

Music Performance in Bands Information

The official **Ofqual** regulated '**Music Performance in Bands**' qualification launched in 2022.

It is accredited by **Trinity College London** and **exclusively delivered by Rocksteady**.

What is the qualification and who is it for? It's an exam and pressure free music qualification, which children gain by learning at their own pace in their weekly Rocksteady lessons. It's all included in the programme, at no extra cost to parents or schools.

How does it work? Your band leader follows children's progress in lessons and performances and assesses when they have built up enough skills to be awarded the qualification.

The skills covered include **instrument**, **musicianship**, and **performance** skills within a band setting.

Who is the qualification open to? It's open to every child across all year groups. They just need to have been with Rocksteady for at least a term of lessons. If a child has only just joined, they will start building up their skills straight away in preparation for progressing to the qualification when they are eligible.

How does grading work?

There are four grades of qualification which are available. The level a child receives will depend on how long they have been with Rocksteady and their experience level. This official qualification is a great way to celebrate all their achievements, no matter what stage they are at and complements the additional benefits to confidence, wellbeing and social skills that children enjoying as part of the programme.

There are four different grades to the qualification:

- **Pre-initial**
- **Initial**
- **Grade 1**
- **Grade 2**

Each grade has slightly different learning and assessment criteria. To find out more visit:

[Music Performance in Bands Qualification Resource](#)



Over 6,500 children successfully gained the 'Music Performance in Bands' qualification, during its launch year. That's more than the total number of pupils who took A Level music in the UK in 2022!