



The John Roan School Sixth Form

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Year 11 Bridging Work for Music (A Level)



Complete Western Art Music Timeline

Create a detailed timeline with images of Western Art Music (sometimes known as Classical but not to be confused with the Classical Era). The link will help you with dates but alongside dates you need to include information on Composers, Musical features, Sociological and historical background.

Link: [Western Music History & Timeline](#)
Time: 90 minutes



Read Terry Riley

A guide to Terry Riley's music. Terry Riley is famous for using minimal ideas and creating pieces of music based on these. Make notes on his compositional techniques.

Link: [Terry Riley's Music](#)
Time: 30 minutes



Listen Composition Techniques

Listen to the pieces below in the links. To some extent, both make use of only one note. Create a bank of ideas about how they do this without the pieces becoming repetitive or boring. You will use these techniques to compose your own piece so ensure that the guide you create is comprehensive.

Link 1: [Musica Ricercata](#) Link 2: [Quattro Pezzi](#)
Time: 45 minutes



Complete Single Note Composition

Choose any note and compose a piece of music using only that note. It may be presented in different octaves and techniques such as note slides may be used but apart from that it must only use one note. Annotate it using any music software programme. The links are to some free ones.

Link: [Noteflight](#), [MuseScore](#), [Maestro](#)
Time: 90 minutes



Read Development of the symphony

Read about the development of the symphony from the early Classical to the late Romantic era.

Using this information, create a list of important works that you will listen to.

Link: [Development of the symphony](#)
Time: 30 minutes



Watch Haydn's Symphony no 104

A YouTube performance of Haydn's Symphony no 104 (one of the set works). Whilst watching the performance, list down all the instruments and performance techniques that you can hear and see.

Link: [Haydn's Symphony no 104](#)
Time: 30 minutes



Complete PowerPoint Presentation

Create a PowerPoint Presentation on Joseph Haydn. This should include:

- Biography
- Music style and features
- Important Works

Wikipedia is a great place to start, but you should utilise more resources than just this.

Link: [Wikipedia](#)
Time: 40 minutes



Watch Climate Change: The Facts

What does music *mean*? Watch the short video below and then write 100-150 words on what music means to you.

Link: [What does music mean?](#)
Time: 30 minutes



Read Music practice techniques

Read and make notes on the article below. What makes effective musical performance practice?
How can you achieve this?

Link: [Ten Practice Tips](#)
Time: 30 minutes



Watch Climate Change: The Facts

Watch Howard Goodall's Story of Music (part 2 of 6): The Age of Invention.
Make notes as you are watching this on the following: - The main musical features of the Baroque era - The timeline of the Baroque era - The composers Handel, Vivaldi and Bach

Link: [The Age of Invention](#)
Time: 60 minutes



Watch Fight The Power: How Hip Hop Change the World

The beats that broke new ground. This 4 part series explores how hip hop emerged from underground New York into a global force for change and empowerment.

Link: [Fight The Power](#)
Time: 4 Episodes, 1 hour each