

Introduction

This card will help you as you work for your orange ribbon. The Target page on the inside of this leaflet tells you what you need to know to pass the small tests you will take.

There are 5 levels to the ribbon award scheme: Orange, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Bronze award (also known as Dean's award and green ribbon), Silver award (also known as Bishop's award and purple ribbon).

At each level there are 5 modules to be worked at.

Module A: Using the voice well

This is all about making a good sound and singing well. At each level you will need to sing something on your own (parts of a hymn at the early levels; a bit more later on). The skills you need to do this are learned week by week in rehearsals.

Module B: Musical skills and understanding

This module is all about reading music well. Again, much of what you need to know will be covered week by week at rehearsals. A number of small tests will need to be taken. We try to do these week by week in rehearsals but if you are ready for a particular test, please ask me and we'll get it ticked off on this card.

Module C: Repertoire

Repertoire is the music we sing, there is quite a lot of it! This module is all about understanding what we sing, when and why we sing it, and something about musical style.

Modules D+E: Belonging to the choir / Choir in context

There are no real tests for this (except for Bronze and Silver awards). However an important requirement for passing all levels of training is that you must have achieved 75% attendance over the last term.

That's about it. Please ask if there is anything you are unsure about. And good luck!

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Orange Ribbon

Targets Record Card

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Date started

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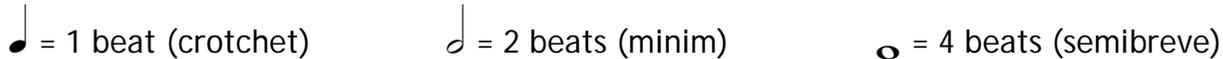
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Targets - Orange Ribbon

Module A: Using the voice well

Posture	Stand, sit and kneel well in services and rehearsals.	
Performance Hymn	Make a reasonable attempt at singing a verse of a well known hymn with the piano to help you.	

Module B: Musical Skills and understanding - Theory

Note values	You need to know about the following types of notes:  ♪ = 1 beat (crotchet) ♫ = 2 beats (minim) ◯ = 4 beats (semibreve)	
Dynamics	You need to know these dynamic markings: <i>pp</i> = very quiet (pianissimo) <i>p</i> = quiet (piano) <i>f</i> = loud (forte) <i>ff</i> = very loud (fortissimo)	

Module B: Musical Skills and understanding - Aural / Sight reading tests

Rhythm & melody	Clap then sing back a melody played twice.	
Sight Singing	Sing a short tune from the music with help from the piano. (Demonstrate an understanding of whether notes go up or down)	

Module C: Repertoire

	Understand what we mean by (and give one example of): a hymn a psalm an anthem	
	You need to have sung in a service (and recorded in your repertoire book): 10 hymns 5 psalms 10 anthems	