

BRONZE AWARD – ONLINE VERSION

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| Pre 1 | The candidate should join the Zoom meeting about 5 minutes ahead of their allotted time. When the examiner is ready, the candidate will be admitted from the waiting room and their identity and programme confirmed. | |
| Pre 2 | If the candidate wishes, they may have a brief time (up to a minute or so) to try out singing and checking their microphone and listening device. It would be a good idea to try something with accompaniment (perhaps the very start of the hymn for example) so that the examiner can check the sound level and balance. | |
| 1 | Hymn | <p>Three verses with the LAST verse sung unaccompanied.</p> <p>Optional pre-recorded accompaniments are available for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be still for the presence of the Lord 2. Blest are the pure in heart 3. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim |
| 2 | Psalm | <p>Psalms and psalm songs may be accompanied if a real accompanist is present. If this is not possible, psalms should be sung unaccompanied. In this case, the examiner will play over the chant (Anglican chant), refrain (responsorial) or give the key chord and starting note (psalm song) for the candidate before they begin.</p> |
| 3 | Anthem or song | <p>Optional pre-recorded accompaniments are available for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ave verum corpus – Mozart 2. I give you a new commandment – Nardone 3. Litany to the Holy Spirit – Hurford 4. A prayer of St Richard of Chichester - White |

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| 4 | Sight singing | <p>Tests will consist of the same three elements [4 notes – clapping the rhythm – singing the melody using the same rhythm] as before, though the melody will be sung unaccompanied.</p> <p>A set of tests will be sent by email to candidates no less than 24 hours before the exam and may be printed out or used from a tablet or computer screen at the candidate's choice. The examiner will choose one test at random for the candidate to work at.</p> <p>All other aspects of this test will be delivered as normal, including extra time where it has been allowed.</p> |
| 5 | Technical Questions | <p>Candidates will be shown passages of music via Zoom as a screen share and will be asked the usual range of questions about keys, pitches, note lengths, time signatures, Italian terms etc.</p> |
| 6 | Aural Tests | <p>Tests will consist of the same three elements [clapping a rhythm - singing three phrases as echoes – singing notes and identifying intervals].</p> <p>All tests will be delivered in the normal way from the examiner to the candidate via Zoom.</p> <p>Examiners will be aware that there will be a slight pause between elements of the echo test, owing to latency, and will warn the candidates about this.</p> |
| 7 | Repertoire | <p>Questions will be asked in the normal way via Zoom.</p> |
| 8 | Choir in Context | <p>Questions will be asked in the normal way via Zoom.</p> |
| Post 1 | <p>ALL TEST MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN PRINTED OUT MUST BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXAM HAS CONCLUDED</p> | |

SILVER AWARD – ONLINE VERSION

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| Pre 1 | The candidate should join the Zoom meeting about 5 minutes ahead of their allotted time. When the examiner is ready, the candidate will be admitted from the waiting room and their identity and programme confirmed. | |
| Pre 2 | If the candidate wishes, they may have a brief time (up to a minute or so) to try out singing and checking their microphone and listening device. It would be a good idea to try something with accompaniment (perhaps the very start of the hymn for example) so that the examiner can check the sound level and balance. | |
| 1 | Hymn | <p>Three verses with the LAST verse sung unaccompanied.</p> <p>Optional pre-recorded accompaniments are available for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There's a wideness in God's mercy 2. Thou whose almighty word |
| 2 | Psalm | <p>Psalms may be accompanied if a real accompanist is present, with two verses sung unaccompanied in the normal way.</p> <p>If this is not possible, psalms should be sung unaccompanied - the examiner will play over the chant for the candidate before they begin.</p> |
| 3 | Anthem | <p>Optional pre-recorded accompaniments are available for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How beauteous are their feet – Stanford 2. My song is love unknown - Archer |
| 4 | Setting or Song | <p>Optional pre -recorded accompaniments are available for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magnificat in D – Brewer 2. Cherubini Magnificat - Wicks 3. Light of the World – Dankworth 4. The Call – Vaughan Williams |

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| 5 | Sight singing | <p>Tests will consist of the same three elements [clapping the rhythm – saying the words in rhythm - singing the melody] as before, though the melody will be sung unaccompanied.</p> <p>A set of tests will be sent by email to candidates no less than 24 hours before the exam and may be printed out or used from a tablet or computer screen at the candidate's choice. The examiner will choose one test at random for the candidate to work at.</p> <p>All other aspects of this test will be delivered as normal, including extra time where it has been allowed.</p> |
| 6 | Technical Questions | <p>Candidates will be shown passages of music via Zoom as a screen share and will be asked the usual range of questions about keys, pitches, note lengths, time signatures, Italian terms etc.</p> |
| 7 | Aural Tests | <p>Tests will consist of the same four elements [clapping the pulse - singing two phrases as echoes – triads – singing intervals].</p> <p>When clapping the pulse, the candidate will need to continue clapping and to count the numbered beats out loud after the examiner has finished playing and until instructed to stop.</p> <p>All other tests will be delivered in the normal way from the examiner to the candidate via Zoom. Examiners will be aware that there will be a slight pause between elements of the echo test, owing to latency, and will warn the candidates about this.</p> |
| 8 | Repertoire | <p>Questions will be asked in the normal way via Zoom.</p> |
| 9 | Choir in Context | <p>Questions will be asked in the normal way via Zoom.</p> |
| Post 1 | <p>ALL TEST MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN PRINTED OUT MUST BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXAM HAS CONCLUDED</p> | |