



A Level Music Summer Tasks

1. Prepare a solo piece on an instrument of your choice to perform to your music teacher.
2. Familiarise yourself with the instruments in the modern orchestra. The Philharmonic website is particularly helpful: <https://philharmonia.co.uk/resources/instruments>.

Complete a table as follows:

Instrument Family	Instrument	Key Features

3. Familiarise yourself with a general history on western classical music. Write down any questions and/or points for thoughts for further discussion in the lessons while watching this lecture: [More About Music: A Brief History of Western Art Music - YouTube](#)

Complete a table as follows:

Period in Western Music History	Example Composers and/or Works	Key Characteristics

IMPORTANT

You will be able to use your knowledge and understanding of your GCSE set works to support your work at A Level. They will be excellent examples for Wider Listening. Keep all your notes and continue to listen to these pieces so you do not forget them!