

# Sheet music review: **Rockschool Guitar books (2024), Grades 1-5**

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I have been using the Rockschoool books (now known as RSL) for over 20 years. For a good portion of that time, they were the only widely available modern guitar syllabus until Trinity Rock and Pop arrived in 2012. For more studious players, the RGT books were also an option; however, for most school students the appeal lied in learning popular, engaging tracks, rather than focusing heavily on technique and theory. This article covers the latest RSL Debut to Grade 5 levels, which is where I find most of my teaching occurs.

The RSL electric guitar syllabus offers a mix of well-known commercial tracks and original RSL compositions. This allows teachers to tailor song choices to music that students already enjoy,

or to introduce them to new genres. Technical exercises support developing skills and include scales, chords, arpeggios, and musicianship questions.

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