



Make Space for Music

# Skill Maps

# PIANO & KEYS

DEBUT LEVEL 1: 4-7 YRS.

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of '**Skill Maps**' to bring structure and focus

to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches**, songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

## PIANO & KEYS DEBUT LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED



**MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS**



**SIGHT READING**



**EAR TRAINING**



**SONG LEARNING**



**MUSCULAR TRAINING**

**DETAILS ON PG.2**



## MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Familiarity with the instrument
- Basic playing posture, hand positions, finger assignments.



## EAR TRAINING

- Knowledge of basic pitch; ability to recognize octaves
- Ability to sing at least 3 distinct notes within an octave



## MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Ability to play the white keys with the correct wrist position
- Simple finger exercises using a metronome, between 60-70 bpm



## SIGHT READING

- Basics of staff notation
- Reading the notes on the staff: C-E on the Treble clef & G-B on the Bass clef



## SONG LEARNING

- Nursery-rhythm type melodies & melodic fragments, while keeping time

## HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice an avg. **30min - 1 hr. per day**, you can expect to have mastered the above in **3 months** (just **12 classes**) or less.
- If you practice around **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 1 - 2 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **6 months!**