



Board Exams – Spring Term 2021

To be completed by the Ealing Music Service Teacher			
Name of Student:		Instrument:	
Board		Exam Title & Grade	
EMS Teacher:		Email	

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's instrument/singing teacher has recommended that they be offered the opportunity to take a graded practical music examination. Graded instrumental examinations are useful in providing a measure of progress, motivation, and to develop self-confidence. They also support pupils who wish to take part in Orchestras and Ensembles who will expect members to have achieved entry standards, and are recognised as equivalent to GCSE and A Levels.

Your child's teacher will have explained to them how the exam works in terms of the pieces they need to learn, scales, etc. and what will be involved in preparing for the exam.

Under normal circumstances exams are held in person ('face-to-face') at local examination centres, however during the COVID lockdown period the Exam Boards have decided for exams to be held online using pre-recorded performances. This can include the use of pre-recorded backing tracks in place of an instrumental accompanist where needed (your child's teacher will advise on this).

Entering Exams

Online exams are entered by the child's parent or carer via the exam board website. The basic cost of the exam is shown in the table below. These fees are paid when making the exam entry through the exam board website.

Board	Prep	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ABRSM	£40	£44	£50	£58	£63	£69	£80	£85	£101
Trinity	£38	£43	£47	£52	£59	£66	£73	£81	£91

Please note that the recordings to be submitted will have to be made in the home setting as we are unable to provide in-school support, even for those children who are attending school through the lockdown period.

For more information visit the EMS website at www.ealingmusicservice.com/exams and scroll down to the section headed **Exam Arrangements for the Spring Term, January – March 2021**. If you have any questions please liaise with your child's EMS teacher – they will be pleased to advise.

Regards,

Ealing Music Service