QYMC Progression Chart - Starting an Instrument

Age 3-5 Nursery and Reception	Introduction to Music I
Age 5-6 Year 1	Introduction to Music II
Minimum Age 6	recorder, fife, violin, cello, piano, percussion
Minimum Age 7	brass* (trumpet, french horn, trombone), guitar, keyboard, double bass
Minimum Age 8	flute, clarinet, drumkit
Minimum Age 9	oboe, saxophone
Minimum Age 10	bassoon

*First four adult teeth needed

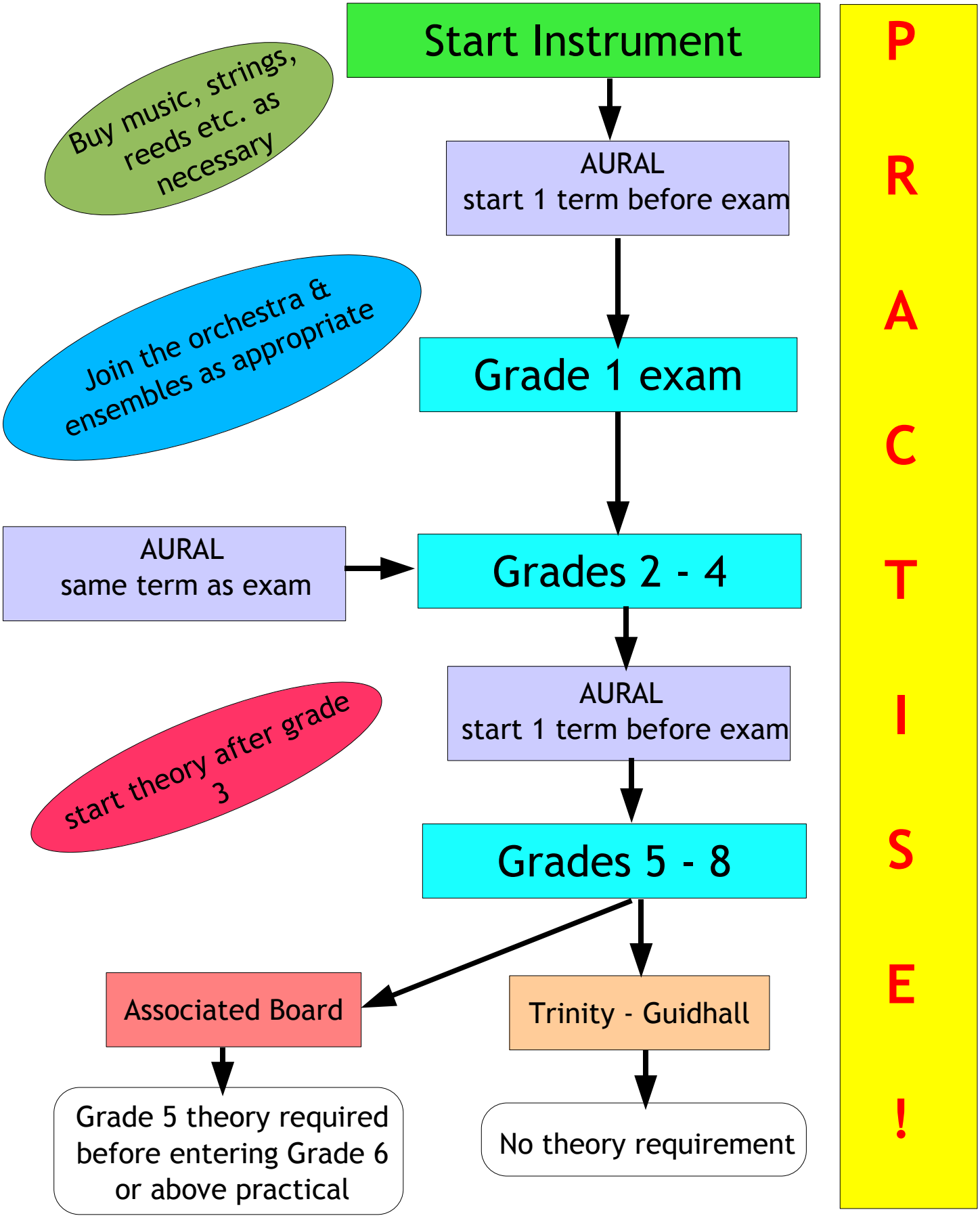
QYMC Progression Chart - Join an Ensemble

If you learn an instrument,
don't keep it to yourself,
join an ensemble.

Orchestra	10:30	all standards
Junior Strings	10:00	up to grade 3
Recorders	11:15	grade 2 – 5
Woodwind	09:30	grade 3 – 7
Jazz	12:15	grade 4 – 8
Junior Brass	09:00	grade 0 - 3
String Ensemble	11:15	grade 3 – 6
Singing	11:45	age 9 – 15
Chamber Music	various	various

Ensembles are also open to parents and children who do not learn at QYMC. You should be able play at the standard indicated, but you do not have to have taken an exam.

QYMC Progression Chart - A Rough Guide to Exams



Please remember that children learn at different speeds and the rate of progression for each instrument varies. This chart is intended as a basic guide only. For more information please refer to the "Taking a music exam" leaflet.