

Syllabus update

Cambridge IGCSE Music – Teachers' Guide to Set Works and the World Focus 0410 (for examination in 2017)

We have updated this syllabus. The latest syllabus is version 2, published April 2015.

Changes have been made to page 1, Antonio Vivaldi (1678 – 2741), 1 Background, first paragraph:

Vivaldi was born and spent much of his life in the Italian city of Venice. His father was an accomplished violinist and Vivaldi was taught by him, becoming a virtuoso performer. Vivaldi was ordained as a priest in 1703, but did not say mass more than a few times, due to a chest complaint (possibly asthma). His ordination and the colour of his hair led to the nickname 'the red priest'. Also in 1703 Vivaldi began a long association with the *Ospedale della Pietà*, an orphanage for girls. Here he was employed initially as Master of Violin, teaching the girls and composing music for them to perform. Vivaldi also travelled within Europe, due to the popularity of his music. However, his career declined in the 1730s and he died in Vienna in 1741 in poverty.