



Skill Maps

VIOLIN

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1: 6-12 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!

VIOLIN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS



SONG LEARNING



EAR TRAINING



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS



MUSCULAR TRAINING



LIVE PERFORMANCE



SIGHT READING

DETAILS ON PG.2



MUSIC THEORY & FUNDAMENTALS

- Ability to play the C & F major, and D & E natural minor scales & arpeggios over 1 octave, starting from the 1st finger position.
- Functional understanding of harmony - major and minor chords, and how they connect to scales.



EAR TRAINING

- Ability to sing different major and minor scales with only the root as reference. Knowledge and awareness of pentatonic scales.
- Ability to identify octave and 5th intervals by ear.



MUSCULAR TRAINING

- Bowing exercises to a rhythm, playing notes at crotchets/two quavers, with separate bows
- Scales & arpeggios played between 40-50 bpm, with separate bows
- Double taps on open strings



SIGHT READING

- Understanding the 3/4 time signature
- Familiarity with minims, crotchets & quavers
- Up/down bow markings & reading slurs
- Ability to sight read simple pieces from Trinity Grade 1



SONG LEARNING

- Ability to play simple exercises/pieces from Trinity Grade 1 with the appropriate dynamics, phrasing & articulation
- Ability to pick up simple melodies by ear



LIVE PERFORMANCE

- Participation in 1-2 Taaqademy Recitals
- Participation in Taaqademy Live Events (depending on ability)



MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

- Depending on ability, Trinity/ABRSM Grade 1 Examination

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

- At this level, if you **consistently practice** an avg. **1 - 2 hrs. per day**, you can expect to have covered the above in **6 - 8 months (24 - 32 classes)**.
- If you practice around **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 3 - 4 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **12+ months!**