

September 2024 MTB Syllabus Review

UPDATES TO EXAM RULES:

- The Performance Grades marking criteria document has been slightly updated to further clarify, the Programme, and Stagecraft and Sense of Performance sections.

SYLLABUS UPDATES:

Instrument	Exam Type	Grade	Section	Change	Transition Period Ends
Alto Sax / Cello / Clarinet / Classical Guitar / Flute / Piano / Singing / Trombone / Trumpet / Violin	Practical	Performance Diplomas AMTB & LMTB	Programme	The rules regarding selecting your programme for Diplomas have been updated on the syllabuses on the website.	31/03/2025
Classical Guitar	Practical	Pre-Grade to Grade 3	Recital Section	All pieces from the MTB Classical Guitar books (available through the MTB Bookshop) have been added to the repertoire list in the Recital Section of each syllabus. Six pieces removed from Grades 1 to 3.	31/03/2025

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Violin	Practical	Grade 5	Recital Section	'Paragon Rag' has been removed.	31/03/2025
Violin	Practical	Grade 6	Recital Section	'Baal Shem No.1 Vidui' has been removed.	31/03/2025

SYLLABUS REVISIONS:

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Alto Sax / Clarinet / Cornet / Eb tenor horn / Euphonium & Baritone	Practical	Grades 3 & 4	Technical Exercises	Revised tempo marking for Exercise 2.	31/12/2024
Cello	Practical	Grade 8	Scales	Bb melodic minor scale, rhythm has been amended to start on a long tonic.	31/12/2024
Cello / Viola / Violin	Practical	Grade 1	Technical Exercises	Revised tempo marking for Exercise 2.	31/12/2024
Double Bass	Practical	Grade 7	Recital Section	'Aria from Rigoletto' title and book have been updated.	31/12/2024
Flute	Practical	Grade 5	Technical Exercises	Exercises 1 and 2 have been updated.	31/12/2024
French Horn	Practical	Grade 8	Technical Exercises	Revised technical exercises sheet.	31/12/2024

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Piano	Practical	Grade 3	Scales & Arpeggios	In the Scale Exercise, the fingering in the last bar of the left hand has been updated.	31/12/2024
Piano	Practical	Grade 5	Recital Section	'Nocturne in Bb' (John Field): Bar 34, the first note in the left hand has been corrected to an F (previously B flat).	31/12/2024
Piano	Practical	Grade 6	Recital Section	'Waltz Op.39 No.15' (Brahms): Bar 7, last chord in the right hand, the B flat has been corrected to B natural.	31/12/2024
Trombone / Trumpet	Practical	Pre-Grade Introductory & Higher	Recital Section	Revised publisher details on piece list.	31/12/2024
Ukulele	Practical	Grades 1 to 8	Scales	Tempi have been revised.	31/12/2024
Viola / Violin	Practical	Grade 4	Technical Exercises	Revised bowing and tempo marking for Exercise 1.	31/12/2024

ADDITIONS AVAILABLE BY THE END OF OCTOBER 2024:

- Euphonium & Baritone full Syllabus download and bass clef duet music
- Drum Kit Grade 5 book
- Sikh Sacred Music Pre-Grade and Grade 1 exams, syllabuses and books
- Tuba Syllabus Grades 1 to 8