

## Section 2 - Connect with your University



### Reading List – Music

It has been an unprecedented year for us all and we have encountered some significant challenges, but it is now time for us to start looking forward to the future. You have all worked extremely hard throughout the course and should be very proud of what you have achieved. The progress you have all made in your journey as musicians is phenomenal and will stay with you forever and we are very privileged to have been a part of that journey with you all.

Many of you have now completed your composition coursework and have made final submissions of your work to us. Your continued efforts on completing examination-style questions and revision activities for the course over the past few weeks have also been exemplary, and we thank you for your efforts. However, now that we have entered the Summer Term, it is important for you to prioritise your time in preparation for what lies ahead.

For those of you going on to higher education, the best use of your time now will be to access any reading lists for your chosen course and spend time becoming familiar with the course content. Give yourself the best possible start by becoming independent researchers in your chosen subject and if there is a practical element involved, practise as much as you can to improve your skills. Links to reading lists for some of your university choices are below:

<https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/reading-lists/music-reading-list>

<https://www.lipa.ac.uk/Courses/music-songwriting-and-performance-ba>

Also take time to brush up on your Music Theory skills. You can test your current ability and take further lessons on <https://www.mymusictheory.com/> which offers lessons for the ABRSM syllabus.

If your destination is secure, find out as much as you can about where you are going. Check out the accommodation (if applicable), get to know people via secure chat rooms, join clubs and societies and throw yourself into student life wholeheartedly (including brushing up on your culinary skills...!) If not, keep an open mind and research your back-up plan(s) as much as you can. Be prepared for different scenarios and last-minute changes – you never know what is around the corner!

If higher education isn't for you, now is the perfect time to prepare for your next step. Figure out what is important to you in life and research opportunities to make this happen. Brush up your CV, apply for positions, take interviews and find out what's right for you.

Whatever path you have chosen for next year, remember that the school Careers Team are there to support you with the transition. Please contact them if you need advice or have any questions regarding your destinations. Of course, if there are any Music-related questions, we will be happy to help you also!

It has genuinely been a pleasure to teach you and we wish you the very best of luck. We know that you will all go far. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

Best wishes from Mrs Chambers and Ms Adams.