

FIND YOUR FEET TASK

A LEVEL MUSIC:

TASKS

1. Brush up on basic music theory - rhythm and metre, scales and key signatures and intervals (see websites and online learning materials)
2. Listening and describing work - read through and listen to examples in the glossary (see websites and online learning materials)
3. Music history - read through Short History of Music (see websites and online learning materials)
4. Performance - Have a go and prepare for a performance - you could polish up a piece you are already working on and video it, resurrect an older piece that you really enjoyed or look at the graded lists for the level at which you are currently playing. Listen to the pieces and

RESEARCH

Research the life and music Franz Josef Haydn. You can use the Oxford Music Online Haydn, Haydn Wikipedia article, Classic FM, Philharmonia Haydn introduction, Naxos, BBC introduction, BBC Composer of the Week and Howard Goodall on Haydn. You can then present your work in any way you like. Online, as a poster, a booklet or a leaflet.

Research the biographies and key works of any of the following musical theatre composers: Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Claude-Michel Schonberg, Andrew Lloyd-Webber or Stephen Schwartz.

RECOMMENDED READING

Sion, Colborne, Gardiner, Pankhurst et al (2017) Eduqas AS and A Level Music Study Guide, London: Rhinegold [covers the background information needed for the course – useful but not essential to read before the A level starts]

Winterson and Harris (2014) Music Theory: The Essential Guide London: Faber [if your basic theory is a bit ropy then this is good for making sure you know up to Grade 5 theory stuff]

WEBSITES AND ONLINE LEARNING MATERIALS

[Musictheory.net](https://www.musictheory.net)

Complete the following:

The Basics – all sections

Rhythm and Metre – all sections

Scales and Key Signatures – all sections

Intervals – all sections

The first two lessons from Chords, Diatonic Chords and the first from Chord Progressions would be a bonus

<https://alevelmusic.com/4-short-history-of-music/> - read this as one of the preparation tasks

<https://alevelmusic.com/9-gcse-revision-ridgewood/> - read through and listen to examples in the glossary

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