

Band Exams – Updated



The Rockscool band performs Grade 3's 'Overrated' in our video

Band Exams are a great way to help students get additional grades for playing guitar, bass or drums in a group

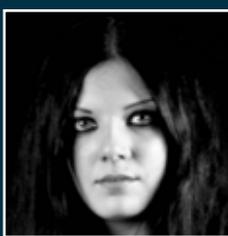
Playing in a band is an essential part of the rock and pop experience – from Led Zeppelin at London's O2 arena to jamming at home with your friends. Our Band Exams offer students the opportunity to turn all those hours spent in band practice into accredited qualifications – in addition to those earned individually from our Guitar, Bass and Drums grade books. This makes them perfect for school bands practising during their lunch hours and teachers organising end-of-term concerts.

Rockscool's groundbreaking grade exams for guitar, bass and drums launched in 1992 and featured Band Exams alongside the individual instrumental grades.

Our 2012–2018 syllabus is our best sounding yet and is full of specially written pieces that students will love to play. Our Guitar, Bass and Drums grade books contain the same songs at Grades 3, 5 & 8, so that all the parts are at the same standard. Band members can learn their parts individually before practising and performing the pieces as a group.

Band Exams are Performance Certificates where groups perform five pieces from our

Band Aid



Rockscool bassist Becky Baldwin shares her top tip for playing in a group...

"The most important aspect of playing in a band is being aware of the other musicians' parts – to understand how they work together melodically and rhythmically. This enables musicians to listen out for cues within the song that make the structure easier to follow."

grade books or up to three free choice pieces. There are no other tests or exercises in the exam. Each band member has the opportunity to improvise during the exam, lending yet more real world skills to our examinations. Successful candidates at Grade 8 will attain 55–75 UCAS points for their efforts.

Our graded pieces are now available to download individually by instrument as PDF and audio bundles for £2.99 from musicroom.com. So, for example, if you own the Guitar Grade 3 book you could supplement this with the Bass and Drums pieces rather than pay the full price of the Bass and Drums Grade 3 books. It's an ideal way to try Rockscool's new syllabus **and** our Band Exams.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit the [Band Exams](http://www.rockschool.co.uk) page on our website, www.rockschool.co.uk, for more information on Band Exams, including how to apply. Alternatively, contact us on 0845 460 4747 if you are calling from within the UK or (0)20 8843 8220 if you are calling from overseas.