



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

Music Technology A Level
Edexcel 9MTO

Purpose of task:

To help prepare you for A-Level Music Technology, you are going to undertake a short research project.

History of Popular Music Playlist

Create your own 'Popular Music Playlist' by selecting a song you like from each decade (from 1910 up to the current day).

Listen to as many different styles and genres as possible over the summer, and try to go out of your comfort zone.

For each song, complete the following:

Song Name

Artist / Group

Date Released

Genre

Musical features (approximately 150 – 200 words for each)

What you most like about it (approximately 80 words)

A web link to YouTube (or similar) so we can hear it

Recommended resources:

The Web

<http://musicmap.info/>

<http://everynoise.com/engenremap.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/music/interactive/2011/jun/11/history-modern-music-timeline>

Additional information:

- You should ideally type your answer and email it to btrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net by the deadline. In the subject of the email, write "Completed Summer Task from insert your name".

Recommended reading & activities list:

- Please fully explore the website links found in the recommended resources section above.

Required Stationery and Equipment for A Level Music Technology

You should arrive in September with the following materials:

- Pen, pencil, rubber, ruler
- A strong A4 ring binder (4-5cm depth - no need for lever arch yet)
- A set of 10 file dividers
- A USB storage stick (8GB or more) (available from school library if necessary)

Essential Resources

I would like you to purchase the following book which will be used regularly:

Music Technology From Scratch – Mortimer Rhind-Tutt (approximately £20.00)

Paperback: 144 pages

Publisher: Rhinegold Publishing (30 Nov. 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1906178860

ISBN-13: 978-1906178864

Things to Consider Throughout the Year

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 14th September 2026