



Dear parent/guardian

## A level music anthology

An important part of the AS and A level music course entails the study of musical history and analysis. To this end Edexcel publishes its own *New Anthology of Music*, containing various examples of music from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present day.

Certain examples will be studied in detail, and others will be referred to in a variety of contexts. This involves extensive marking and annotation of the scores, which unfortunately renders them unusable by succeeding students. We therefore ask you to consider the following options:

- Buying the book outright. Although it is quite expensive at £27, it has over sixty substantial musical extracts and represents very good value for money. It will be used for both years.
- Borrowing the book free of charge from the department, which will mean that no marks of any kind may be made in the book, which would make revision much more difficult.

We should be grateful if you would let us know as soon as possible which option you wish to take. We know only too well what an expensive business music can be, and would stress that nearly all other study materials will be supplied by the department in the form of booklets and handouts. Students who wish to purchase a copy of the anthology should take their payment to the Finance Office, where they will be issued with a receipt (cheques payable to King Edward VI College). We ask that you decide and make a payment by the end of **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** so that we can order the books as soon as possible.

We hope your daughter/son settles down quickly and enjoys their time at King Edward's. If you have any queries about the anthology or any other aspects of the course, please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time. We look forward to welcoming you to a concert before too long – students have already been given the dates!

Yours sincerely

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