



## FAQs

### Music Auditions for Year 7 Entry in September 2021

- Q *Where will the auditions take place?*
- A This year the auditions will take place in the School Hall and candidates should sign in at the Main School Reception.
- Q *Will I be able to sing at my audition?*
- A Yes, the School Hall is a large ventilated space, and a full Risk Assessment has been carried out.
- Q *Can I borrow an instrument from The King's School to use at my audition?*
- A No. However, a School piano and drum kit will be available (although you **must** bring your own drum sticks).
- Q *Will the School be COVID secure?*
- A The School has undertaken thorough Risk Assessments both for re-opening in the Autumn Term and for the auditions themselves.
- Q *How many pieces of music can be played?*
- A Up to two pieces, as stated in the Admissions Criteria.
- Q *What grade is the aural?*
- A Listening tests, such as clapping rhythms, singing a melody back and recognition as to how many notes are being played in a chord, all start off at an easy level and then get progressively harder.
- Q *Is it worth applying for the audition if a student is not already at a high grade?*
- A We cannot prescribe a standard so candidates can apply at whatever level they are currently at. However, past candidates who have been recommended to the Governors have been of the equivalent of between a Grade 4 and Grade 7 and with good responses to the Aural Tests. (Students do not have to have taken these exams).
- Q *Do pieces of music need to be sent to the School beforehand or brought along on the day of the audition?*
- A Music can be brought in on the day of the audition.
- Q *Will there be any warm-up time beforehand and for how long?*
- A Yes, we will try to make a room available for practice with the practice session lasting no longer than ten minutes.
- Q *Do students need to bring along proof of grades to the audition?*
- A No, but students can bring mark sheets or certificates if they wish.



Q *Can a student bring along an accompanist?*

A Yes.

Q *When will the results of the audition be available?*

A Results are sent by letter. If parents/carers have not received a letter by the end of the following week, then the School can be contacted for the results.

Q *Can I apply for a place at The King's School under the music criteria before my child has sat the Music Audition?*

A It is advisable to wait until after the result of the Audition is known to ensure that the child has been recommended by The King's School for a music place.