

Music Medal Exams

Dear parents/guardians

Your child has recently been working towards a Music Medal exam during their brass lessons. I am sending this letter and consent form to you now as your child will soon be ready to take the exam.

A Music Medal exam is a formal exam accredited within the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and run by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM).

During the exam your child will first play an ensemble piece, followed by a solo piece and then a short piece of sight-reading. The exam is video recorded and is assessed by myself. The recording is then sent to the ABRSM for moderation before a certificate, comments sheet and "medal" is awarded.

Music Medals (and Grade exams) are a formal recognition of the pupil's ability and provide a series of goals to work towards as they progress. Music Medals are in 5 stages (Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) and children normally would have been playing for some years before reaching the highest level.

Does the exam need to be video recorded?

Yes. The model of assessment for these exams is through video recording. This way my judgements on your child's ability are checked by the ABRSM moderators so that standards required are consistent across the country. In order for your child to take the exam you must sign the consent form. The ABRSM are an experienced worldwide exam authority and all safeguarding issues have been given proper consideration. In addition, as your child's teacher, I have undergone DBS checks, received child protection training and have done the relevant ABRSM training to assess the exams.

The price of a Music Medal in 2018 is:

Copper	£12.00
Bronze	£16.00
Silver	£21.00
Gold	£25.00
Platinum	£30.00

Parents pay for the exam by purchasing a 'token' (see link on next page). Please then carefully copy the 'token code' onto the consent form. Once I have subsequently entered your child for the exam we have 6 weeks to record it. Unlike a grade exam, if your child makes too many mistakes in the first 2 parts we can stop the recording and have another go, perhaps taking a few weeks to finally get there. To pass the exam your child will need to pass both the first 2 parts. If I am confident they have done so then I will give them the final part (the sight-reading) but we can then no longer stop and have another go.

Should you require any further information, please or contact me or look at the ABRSM website - www.musicmedals.org.

Best wishes



Adrian Taylor

ABRSM Music Medal Consent Form

Please complete using block capitals and return to Adrian Taylor

Music Medal tokens can be purchased at
<http://gb.abrsm.org/en/exam-booking/music-medals/music-medals-tokens/>

Child's Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Clef: _____

School: _____

Token Code: _____

Medal: Copper Bronze Silver Gold Platinum

I consent to a video-recording of my child being made for the purpose of a Music Medal assessment.

I understand that the purpose of this video-recording is the moderation of the assessment by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) and that a small selection of the recordings will also be archived.

I confirm that the copyright of the video-recording of Music Medal assessments passes to ABRSM.

Signed (parent/guardian): _____

Name (Please PRINT): _____

Date: ____/____/____