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## Music

The following is a list of activities you may like to do during your summer holidays, in preparation for studying A Level Music.

Your GCSE or BTEC course at school will have provided you with some valuable experience of performing, composing and listening.

On the A Level course these skills will be dramatically developed, so it is as well that you keep your musical wits sharp!

Aural perception is an examined skill on the A Level course, so what are your listening skills like? Here are some useful links which will put you through some paces:

- [www.auralworkshop.com/index.htm](http://www.auralworkshop.com/index.htm)
- [www.good-ear.com](http://www.good-ear.com)

You will have to do some sort of composition work also: like any creative craft, you need some technical know-how, and the skills to put this into good meaningful practice. So, do you know your key-signatures, your dominant from a mediant, all about transposing instruments? Use these links to investigate the fundamentals of how music works:

- [www.musictheory.net](http://www.musictheory.net)
- <http://library.thinkquest.org/15413/theory/theory.htm>
- [www.musictheory.org.uk](http://www.musictheory.org.uk)
- <http://musictheoryblog.blogspot.co.uk>

You will study a major work on the course: at present this is Haydn Symphony No.104 in D.

