

Music A Level

One of the key skills within Music A Level is in putting music into some kind of context. The actual music that you will study ranges from the start of the Classical period, through the Romantic period into the 20th century and through to the present day. However, it must be remembered that all music builds on what has come before it.

So - listen to as much music as possible, putting it into context with a little bit of research. Following a score will be a useful skill also.

Start off by listening to all the pieces listed below and perhaps make just a few bullet point notes, covering some of these ideas:

- When was it written and by whom? (and in which musical period)
- Who performs the pieces (is it an orchestra, or an unaccompanied choir etc?)
- Why was it written? Where was it first performed?
- Is it interesting or innovative in any way? (Why, indeed, have I chosen this piece?)

NAME OF PIECE	LINK TO RECORDING	LINK TO SCORE	Notes
Ubi caritas plainchant	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_QE_P-RHYLY	On the Youtube video	Find out a little bit about Gregorian plainchant, rather than this piece in particular
Ubi Caritas (Ola Gjeilo)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1_p6l45Dkw	Not available	
Haydn String Quartet op 76 no 2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWLrHydXav0	http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/f/ff/IMSLP28078-PMLP57211-Op76No2.pdf	
Webern String Quartet op28	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5r29_vMzRF8	On the Youtube video	
Danse Macabre (Saint-Saens)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyknBTm_YyM	http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/c/c7/IMSLP21204-PMLP05008-Saint-Saëns_-_Danse_Macabre,_Op._40_(orch._score).pdf	
Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture (Tchaikovsky)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od7gx3Dc-U	http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/9/9b/IMSLP17106-Tchaikovsky_-_Romeo_and_Juliet_-_Eulenburg.pdf	
In the Mood (Glenn Miller)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vOUYry_5Nw	Not available	
Misty (sung by Johnny Mathis)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EM1Fqi7JiQQ	Not available	Compare this to the next version...
Misty (performed by Castle Street Quartet)	https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_lqyfisDHOMaHNadzJfZEIDdJg/view?usp=sharing	Not available	Compare this to the previous version..
Beethoven Symphony no. 3	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnxT4S6wQf4&feature=emb_logo	http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/a/a6/IMSLP52766-PMLP02581-Beethoven_Werke_Breitkopf_Serie_1_No_3_Op_55.pdf	

