

To all in the RSL community,

Thank you all for continued loyalty and trust in RSL Awards in these unprecedented times. The health and safety of all our candidates, teachers, parents, examiners and staff remains our highest priority. The situation is fast moving and we are closely monitoring developments from the UK Government and Public Health England and following advice as appropriate.

The current exam period

We are aware that many candidates want to complete their exams with us in this current period and we are continuing to examine both Graded Music and PAA dance exams as planned. We are also continuing with the Vocational Qualifications external assessment window which closes on 2nd April. All our examiners and assessors have been given additional advice on keeping candidates and themselves as safe as possible.

UK Entries for Graded Music and PAA dance Exams

The entry process for the UK exam period B (for exams taking place between the 1st May - End July) is currently open. We will be scheduling all these UK & Ireland exams as planned for that period. However, if circumstances force us to make changes, we will defer them to a later date and ensure minimum inconvenience. Please book with the confidence that we will be able to deliver these exams. If changes are required, our customer service team will contact those affected as soon as possible in order to provide clarity and minimise disruption.

For candidates and teachers

Here are a few helpful things which may be useful over the next few weeks:

1. Our 'Practice with Purpose' programme - available free for all candidates <https://www.rslawards.com/practise-with-purpose-refreshed-2020> is a useful tool for preparing for an exam.
2. Later this week we will be providing additional guidance for teachers who want to offer online music lessons and any who may wish to teach remotely.
3. From next week we will also be in a position to offer the opportunity for customers of performance certificate music exams the chance to have their exams marked through video submission rather than a face to face exam. More details will follow shortly.

In these uncertain times, more so than ever, music and the arts can provide us all with a sense of calm, an outlet for frustration and a sense of connection. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the resources that are available through RSL Awards and we look forward to supporting you over the coming weeks.

Our head office teams are available in the usual way. Please call or email us if you would like to discuss any aspect of your teaching or examinations.

Stay safe

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