

MTB Pre-Grade Higher Alto Saxophone

Recital

Select three pieces from the following list (25 marks each)

As an alternative to the pieces below, candidates may perform up to 3 free choice pieces.
For guidance on selecting and approving free choice pieces please [click here](#)

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
North American	54.Yankee Doodle	Abracadabra - Saxophone (by Rutland)	Collins
North American	49.On Top of Old Smokey	Abracadabra - Saxophone (by Rutland)	Collins
Dacre	52.Daisy Bell	Abracadabra - Saxophone (by Rutland)	Collins
Trad.	Lasst uns erfreuen	Team Woodwind - Saxophone (by Duckett & Loane)	Faber
Grieg	Morning	Team Woodwind - Saxophone (by Duckett & Loane)	Faber
Anderson	Sleigh ride	Team Woodwind - Saxophone (by Duckett & Loane)	Faber
Watts	Movie Buster	Razzamajazz - Saxophone	Kevin Mayhew
Watts	Noodlin and Doodlin	Razzamajazz - Saxophone	Kevin Mayhew
Watts	Sea Sparkle	Razzamajazz - Saxophone	Kevin Mayhew
Trad.	Nobody Knows	Saxophone Basics (by Hampton)	Faber
Prokofiev	Lieutenant Kije	Saxophone Basics (by Hampton)	Faber
Jewish Trad	Hatikvah	Saxophone Basics (by Hampton)	Faber
Jan Urbelt	18. Ellison's Orange	Take-off! Book 2 for Saxophone	dottedquaver.com
Jan Urbelt	22. Gloster	Take-off! Book 2 for Saxophone	dottedquaver.com
Jan Urbelt	23. Long Way Home	Take-off! Book 2 for Saxophone	dottedquaver.com
Rae	God Save the Queen p34	Introducing the Saxophone	Universal Edition
Rae	Solid Light p30	Introducing the Saxophone	Universal Edition
Rae	Diggin Deep p29	Introducing the Saxophone	Universal Edition

Technical Exercises (25 marks)

Prepare all the technical exercises required for this grade which can be found on the next page.

Technical Exercises

All exercises ♩=c.90

Exercise 1 - For tonguing



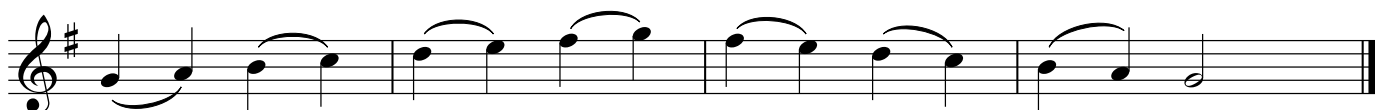
Exercise 2 - For pitching leaps and centring notes



Exercise 3 - For slurring



Exercise 4 - Scale exercise



Syllabus Guidance

- The teacher is encouraged to speak to the candidate during the exam to put them at ease or to help them understand what is being requested. For more guidance on conducting/taking the exam [click here](#).
- The recording should not be turned off at any point during the exam until all elements of the assessment have been completed. For more recording advice [click here](#).
- For Practical Grades follow the above syllabus requirements. To learn about Performance Grade requirements please [click here](#).
- To learn more about how our exams are marked visit our Marking Criteria Page [here](#).

Recital Guidance - Practical & Performance Grades:

- Repeats are optional for MTB Exams, however, they are encouraged as they are often structurally important and can offer opportunities to display greater dynamic and expressive variation.
- All D.C. and D.S. marks should be observed (unless the syllabus specifies otherwise).
- The candidate should introduce each piece they are about to perform by stating its title.
- The teacher may help the candidate tune up before the exam begins. This should be done before starting the recording.
- Recorded accompaniments are acceptable as an alternative to a live accompanist. Make sure it is played on a different device to the one recording the exam.
- The composer's dynamics, phrasing etc should be observed in the pieces. Any editorial markings may be altered to allow for a personal interpretation. Where a piece contains no, or only limited, dynamic and expressive markings, the candidate is encouraged to include their own additional dynamic or expressive elements.
- Where a candidate presents Free Choice repertoire these must be of the correct grade standard. If such pieces fall below the required grade standard then examiners may reflect this in their marking. Free Choice Guidance can be found [here](#).
- Candidates wishing to submit 2 or more pieces with Jazz improvisation may do so as part of our free choice options, these will be marked by a Jazz specialist who will normally specialise in that section of instruments (i.e. Wind, Brass etc).

Technical & Musicianship Guidance - Practical Grades:

- The tempi given for the technical section exercises (scales from memory/technical exercises etc.) are minimum speed requirements.
- There are no unprepared elements in an MTB exam. All Technical and Musicianship elements should be practised by the candidate prior to taking the exam.
- If the Listening Skills fall outside of the candidate's vocal range, they may be transposed. However, all exercises within a test must be transposed by the same interval.
- For the duet option, the teacher part may be performed by the teacher, another pupil or any suitable player on any instrument from the same family (wind/brass/strings etc) with octave transpositions made as necessary. Alternatively, a recording can be used for the teacher part during the exam.
- Duets set in the Musicianship section cannot to be used as recital pieces.