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How long do exams take?

Our exams are designed to give all candidates enough time to show their potential in the exam room. Below you'll find the exam timings, which you should take into account if organising a visit. Exams don't normally begin before 9.00am or end later than 5.30pm.

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Music Medals regulations

Syllabus corrections and clarifications

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Syllabus updates

Prerequisite for Grades 6-8

Graded music exam marking criteria

Music Theory marking criteria: Grades 1-5

Music Theory marking criteria: Grades 6-8

Jazz marking criteria

ARSM assessment and marking

	Practical				Music Theory
	Keyboard subjects	Singing	Harp and Organ	All other subjects	
Prep Test	10 mins	10 mins	-	12 mins	-
Grade 1*	12 mins	13 mins	17 mins	12 mins	90 mins
Grades 2 & 3*	12 mins	15 mins	19 mins	14 mins	90 mins
Grades 4 & 5*	15 mins	15 mins	22 mins	17 mins	120 mins



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Music Medals assessment criteria					
Exam regulation and UCAS points					
Qualification Specifications	Grade 6				
Obtaining exam music	20 mins	20 mins	25 mins	20 mins	180 mins
Scale speeds					
Exam timings	Grade 7				
Syllabus overlap information	25 mins	25 mins	30 mins	25 mins	180 mins
Syllabus FAQ	Grade 8				
Diploma FAQ	30 mins	30 mins	35 mins	30 mins	180 mins
	ARSM				
	40 mins	40 mins	40 mins	40 mins	-
	Performance Assessment				
	15 mins	15 mins	20 mins	15 mins	-

* NB an additional three minutes is applied to Jazz exams.

Ensembles		
	Instrumental/Vocal & Jazz	Choral Singing
Primary/Initial Ensembles	17 mins	20 mins
Intermediate Ensembles	23 mins	22 mins
Advanced Ensembles	30 mins	25 mins



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