



Archbishop Blanch
C of E HIGH SCHOOL

Specialist Music Places – Information Sheet

As part of the admissions process, parents who wish their child to be considered for a Specialist Music Place into Year 7, 2024 will be invited to attend an assessment. This will enable parents to make an informed decision about the likelihood of their child being successful in gaining a Specialist Music Place. (Please note that singing/voice can be also be classed as an instrument. It is not a requirement to be able to read sheet music in order to be considered for musical aptitude)

Friday 8th September 2023

Deadline for completion and return of musical aptitude form to Archbishop Blanch School

Week commencing Monday 25th September 2023

Candidates will be invited to attend an assessment to determine general musical aptitude. Tests will be used to determine whether or not aptitude (not ability) in music has been demonstrated and assessments will be undertaken by external music teachers and will be allocated randomly. The process will be overseen by the Head of Music at Archbishop Blanch and held in 2 stages:

Stage 1 : Your child will be invited into school week commencing **Monday 25th September 2023** where she will sit a simple aural test in pitch and rhythm. only those applicants who score in the top 50% will be invited to stage 2.

Stage 2: Those applicants invited to stage 2 will be asked to perform a short piece. This will take place via Zoom. This stage will be held during the week commencing **Monday 2nd October 2023**

Should your child successfully gain a music place there will be an expectation that she will be committed to musical involvement in school throughout her time at Archbishop Blanch.

Venue: Stage 1 of the assessment will take place at Archbishop Blanch School in accordance with current guidelines. Stage 2 of the assessment should your child score highly enough will take place via Zoom. The individual date and time of this stage will be detailed in a letter sent to you, and will be in the week commencing **Monday 2nd October**

Monday 16th October 2023

Results of aptitude assessments will be posted to parents by first class post. Parents may then choose to submit a formal supplementary information form to school before 31st October 2023

Tuesday 31 October 2023

Closing date for formal applications to Year 7 for admission in September 2024