

GWENT MUSIC

Pupil Progress Levels

Pupils Progress Levels (PPLs) are the main means by which pupil progress is recorded in all instrument disciplines. They are used to provide an indication of pupil achievement and progress over time, and also to inform the process of selection of students into Gwent ensembles.

PPLs are broadly commensurate with grades used by external examination boards, although the criteria used in PPLs gives more emphasis to the wider musicianship skills such as sight-reading, aural, and, where appropriate, empathy with other performers in an ensemble. The criteria for each instrument discipline is agreed within the relevant curriculum team. PPLs should be moderated to ensure consistency of standard across each discipline. Moderation will occur through a variety of team-based activities including discussion within staff teams and observation of student work.

Pupil progress levels should be completed on a termly basis. The following table summarises progress levels and their link with external examination board grades. The detailed criteria for each level are produced within departmental and instrument discipline teams.

Levels	Description	Criteria
0	New Entrant	
1	Foundation stage	
2	working towards	Initial/Prep Test standard
3	working within	Initial/Prep Test standard
4	working above	Initial/Prep Test standard
5	working towards	Grade 1 standard
6	working within	Grade 1 standard
7	working above	Grade 1 standard
8	working towards	Grade 2 standard
9	working within	Grade 2 standard
10	working above	Grade 2 standard
11	working towards	Grade 3 standard
12	working within	Grade 3 standard
13	working above	Grade 3 standard
14	working towards	Grade 4 standard
15	working within	Grade 4 standard
16	working above	Grade 4 standard
17	working towards	Grade 5 standard
18	working within	Grade 5 standard
19	working above	Grade 5 standard
20	working towards	Grade 6 standard
21	working within	Grade 6 standard
22	working above	Grade 6 standard
23	working towards	Grade 7 standard
24	working within	Grade 7 standard
25	working above	Grade 7 standard
26	working towards	Grade 8 standard
27	working within	Grade 8 standard
28	working above	Grade 8 standard
29	working towards	Recital standard
30	working within	Recital standard
31	working above	Recital standard
32	working towards	Diploma Standard
33	working within	Diploma Standard
34	working above	Diploma Standard