

Sheffield Music Academy Auditions FAQs

Who can audition?

We are keen to hear from inspiring young musicians who love music and are looking for tuition at the highest level from one of only [15 Centres for Advanced training in the country](#). Interested applicants should already have received lessons on their instrument and be able to read music, (at a basic level for our youngest applicants).

We also have staff experienced in working with students with special educational needs so please do not hesitate to discuss this further with us!

We are particularly interested in hearing from brass players, and on 'endangered species' instruments such as Bassoon, Oboe, and Double Bass. Please note that Piano and Violin are our most popular instruments so competition may be higher on these studies.

When can I audition?

Auditions will be held throughout March and April 2022 at our Psalter Lane offices and sessions will be booked according to need.

What will an SMA audition involve?

You will meet with our Music Director Martin Cropper, alongside a second SMA teacher expert in your relevant study. You will be asked to play two pieces on your first study, and one piece on any further instruments you may play.

Dependant on your age and standard, you may also be asked to play some scales and/or sightreading and have a chance to chat with staff and ask any questions.

Auditions will be unaccompanied, and you should choose pieces you absolutely love to play and that show off your skills.

I'm interested in auditioning. What should I do next?

Please visit our [website](#) to see more about the curriculum on offer and discover more about our staff and students.

Application forms can be found [here](#). Once received, we will contact you to confirm audition details and answer any initial questions you may have.

We also invite all interested applicants to one of our open days at our teaching premises at Birkdale School in March 2022. Please get in touch with our team if you would like to attend.

- 8.30am – 12pm, 12th March – juniors Grade 1-5
- 1.15pm – 5pm, 19th March – seniors Grade 6-Diploma

I still have questions about the SMA audition process...

We are happy to answer any further questions you may have about entrance requirements and specific circumstances. You can call the office on 01142582804 / 07704579310 or email our General Manager, Jess, at jess@sheffieldmusicacademy.co.uk.