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Dear Parent,

As we approach the second year of the GCSE Music course, students need to be preparing for the Practical coursework. I will be recording and marking the first practical piece of coursework in October, before the half term break. The second piece will be recorded before the half term break in February.

The Practical requirements are as follows:

To perform a minimum of **two pieces**, one of which must be an **ensemble (group) performance of at least one minute duration**. The other piece may be a solo and/or ensemble. The **total recording time should be between 4 – 6 minutes**. One of the pieces performed must be linked to an Area of Study of the student's choice. These are the Areas of Study:

Musical Forms and Devices

Music for Ensemble

Film Music

Popular Music

Students should be aware that if they do not meet the minimum of recording 4 minutes of music, a penalty will be applied, and the final mark will be reduced. **The sheet music for all pieces performed has to be provided when the piece is being recorded.**

If your son/daughter has an instrumental/singing private lesson, I would be grateful if you would share the contents of this letter with their teacher. I am happy for private teachers to perform with their students.

How you can support your son/daughter to achieve success in this subject:

- Encourage them to revise thoroughly for the regular tests that we do in class
- Encourage then to practice regularly in preparation for the practical recordings during the next academic year

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- Encourage them to attend extra lunchtime/after school sessions to complete the Composition coursework

Should you require any further information or have any questions about the GCSE Music course, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

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