

BTEC 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 BTEC 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, choir 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 differences between Major and Independent record labels:

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

- ⊙ the main differences between a Major and an Independent label
- ⊙ list three job roles (and their responsibilities) found within both
- ⊙ the pros / cons of being signed to either for an artist or band
- ⊙ two examples (names) of each type of record label and when they started
- ⊙ 2 examples of bands / artists signed to both types of label

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

Thanks.

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