WHAT DOES PRACTICE EXCELLENCE MEAN?

What is it	What to do	It feels like		
1. UNDERSTANDING perfectly	THINKING what each one detail means, what it does, and how you	→ WATCHING & LISTENING to		
	need to do it – every detail counts.	your teacher		
2a. PRACTICING LEFT hand	WORKING on details - Listening to intonation / learning patterns /	→ FOCUSING ON LEFT HAND		
DETAILS perfectly	practicing shifts and vibrato / checking posture.	DETAILS		
2b. PRACTICING RIGHT hand	WORKING on details - Listening to the sound / watching the contact	→ FOCUSING ON RIGHT		
DETAILS perfectly	point / playing in the correct part of the bow / checking posture.	HAND DETAILS		
3a. SLOW TEMPO practice	MUSCLE MEMORY taking over technical details – focusing on style /	→ ACHIEVING		
perfectly	phrasing / tone (sound) quality.	CO-ORDINATION		
3b. INTERMEDIATE TEMPO	THINKING of performance - 'Driving the car' - all technical and	\rightarrow SHAPING ALL DETAILS IN		
practice	musical details working in harmony.			
3c. ORIGINAL (FAST) TEMPO	PERFORMING - 'Driving the car' - also noticing 'things yet to	→ DELIVERING A		
practice	improve' and fixing them slowly later on / checking posture again.	PERFORMANCE		
PRACTICING EACH ONE DETAIL SEPARATELY AND ASSEMBLING ALL DETAILS TOGETHER MAKING IT ALL WORK AS A WHOLE				

HAVE YOU LEARNED IT	Action Words / Task		REMEMBER
1. UNDERSTAND perfectly	1. WATCH / LISTEN		THE DETAIL
	2. THINK 'DETAILS' – WHAT / HOW		
2. PRACTISE LEFT / RIGHT HANDS	1. LEARN HANDS SEPARATELY		THE ACTION
DETAILS perfectly	2. DO SLOW PRACTICE		THE FEELING
	3. LISTEN / WATCH / CHECK		
3. PRACTISE SLOW /	1. ACHIEVE CO-ORDINATION		
INTERMEDIATE /	2. 'SHAPE' ALL DETAILS IN		
ORIGINAL (FAST) TEMPO	3. 'PERFORMANCE' MODE		