



FAQs Music Auditions for Year 7 Entry

Q *Where will the auditions take place?*

A The auditions will take place in the Music Department at Madeley House on Park Road. If you should need directions please go to our Main Reception and they will advise you.

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 (please bring your own drum sticks).

Q *How many pieces of music can be played?*

A Up to two pieces – as given in the Admissions Criteria.

Q *What grade is the aural?*

A Listening tests such as clapping rhythms, singing a melody back, 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. – please state this on the registration form.

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

A Results will be sent to you via email by the Wednesday after the auditions.

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.