Music Department

GCSE

My Target Grade – **A / A***

In order to achieve my target I need to:

- Ensure that I am totally up to date with any additional singing or instrument lessons
- Decide on my PERFORMING pieces early – choosing wisely
- Practice very regularly – at least four times per week!
- Understand the marking scheme and apply it when preparing – maybe even record myself and assess myself using the criteria.
- Plan my COMPOSING work well, allowing plenty of time to explore ideas, evaluate and refine my work
- Work independently – spending at least 90 minutes of my own time, each week, to develop ideas
- Become fully familiar with music software such as Bandlab and MuseScore and use them to plan and develop my work – saving each version with a different file name to keep organised.
- Study the work of other successful composers, analysing carefully to inform and influence my own composing
- Keep on top of my work and complete tasks set within the timescale given
- Know both SET WORKS in depth and detail, using all notes given and completing additional independent research.
- Produce detailed MINDMAPS for each set work.
- Use specialist vocabulary in my answers, and practice writing about the set works and related Areas of Study regularly.
- Develop my understanding of Music Theory, taking every opportunity to broaden my knowledge and push myself beyond my personal comfort zone – use www.musictheory.net
- Listen regularly to pieces of music that link to the four areas of study and become familiar with other related composers and their works.
- Develop my aural skills, becoming able to accurately notate music that I hear and also being able to analyse aurally and write in some detail in a regular listening diary.