



ROCKSCHOOL

An 8 week course designed to prepare students in the material covered in the Rockscool graded study books for guitar and bass. By the end of the course, you should be able to perform all aspects of the grade competently and feel confident when entering an exam.

WEEK 1	Overview of course material to be studied, expectations and progress targets. Demonstration of course elements by tutor. Begin scales.
WEEK 2	Warm up with scales, work on tune 1
WEEK 3	Warm up with scales, work on tune 2
WEEK 4	Review tunes, continue technical exercises
WEEK 5	Warm up with scales, work on tune 3
WEEK 6	Develop Sight reading strategies, begin aural skills
WEEK 7	Review tunes, discuss musicianship topics.
WEEK 8	Review 3 tunes, technical exercises, sight reading, aural skills and musicianship topics.

EXPECTATIONS

These courses are designed to give you the skills necessary to work independently through all of the study areas at each grade, even if at the end of the course you are not quite ready to take an exam you will have gained valuable knowledge and experience needed to prepare for future exam periods: however to make the most of each session please allow adequate practice time. Course tutors are always there to help you with any aspect of the study material you may find difficult.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Whilst we will endeavour to answer all of your queries here, please feel free to ask our tutors anything else you may need to know.

WHAT IS ROCKSCHOOL?

Rockschool are graded books offering QCA (qualifications and curriculum authorities) accredited exams in guitar, bass, drums, piano and vocals. Musictech are currently offering courses in guitar and bass. The book and CD contain everything needed to play guitar or bass in each grade. In the book you will find the exam scores in both standard notation and tablature. The accompanying CD has full stereo mixes of each tune, backing tracks and tuning notes. If you would like to find out more visit their website www.rockschool.co.uk.

The nine Rockschool grade are divided into four levels

- Debut level introduction
- Level 1 grade 1, 2 & 3
- Level 2 grade 4 & 5
- Level 3 grade 6, 7 & 8

Musictech are currently offering courses in grade 1, 3 & 5

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN TAKING THE EXAM?

All the information you need to enter the exam can be found either on the rockschool website, detailed in the books or explained to you during your chosen course (taking an exam can stressful so you should enter only when you feel ready)

There are two types of exam that can be taken, a graded exam and a performance exam. During the course you will be preparing for the graded exam which involves a combination of performing songs, technical exercises and theory questions.

Exams are held at various sites around the country and follow three set periods through the year. Musictech Rockschool courses do not necessarily follow these periods so you are free to choose to take the exam when you feel you are ready. You can ask your tutor for advice and for information on exam awareness sessions.

The examinations correspond to the levels of the National Qualifications framework (NQF) further details about the NQF can be found at www.qca.org.uk/NQF Details of all Rockschool accredited qualifications can be found at www.qca.org.uk/openquals

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE BEFORE I ENROLE?

No need to worry, each course has an open evening when you can meet the tutors who will be demonstrating the course material and will be available to answer any questions. You can enrol that day or take away a promotion pack for future reference.

WHICH GRADE SHOULD I ENTER?

If you are unsure which grade is most suitable for you contact our office and we will arrange an informal session with one of our tutors to assess your level and suggest the best grade for you to enter.

HOW BIG ARE THE CLASSES?

This does of course depend on how many people wish to take that particular grade. In order to make sure that each pupil is guaranteed enough time with the tutor, the maximum we teach in each class is 8.

WHEN ARE THE SESSIONS HELD?

The sessions are held in our studios at 11/13 Church St. Shirley Southampton SO15 5LG.

The courses run through the year. (See attached timetable)

The sessions are split into 3 as follows:

- GRADE 1 Saturdays 11:30am to 12:30pm
- GRADE 3 Tuesdays 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- GRADE 5 Tuesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Please arrive promptly for each session. Late arrivals are disruptive.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The fee is £ 95 for the whole course experience including expert tuition from full time musicians. (Parents might like to note that material used in the rockschool graded books can be used for the GCSE performance module and be worth 30% of the final mark). A receipt is issued with conformation of enrolment details. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to 'Musictech'. We regret that unfortunately we will be unable to issue refunds.

NEED EXTRA SESSIONS?

If you think you might need some extra instrumental sessions to maintain progress targets, please consult your tutor.

WHAT EQUIPEMENT DO I NEED?

All you need to bring to any of the sessions is your course material and instrument. All amplification is supplied. Rockscool course books can be bought in store at Fret Music at a discounted rate.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Simply fill in the enrolment application form enclosed or download one from our website and send it to us in the addressed envelope provided including your payment. We will then contact you with confirmation. Every effort is made to enrol you on your chosen course choice period but if in the unlikely event that this is not possible we will then offer you an alternative. If this proves unsatisfactory then a full refund will be issued.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information on the tutors, history of ADW Musictech, facilities and other activities and projects we are involved with and much more visit our website

www.adwmusictech.co.uk

Please complete and return the application form below including payment. (Make a copy for your records)

We will then issue a receipt with confirmation of course details.

TIMETABLE 2010

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 1 SATURDAY 11:30 TO 12:30 2010 SPRING (1)	
Jan 9 th	Course activity
16 th	
23 rd	
30 th	
Feb 6 th	
13 th	
20 th	
27 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 1 SATURDAY 11:30 TO 12:30 2010 SPRING (2)	
Mar 6 th	Course activity
13 th	
20 th	
27 th	
Apr 3 rd	
10 th	
17 th	
24 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 1 SATURDAY 11:30 TO 12:30 2010 SUMMER (1)	
May 1 st	Course activity
8 th	
15 th	
22 nd	
29 th	
Jun 5 th	
12 th	
19 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 1 SATURDAY 11:30 TO 12:30 2010 SUMMER (2)	
Jun 26 th	Course activity
Jul 3 rd	
10 th	
17 th	
24 th	
31 st	
Aug 7 th	
14 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 3 TUESDAY 6:30 TO 7:30 PM 2010 SPRING (1)	
Jan 12 th	Course Activity
19 th	
26 th	
Feb 2 nd	
9 th	
16 th	
23 rd	
Mar 2 nd	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 3 TUESDAY 6:30 TO 7:30 PM 2010 SPRING (2)	
Mar 9 th	Course activity
16 th	
23 rd	
30 th	
Apr 6 th	
13 th	
20 th	
27 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 3 TUESDAY 6:30 TO 7:30 PM 2010 SUMMER (1)	
May 4 th	Course activity
11 th	
18 th	
25 th	
Jun 1 st	
8 th	
15 th	
22 nd	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 3 TUESDAY 6:30 TO 7:30 PM 2010 SUMMER (2)	
Jun 29 th	Course activity
Jul 6 th	
13 th	
20 th	
27 th	
Aug 3 rd	
10 th	
17 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 5 TUESDAY 7:30 TO 8:30 PM 2010 SPRING (1)	
Jan 12 th	Course Activity
19 th	
26 th	
Feb 2 nd	
9 th	
16 th	
23 rd	
Mar 2 nd	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 5 TUESDAY 7:30 TO 8:30 PM 2010 SPRING (2)	
Mar 9 th	Course activity
16 th	
23 rd	
30 th	
Apr 6 th	
13 th	
20 th	
27 th	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 5 TUESDAY 7:30 TO 8:30 PM 2010 SUMMER (1)	
May 4 th	Course activity
11 th	
18 th	
25 th	
Jun 1 st	
8 th	
15 th	
22 nd	

ROCKSCHOOL GRADE 5 TUESDAY 7:30 TO 8:30 PM 2010 SUMMER (2)	
Jun 29 th	Course activity
Jul 6 th	
13 th	
20 th	
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Aug 3 rd	
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