

Stanborough



Music Aptitude Test Information Evening

Year 7 – 2027 Entry

— Grow and Succeed —



Reasons for doing the tests

- Our existing provision in music
- Excellent facilities for music
- Excellent staffing
- Whole school impact



Who is this for?

- **Any student who shows a love for music**
- Perhaps you've noticed your child sings along to songs on TV and Radio
- Your child will have taken part in music in Primary school – in class, assemblies or clubs
- Students who play an instrument are welcome to apply, however they have learnt it



Listening Aptitude

- Tests for natural aptitude
- No previous experience or training required
- 4 sets of questions

| Test 1: Pitch | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| U = up, S = same, D = down | | | | |
| Ex. | S | U | D | |
| 1. | S | U | D | |

| Test 2: Melody | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Same OR Beat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Ex. | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| Test 3: Rhythm | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ex. | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| Test 4: Texture – Circle the number of notes | | | |
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| Ex. | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 2 | 3 | 4 |



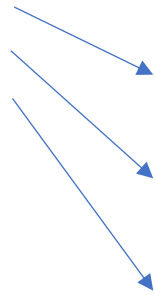
Performance

(In front of a small panel of judges)

Once students have completed their written test these will be marked and only those that have passed that section will be invited to undertake to performance test.

Students who pass the written test are asked to perform for a maximum of 5 minutes. This could be any of the following:

An accompanist
will be
provided
if needed



A piece they know on any instrument

A song they like to sing (it can be as simple as a nursery rhyme)

A part of a song/piece they have learnt in a group such as a choir or in class lessons

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Key dates

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| 4th May 2026 | SIF Registration opens for tests |
| 22nd May 2026 | SIF Registration closes for tests, 12pm |
| W/c 27th May 2026 | Letters sent out with times of tests |
| 8th June 2026 | Music aptitude test (written) |
| 11th June 2026 | Invitation sent to candidates, who have successfully passed the written test, to attend the performance test |
| 23rd -25th June 2026 | Music aptitude test (performance) |
| 7th July 2026 | Contingency day for performance test |
| 24th September 2026 | Stanborough Open Evening |
| TBC | Stanborough Open Mornings start |
| w/c 5th October 2026 | Results for all tests sent to parents |
| 31st October 2025 | Closing date for school applications to HCC |
| 1st March 2027 | Allocation of places – Sent by HCC to parents |

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