

The revised syllabuses for the new MTB Grades 1-8 will be uploaded to the website in Autumn 2016. To facilitate a smooth transition, either the current or new syllabuses may be used until the end of August 2017. From the start of September 2017 only the new syllabuses may be used.

A general overview of changes to the exams can be seen in the following document.

The New MTB Grades 1-8

Pending Ofqual approval, we will soon be introducing our newly accredited MTB Grades 1-8. The date for commencement of these qualifications will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

There are a number of changes that will take place and these are outlined below:

- All candidates will take MTB *Grades* 1-8 instead of MTB *Levels* 1-8. (Autumn 2016)
- Our Gold, Silver and Bronze award system will be replaced with Distinction, Merit and Pass. (Autumn 2016)
- *Standard* and *Guaranteed* moderation will no longer be offered. This will be replaced by a new accredited moderation system in which *all* exams will be moderated by specialist moderators. (Upon commencement of our Ofqual accreditation)
- The syllabuses will be revised to accommodate the new accredited qualifications. A summary of these changes is as follows: additional pieces will be offered in some syllabuses; the scale lists will be changed; candidates will be required to perform *all* the scales on the lists; *Sight Reading* will be replaced by *Reading and Listening Skills*. (Autumn 2016)
- Pre *Level* exams will be replaced by Pre *Grade* Introductory and Pre *Grade* Higher qualifications and these will be available for a wider range of instruments. (Autumn 2016)
- The method of delivery of the examinations will remain the same, being recorded and assessed by the teacher.