

Transition Project

MUSIC



Ensemble Performance

Task 1: Ensemble Skills

Almost all musicians spend a great deal of time of their musical lives performing as part of an ensemble (bands/orchestras/choirs etc), whether they are professional or amateur musicians. To be a successful ensemble musician, especially a professional musician, there are many aspects you need to develop.

Research and investigate the skills you need to be a successful ensemble musician. These could be practical skills (skills you need to develop individually and collectively) and aspects that are not directly musical e.g. organisational skills and business skills.

You may present this in essay form or as a detailed list with explanations for all of your points.

Task 2: Ensemble in Focus

Select a musical ensemble of any genre that you consider to have been successful over a sustained period of time. This could be a band, orchestra or any other type of ensemble.

Complete a critical analysis (review) of why you think your chosen ensemble has been successful. Try to refer your analysis/review to the ensemble skills you listed for task 1.

You should spend roughly 3-5 hours on the above tasks.

If you have any questions or need any support with your transition work, please contact your subject teacher using the email address below.

We hope you enjoy the tasks and look forward to welcoming you to Glossopdale Sixth Form in September.