



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to give you information about how you can support your child in their preparation for Music GCSE.

As you are aware, students have to produce a musical performance as part of the GCSE Music course. Each student will have to record a performance that lasts for a minimum of 1 minute and 30 seconds. This can be either a solo performance or they may choose to perform as part of an ensemble. The final performance recording will account for 30% of their GCSE Music grade and the more students practise, the higher their chances of achieving a good grade.

In order for your child to be successful in this section of the course, they will need to ensure that they have a regular practise routine. They should be practising for a minimum of 20 minutes, five times each week.

There will be a mock performance recording within the first two weeks of September and your child will need to be fully prepared for this. Afterwards each student will receive detailed feedback on their performance and what they will need to do to improve.

We would very much appreciate your support in encouraging daily instrumental / vocal practise as this will greatly support your child's success in the performance aspect of GCSE Music. The summer holidays are the perfect time to embed a daily practise routine. Instrumental and vocal practise produces results but these take time, however, any time spent practising is time well spent and will support students in achieving their goals.

If you have any questions concerning instruments, performance pieces or any aspect of GCSE Music, please do not hesitate to contact us on either [cwalden@tdms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:cwalden@tdms.worcs.sch.uk) or [njones@tdms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:njones@tdms.worcs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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