

BTEC Music Transition Tasks, Summer 2021

1) Record a 4-8 minute performance of yourself. This is likely to be 1-3 songs. The music can include any or a mixture of:

- A solo performance on any instrument
- A solo performance on any instrument with a backing track
- Yourself singing and playing an instrument to accompany yourself
- A group performance using other people, as well as yourself, who have sent you recordings of themselves and you have put them together using a software.
- A group performance with 1 or more members of your family with whom you are isolating
- An improvisation
- Your own composition, which you are also performing

Part of the challenge here is being able to make a recording and send it to me. The easiest way to do this is using **Teams**, as it is better with larger files than email. Good luck, and let me know if you need help with the technical aspect of this.

2) Write a letter to Arts Council England asking for a grant of £2000. You intend to use this money to put on a large community event in West Bromwich. I have outlined the details of the event below. Your letter needs to:

- use *formal, professional* language
- be structured to include all of the information in a clear and informative way
- use persuasive language to try and prove that you deserve the £2000 and that it will be money well spent.
- Aim for at least 600 words, if you can.

Details of the event	<p>You are organising this as part of a team of 3 people</p> <p>You will be putting on 8 hours of music, from midday-8pm</p> <p>The event will be a big summer festival, held in a field on the outskirts of West Bromwich</p> <p>You will have the venue for free and it includes space for parking</p> <p>You will have one music stage, which will have lots of performances by local children, young people and musicians from West Bromwich. Then, from 4pm you will have some bigger, headline acts.</p> <p>The event is aimed at families.</p> <p>You are charging an entry fee of £2 / adult £1 / child to add to the funds.</p> <p>You are expecting around 1000 people to attend.</p> <p>The Arts Council money will be used for stage and sound hire and to pay for the headline acts.</p> <p>You have also received money from Sandwell Council, which is paying for portaloos.</p> <p>Food, drink and merchandise stands are paying to come and sell their products.</p>
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3) Compose some music which is inspired by a theme of 'Connection'. This can include

- Song lyrics
- Song lyrics and melody
- Song and accompaniment (on guitar / piano)
- Solo for an instrument
- A multi-layered composition

Aim to create at least 30 seconds of music, write it down or record it and send it to me. If you are able to work with notation, please do write your music down using that, ie TAB, drum notation, staff notation, chord labelling etc. If you do not know how to use notation, just write your music down however makes sense to you.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. You can do this on **Teams** or via my email address. elisabeth.neal@phoenix.sandwell.sch.uk