

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 GCSE Music Key Dates and information

I am writing to inform you of some key dates coming up for our GCSE Music students over the next half term.

Solo Performance Exam

Our students will be performing in their solo exam week beginning **Monday 24th March 2025**.

Students have been working on these pieces with their instrumental or vocal teachers over the last term. Please help us support your child by encouraging lots of practice at home for this. We heard some outstanding performances last term and are looking forward to listening to their final performance pieces.

Instrumental/vocal Lessons

You may have had notification from Essex Music Hub that you need to give notice for your child's instrumental or vocal lessons to end.

The funding from the school for their GCSE finishes at the end of the spring term to allow them to take their final performance exam.

After this time students may continue with lessons, but these will need to be solely funded by parents.

If your child is intending to continue studying music, either for A level or other further qualifications, or they wish to continue instrumental tuition post 16 then we recommend they continue lessons in school for the summer term.

If you wish for the lessons to continue, please be aware that your child may miss some due to GCSE exam scheduling, which the teacher may not be able to make up.

Please email Miss Theedom if you wish your child to continue with their lessons on eth@gilberd.com. You do not need to give notice to Essex Music Hub for this, we will notify them.

Revision

Revision has now started in curriculum lessons, and we will continue to offer focused support on a Friday week A after school from 15:20 to 16:20.

We will shortly publish a programme of revision sessions so that students can balance this around other subjects.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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