



# HOMEWORK

MUSIC

BRAMHALL HIGH SCHOOL

**Aim:**

To reinforce the study of music performance, composition, listening, appraising and contextual work that the students undertake in classroom music lessons. Where possible, the aim of tasks set will also be to encourage students to regularly practise their musical instrument (or singing) or be creative using music technology at home. Year 7 students will be required to complete one piece of music homework per month and Year 8 and 9 students will be required to complete one piece of music homework per fortnight. All homework tasks will be set on Classcharts. Details of tasks and deadlines will be viewable on both student and parent accounts. A Year 7 homework task should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete and a Year 8 or 9 homework task should take no longer than 45 minutes to complete.

**Types of regular homework:**

1. Online music quizzes
2. Creating a piece of music using Bandlab or Garageband software ([www.bandlab.com](http://www.bandlab.com))
3. Instrument/singing practise and/or audio recording at home
4. Research Tasks (e.g. using Google search, make a Powerpoint presentation on Mozart...etc)

**Marking and feedback:**

1. Completed online music quizzes will usually “self-mark” and provide instant feedback to the student in the form of a mark out of 10 or percentage. Students may also get the opportunity to improve their mark by having more attempts.
2. Students’ who submit Bandlab/Garageband pieces will receive teacher feedback on how to improve their work but individual pieces will not be graded.
3. Students’ who submit instrument/singing practise audio recordings will receive teacher feedback on how to improve their work but individual recordings will not be graded.
4. Students’ who submit research task Powerpoints will receive teacher feedback on how to improve their work but individual tasks will not be graded.

**Recommended wider reading:**

1. BBC Bitesize KS3 Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82>
2. Music and How It Works: The Complete Guide For Kids - DK  
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Music-How-Works-Complete-Guide/dp/0241411602/>
3. Arts and Music: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Arts-Music-Black-History-Lyndon-Cohen-ebook/dp/B08DCYKKPX/>
4. A History of Music For Children <https://www.amazon.co.uk/History-Music-Children-Mary-Richards/dp/0500652473/>
5. Step Up To GCSE Music: Get Up To Speed with Staff Notation and the core requirements in just two weeks –  
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Step-Up-GCSE-Music-Requirements/dp/1785581759/>