

Thanks for getting in touch.

HERE'S HOW THE EXAMINERS EDGE WORKS

I'm Dan Gay, a former international RSL examiner. I've been assessing drummers since 2002, in the UK and around the world. This pack explains what I offer and how to book, and includes a short form so I can tailor your assessment to you before we begin.

MOCK EXAM

A full run-through under exam conditions, assessed and scored the way a real examiner would. The best way to find out exactly where you stand before the real thing.

EXAM READINESS

Focused preparation for your grade. We work through your pieces, technical work, ear tests and musicianship, and fix weak spots before exam day.

PERFORMANCE COACHING

Polish your playing and presentation: feel, dynamics, confidence and stage presence, with practical feedback you can use straight away.

LAUNCH PRICE £35

Video assessment or 30-minute live online session
Highly detailed written report included

EVERY ASSESSMENT INCLUDES

- ✓ Every area of the assessment scored, so nothing is left to guesswork
- ✓ A detailed written report covering your strengths and the areas to develop
- ✓ Clear, personal guidance on exactly what to work on next

TWO WAYS TO WORK

Video assessment
£35 LAUNCH PRICE

Film your pieces, either 5 songs or 3 songs plus the technical exercises, and send me an unlisted link. No scheduling and no time zones. Your detailed written report follows within 5 days of me receiving your video and payment.

Live online session
£35 LAUNCH PRICE

30 minutes live on video, at a time that suits you. A full exam-style run-through that can also cover ear tests, musicianship questions and the quick study piece, with live guidance from me.

HOW IT WORKS

1. **Fill in the form**
   Complete the questionnaire on pages 4 and 5 and email it back to me, or book at www.examinersedge.co.uk. It takes about five minutes.
2. **Choose video or live**
   A video assessment needs no booking time. For a live session we'll agree a slot, shown in your own time zone and UK time, wherever you are in the world.
3. **Pay to confirm**
   Pay securely online (details below). For a live session, pay once we've agreed a time. Your booking is confirmed once payment arrives.
4. **Get your joining details, or send your video**
   Live: I'll send the video link and a short checklist, plus any prep tailored to what you told me. Video: send me your unlisted video link with your reference in the subject line.
5. **Have your session, or get your report**
   Live: we meet online and run your session. Video: I assess your performance. Either way, your detailed written report follows.

BOOKING & PAYMENT

£35 launch price

Video or live. Scan the QR code or use the link below to pay securely through Wise (card or bank transfer). Please put the student's name as the payment reference.

https://wise.com/pay/me/danielg1429

GETTING READY FOR A LIVE SESSION

YOUR DRUM KIT

Set up where I can see your hands and feet. A phone or laptop camera at the side or front works well.

SOUND

Good speakers or headphones so you can hear backing tracks, and a quiet space.

YOUR MATERIAL

Have your pieces, charts and backing tracks ready to play, plus sticks and a practice pad.

CONNECTION

A stable internet connection. Please log in five minutes early so we can start on time.

FILMING YOUR VIDEO

- Film in landscape with the camera at the side or front, so I can see your hands and feet.
- Show the whole kit, and make sure the sound is clear with any backing track audible.
- Play each piece through in one take, as you would in the exam.
- Say your name and the title of each piece before you play. If you chose the technical exercises, film those too.
- Share an unlisted YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox or WeTransfer link that opens without a login.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Give the gift of an examiner's eye

A personalised gift certificate for a video assessment or a live session (**£35**), valid for 12 months. Ask me, or request one at www.examinersedge.co.uk. To use a voucher, enter its code in section 6 of the questionnaire and I'll check it.

GOOD TO KNOW

- If you need to reschedule a live session, please give at least 24 hours' notice.
- Live sessions are not recorded unless we agree this beforehand.
- Your video is used only to prepare your assessment and report. Please use an unlisted or private link.
- For students under 18, a parent or guardian agrees to the booking and should be nearby at the start of a live session.
- This is an independent mock assessment. The scores and verdict are an honest guide, not an official RSL result, and I am not affiliated with RSL Awards.

Your questionnaire

Fill this in on screen (it works in Apple Preview, Adobe Reader and most PDF apps), save it, and email it back to dansmusic@me.com. The more I know, the better I can tailor your assessment.

1. ABOUT THE STUDENT

Student's full name

Age

Country

Email address

Phone / WhatsApp (optional)

Time zone (live sessions, e.g. GMT, EST, NZST)

Parent / guardian name (if under 18)

Parent / guardian email (if under 18)

2. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

Format

- ◯ Video assessment — Film your pieces and send a link
- ◯ Live online session — 30 minutes live on video

Session type

- ◯ Mock exam — A full exam-style run-through, scored by an examiner
- ◯ Exam readiness — Preparation for an exam I have booked
- ◯ Performance coaching — Improving my playing and performance
- ◯ Not sure yet — Please advise me

For a video assessment, what will you send?

- ◯ 5 songs
- ◯ 3 songs + the technical exercises

Link to your video (optional now, you can send it later)

What would you most like to get out of this?

3. YOUR DRUMMING

Grade or level — - Select -

Exam board — - Select -

Exam date (if booked)

Years playing drums

Do you have a current teacher? (name and contact optional)

Previous exams taken and results (if any)

4. THE PIECES YOU'LL PLAY

List the songs or pieces you're preparing or want to play (title and artist).

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

☐ I have the backing tracks ready to play from my own device

5. WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE MOST HELP?

Tick anything you're worried about or want me to look at closely.

☐ Performance pieces
☐ Technical exercises
☐ Sight reading
☐ Improvisation
☐ Ear tests
☐ Musicianship questions
☐ Timing and pulse
☐ Fills and grooves
☐ Dynamics and feel
☐ Starting songs and count-ins
☐ Confidence and nerves
☐ Recovering from mistakes

Anything else that would help me support you? (nerves, access needs, anything you'd like me to know)

6. YOUR SET-UP

Drum kit

◯ Acoustic ◯ Electronic ◯ Both

Preferred video platform (live sessions)

- Select -

Days and times that suit you (live sessions: include your time zone)

Gift voucher code (if you have one)

7. CONFIRMATION

☐ I understand this is an independent mock assessment and not an official RSL result.
☐ I'm happy for my details (and video) to be used only to prepare for and deliver my assessment.
☐ If the student is under 18: I am their parent or guardian and I agree to this booking.

Typed name

Date