Piano Accompaniment

FAO: Miss Caine

Name of Student _____

My child requires an accompanist for the GCSE Solo Performance exam. We will hand a copy of the piano accompaniment/s to Miss Caine by Monday 14 January.

Signed _____ Parent

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