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A Level Music Summer Work

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Welcome!

We're so pleased you have chosen to study A Level Music at Wyke Sixth Form College. As you will be aware, this is an academically demanding course which will require a good level of musical literacy, a high standard of performance and an ability to grow as a composer throughout the two years.

The course is 40% written exam, 35% performance and 25% composition so there will be a lot of variety in your studies across your time at college.



Summer Work Task

For your Summer work, write 500 words about your favourite classical, film or pop composer.

Your writing should include:

- A short biography of the composer (around 100 words)
- Why they are your favourite composer (around 100 words)
- A case study on one of their pieces/songs with details about how **musical elements** are used (around 250 words)
- A short conclusion (around 50 words)

Musical Elements

The musical elements we look at in A Level Music are:

Melody

Harmony

Tonality

Sonority (Timbre)

Texture

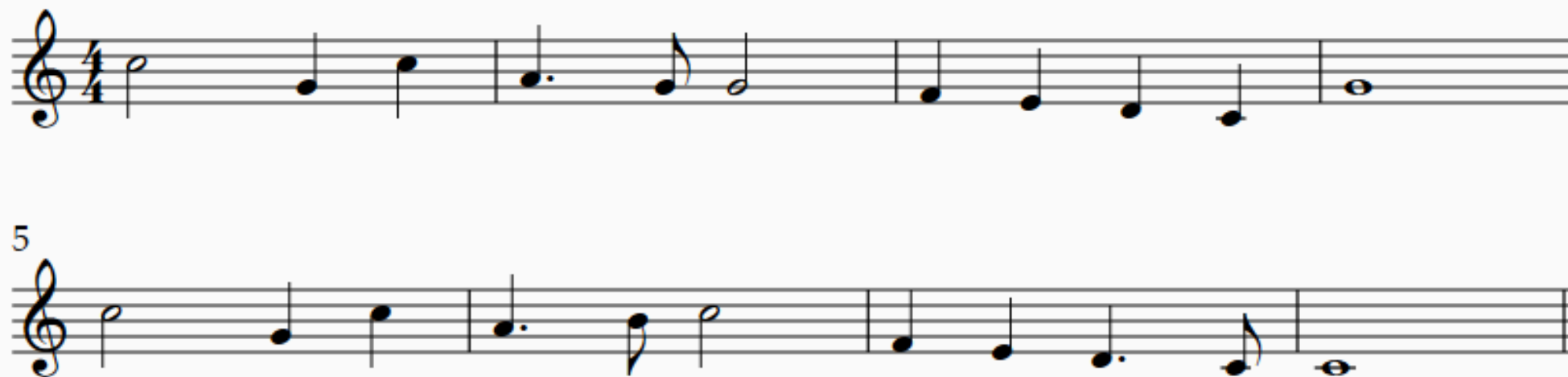
Structure

Tempo, Metre & Rhythm

Dynamics & Articulation

Extension Task

If you want to challenge yourself even further, try to harmonise the following 8-bar melody using conventional harmonic structures. You can write a four-part harmony, or a block chord accompaniment.



How and When to Submit

Either hand-write your 500-word essay or type it up in Microsoft Word.

Either hand-write the harmony task on manuscript or use notation software. Then take a picture or send a PDF.

Send all your work to me via email (sandy.clark@wyke.ac.uk) **by Sunday 28th August.**

Good luck and see you in September!