

GROUP EXAMS FOR ROCK & POP BANDS

Rock & Pop Group exams are the ideal way for bands to get recognition for their skills as a group of performers.

Why Rock & Pop exams from Trinity College London?

Bands choose the music to make up their set list for the exam. In each songbook from Initial to Grade 5 there is at least one song that is common across all instruments at each grade. This means that each individual part is the same level of difficulty for all instruments. At Foundation and Intermediate level, bands must include at least one of these songs, but the rest of the set list is a free choice. Advanced exams are completely free choice but songs should be at the same level as Rock & Pop Grade 8. At all levels, bands can include their own original songs or cover versions of songs to demonstrate their unique sounds and identity.

Group exams are assessed across the same areas as solo Rock & Pop exams – fluency and musical detail, technical control and communication and style, but bands are also awarded a mark for presentation skills.

Presentation skills takes into account the band's programme planning, promo pack and stagecraft. Marks are awarded for how well the set list is planned and balanced and how well the band presents themselves as a professional group of performers, as well as their promo pack which can include photos, biographies, and any other information they wish to include.

Who are they for?

Available at three levels, these certificate exams are designed for all sorts of bands and can include a full line-up of bass, drums, guitar, keyboards and vocals. However, any band formed of two or more musicians may enter for a Rock & Pop Group exam.



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