

Springboard Music – descriptors and criteria

Band/mark	Descriptors	Criteria
Advancing <75	A performance showing development of technique and/or communication and commitment but which may require more consistency and artistry.	A performance in which notes and rhythm may be accurate and at a reasonable tempo but showing, as yet, limited attention to detail, tonal qualities and style.
Merit 75 – 79	A competent performance, showing some artistic awareness and/or technical ability.	Mostly fluent and accurate, with some awareness of tone and style, but requiring a sense of communication and performance.
Commended 80 – 84	A convincing performance technically and artistically, with increasing stylistic and communication skills.	Confident, with clear evidence of tonal and stylistic qualities and a developing awareness of communication and performance, although there may be moments of imprecision.
Honours 85 – 89	An excellent performance, demonstrating fluent technical and artistic skills with emerging individuality.	Assured and expressive, demonstrating a high level of technical security, imagination and stylistic insight and with a real sense of communication and performance.
Outstanding 90+	An impressive performance technically and artistically, displaying spontaneity and clear or exceptional individuality.	An impressive, stimulating and imaginative performance, displaying stylistic flair, unobtrusive technical control, individuality and profound musical insight.