

Rockschool Acoustic Debut Grade Chord Review

From last week's worksheet/lesson you should now have learned the majority of the scales and chords required for Rockscool Acoustic Debut Grade and feel comfortable playing them from memory. If there are some that you don't feel confident in playing, spend some more time with them this week until you can play them from memory. Remember to take one chord or scale at a time and practise it slowly until you feel comfortable.

The next stage is to put the chords and scales into use in a piece of music. This week we are going to look at how some of the chords you have learned are used in a common pop/rock type chord progression and hopefully be able to play though it for next week. The chords we are going to use are as follows:

Chords

- A
- D
- C
- G
- Am
- Em

If there are some of these chords you don't know, you will need to look at them on your sheet and learn the shapes - *this is the first thing you need to do if you are not so sure about them.*

Remember to look at the chord shape and check how many strings you should be playing either by looking at the x and o at the top of the diagram – x don't play, o play open string. Or use the TAB numbers underneath.

Once you are comfortable with the chords you need to join them up in the order found on the sheet.

Look at the two chords in the first bar: G – D. Practise moving between these two chords and when you can do that move on to the chord C in the next bar. Repeat this process by taking each bar at a time and then join them up along each line. Once you can do all of the lines join them all up.

When you can play all of the chord shapes in order, the next step is to add the rhythm to them. If there is one chord in a bar it will last for 4 beats, if there are two chords in a bar they each last for 2 beats.

The first line would be played like this:

G		C		G		D									
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

The third line would be played like this:

Em		A		Em		C		D							
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

This should take you the rest of the week to complete. If you finish the exercise before then, review your scales and some of the performance pieces we played last term.