



# Year 11 Preparation for Study at Loreto College

## SUBJECT

Music



## QUALIFICATION

A Level



## PREPARATION TASKS



Practice your instrument/voice! You will be asked to perform a piece at an audition during enrolment, so now is the perfect time to spend developing your performance skills and/or learning new repertoire. You could download a free app (like A Capella), to practice playing along with yourself.

Write some music. You could write some music to reflect what's happening in the world at the moment, either from your own personal perspective, or as some kind of reaction to what others are going through. For example some music to express thanks to the NHS. Some of the composing software you might be familiar with at school is being offered for free at the moment.

## RESEARCH



Development of the Symphony: Research and listen to the symphonies of Johann Stamitz and Joseph Haydn - they wrote over 150 between them! Research what their most well-known symphonies are and how their styles changed over time and how they influenced other composers.

Musical Theatre. We will be studying musicals by 6 composers: Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Claude Michel Schonberg, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Stephen Schwartz. Research which are their most famous musicals/songs and which ones you have heard of and might even have performed. Find a song from ones of these and learn to play or sing it. Many of these musicals are being streamed at the moment too.

## RECOMMENDED READING



[Haydn Symphonies](#)

[Haydn Symphonies \(YouTube\)](#)

[Stamitz Symphonies \(YouTube\)](#)

[Music Theory](#)

## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES



Free music software:

- [Sibelius First](#)
- [Steinberg Cubase](#)
- [Logic \(Mac only\)](#)

Streaming Musicals:

- [Broadway HD](#)
- [The Shows Must Go On \(YouTube\)](#)

**This research work is really useful to do, as it will help you to explore your options for college study. Please be aware that agreed courses will be finalised at enrolment after students have been awarded their GCSE results.**