

Why take a music exam?

‘Enjoyment through achievement’ is a phrase that sums up the philosophy, and earning a Royal Conservatory of Music certificate is a rewarding experience and a significant achievement. If you are working hard to make progress with your music, you need some way of measuring your success and reassurance that you are on the right road.

These are some of the things that music exams offer:

- motivation and inspiration, working from a carefully structured syllabus towards a definite goal
- a measure of personal progress and attainment against internationally recognized benchmarks
- an objective guide to improve your musical skills
- assessment by a respected and independent musician who has been highly trained and is constantly monitored
- sympathetic encouragement
- performance opportunities
- a real sense of achievement

Of course, music exams do not suit everyone and exam syllabuses are not intended to provide a complete curriculum or choice of repertoire to the exclusion of all other music. All performers should explore a wide range of music to stimulate their interest and refresh their outlook.