

# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Dear parents or carers,

St. George's are trialling a new times-tables on-line programme until 18<sup>th</sup> March. Your child has been given a username and password so that they can play at home – please give it a go over the next few weeks and let us know how your child gets on. They should aim to be playing at least 3 or 4 times a week.

Mrs Angland (maths lead).

## Goal

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to  $12 \times 12$  in less than 3 seconds!

## Logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars

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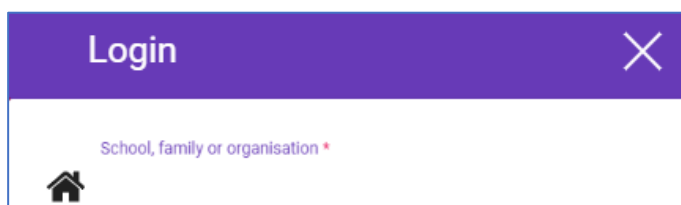
Type **play.ttrockstars.com** into your browser's address bar.

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Click Login! > School > Student

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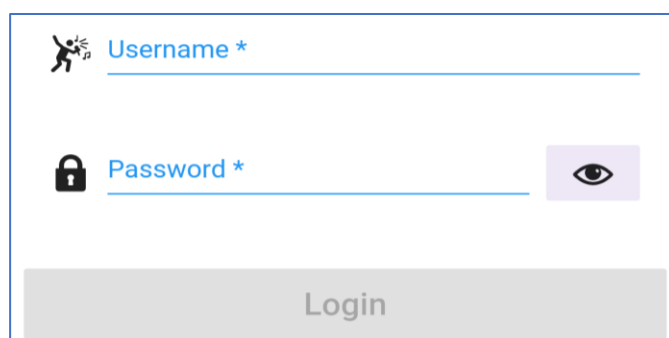
Enter the School Name: St George's Catholic Primary School, Enfield



A screenshot of a login window with a purple header containing the word "Login" and a close button. Below the header is a text input field with a home icon on the left and the placeholder text "School, family or organisation \*".

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Enter your child's username and password.



A screenshot of the login form showing two input fields. The first is labeled "Username \*" with a small icon of a person. The second is labeled "Password \*" with a lock icon and a toggle eye icon. Below the fields is a grey "Login" button.

## Game Modes

### Single Player

**Garage** - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication *and* division questions.

As pupils start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

**Studio** - the questions in the Studio can be anything from  $1 \times 1$  up to  $12 \times 12$ .

TT Rock Stars calculates the mean response time from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates that time into a Rock Status.

$\leq 1$  sec/qu = **Rock Hero**

$\leq 2$  secs/qu = **Rock Legend**

$\leq 3$  secs/qu = **Rock Star**

$\leq 4$  secs = **Headliner**

$\leq 5$  secs/qu = **Support Act**

$\leq 6$  secs/qu = **Breakthrough Artist**

$\leq 7$  secs/qu = **Unsigned Act**

$\leq 8$  secs/qu = **Gigger**

$\leq 9$  secs/qu = **Busker**

$\leq 10$  secs/qu = **Garage Rocker**

$> 10$  secs/qu = **Wannabe**

If you don't play in the Studio you don't get a Rock Status.

Players earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

**Soundcheck** – When you play Soundcheck, you get 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit. The questions are multiplication only and evenly weighted in terms of difficulty each time you play. Players earn 5 coins per correct answer.

### Multiplayer

**Rock Arena** - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

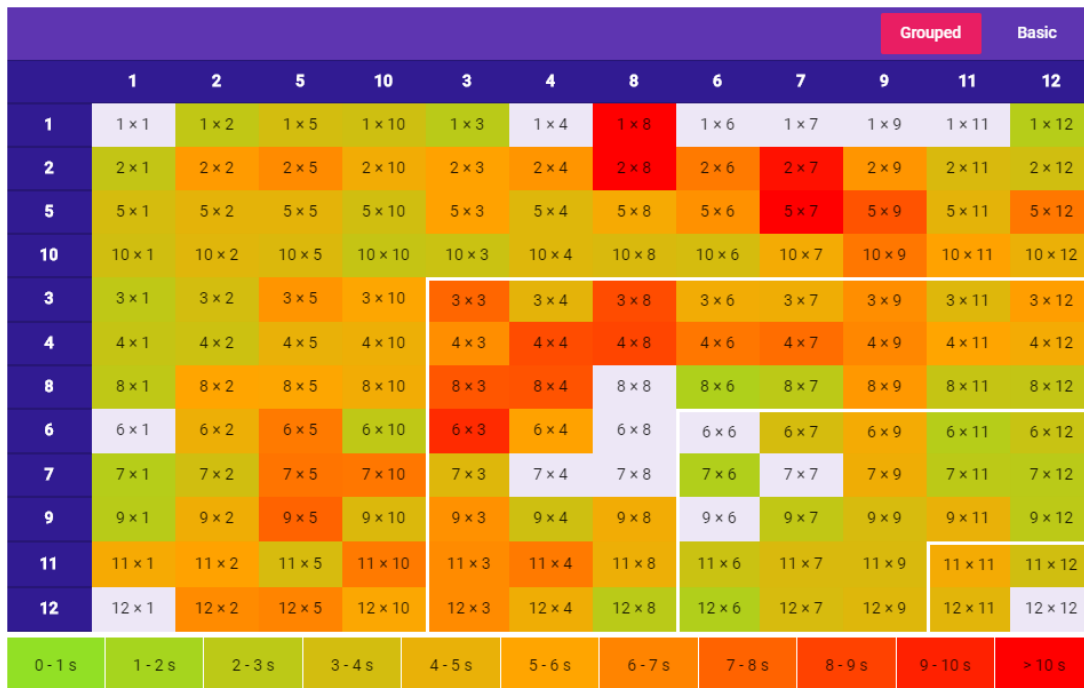
A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

**Rock Festival** - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from  $1 \times 1$  to  $12 \times 12$ .

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

## Stats

If you click on your avatar icon in the top right of the screen and then click My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.



Contact your child's teacher if...

- You have username or password issues
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works
- You have a complaint or a suggestion
- You have something nice to say about ttrackstars.com!