

23 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 11 Music coursework and examination dates**

We are writing to inform you of the various coursework deadlines and performing exam dates for the music GCSE.

**Performing examinations**

**27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Ensemble performance exam (15% of GCSE)**

Your daughter will be allocated an ensemble performing exam time on one of these days to record her ensemble performance. The performance must last a minimum of 1 minute and total at least 4 minutes with the solo performance. She will need to be practising regularly with the other performers in her ensemble to prepare for this exam.

**29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Solo performance exam (15% of GCSE)**

Your daughter will be allocated a solo performing exam time on one of these days to record her solo performance. The performance must last a minimum of 1 minute and total at least 4 minutes with the ensemble performance. She will need to be practising her piece(s) regularly to be fully prepared for this. If she requires piano accompaniment, she will need to give the accompaniment to Mr Gray in advance and arrange a rehearsal time.

**Composition deadlines**

**Christmas Holidays- 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Deadline for composition 2 (brief composition) to be completed and handed in to Ms O'Reilly. The composition should be at least 1 minute in length, with a combined total of 3 minutes including composition 1.

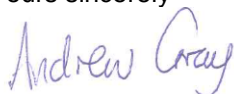
**Easter Holidays- 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Final deadline for both compositions to be submitted to the exam board. The total length of both compositions should be at least 3 minutes.

Our classroom Mu2 is always open at lunchtimes and after school for students to work on compositions and practice rooms are available at lunchtimes and after school for performing rehearsal spaces. We would encourage your daughter to make use of these resources outside lesson times to ensure she can meet all of the deadlines with work of the highest standard.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your daughter prepare for these deadlines.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Music