

Year 11 into 12 Summer Holiday Bridging Task for Music – Longdean School

A significant part of the Music course is based around performance. This involves developing your own skills, practising and then performing. As part of the performance you will be considering – accuracy, fluency, attention to detail, creation of the atmosphere of a performance, connection with the audience, use of equipment, etc.

As such, we would like you to:

- 1) Go to see a live music performance and make detailed notes about it on 2 sides of A4, in bullet point form. These notes should tell us the venue, the names of the musicians or band, a drawing of the stage layout (note whether it changed depending upon the song or the musicians that were taking leading roles), key moments in the concert (explaining why), the genre, the style, the use of lighting, the use of any special effects (pedals etc.)

Please attach the ticket to the front of the notes if you have it! {if you aren't able to get to a live performance, then watching a video performance is OK – but live is better}

- 2) Write a review of up to 1000 words, answering the following question:
“Explain how one or more musician (s) used effective instrumental or vocal techniques in their performance, in one live production that you have seen, and assess their success in doing so at particular moments”.

Consider the following when writing your reviews:

1) Accuracy of Performance

Confidence, good physical co-ordination, fluency, accuracy (timing, tone, intonation, dynamics and tempo) and rhythmic control.

2) The way the meaning of the music is conveyed:

Confidence, authority, musicality, dynamics, expression, phrasing, detail and control of timing and tempo

3) The way musicians worked together (if appropriate):

Communicating with other players, musical connectivity and ‘tightness’, eye contact, sensitivity to sensible dynamics, tempo and rhythmic control, tone production and volume control.

Enjoy the experience, and we look forward to seeing you in September and reading your reviews. Please remember, any musical experience you can listen to is valuable... you don't have to go to a big event. There will be plenty of smaller events around Dacorum this summer that you can go to, to watch live music.