

# A LEVEL MUSIC @ BHASVIC

## TWO SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS 2017

Over the summer I'd like you to complete two short tasks that will help you prepare for your **A1 MUSIC** course:

### TASK ONE

Choose two **contrasting** pieces that you like to perform, (you can choose solo music and/or music you play in an ensemble e.g. duet, rock band, orchestra etc.) and write about **300 words** on **each piece** commenting on the following areas:

- ⊙ The instrument(s) the piece was written for
- ⊙ The style / genre / composer of the piece
- ⊙ When the piece was written (if known)
- ⊙ Why you like to play the piece
- ⊙ Find, and give, the links to two different performances of the piece that you have listened to to help you with your own interpretation of the piece. Indicate which of these two performances you prefer and why
- ⊙ Any other interesting information about the piece.

**Please note:** In September, you'll **perform** to your **MUSIC** classmates, **one** of the pieces you've chosen to write about. (You'll be performing sometime in the first three weeks of term, starting from your **second** music lesson.)

### TASK TWO

Research the lives of the following two musicians:

Joseph Haydn

Louis Armstrong

Write about **300 words** on **each musician** giving details of:

- ⊙ **when and where** (which country) **he lived**
- ⊙ **what his nationality was**
- ⊙ **the style(s) that he composed and/or performed in**
- ⊙ **two pieces that he composed and/or performed.**

Please bring your completed work for **both tasks** to your **first music lesson** in September.

Thanks.

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