

# New Student Application Process

Special Interest Music Program – How to apply



**Brighton**  
Secondary  
School

## Stage 1 – Online Application

Online applications will open on Thursday 5 March and close on Sunday 29 March 2026 (including short individual performance and portfolio). Please note that no applications will be accepted after the closing date.

### Short Individual Performance:

Applicants are asked to submit video recordings of 2 pieces of up to 3 minutes each (either on the same instrument or one piece on each instrument). No accompaniment is required.

### Portfolio:

A Portfolio of information should include:

- most recent reports from their present school or relevant documentation
- contact details of referees [including classroom music teacher(s) and instrumental teacher(s)]
- a list of musical, social and/or sporting activities to demonstrate the applicant's commitment and/or long-term responsibilities. (eg participation in school or extra-curricular music ensembles/choirs, team sports, student leadership, community service, a particular interest, etc.)
- any other information or documentation to help highlight the applicant's musical background and experience. (eg compositions, creative work, past exam reports, etc.)

## Stage 2 – Aural Test and Workshop

In 2026, the Aural Test and Workshop will be held on Tuesday 7 April.

**Aural Test:** Applicants will also complete a short, written aural test – no knowledge of musical notation required.

**Workshop:** Applicants are divided into groups of 10 to 14 and taken through a series of musical games and activities during which their musical aptitude is assessed by a panel consisting of 3 music teachers. If successful at Stage 2, applicants will proceed to Stage 3.

## Stage 3 – Interview

Successful Stage 2 students will be invited to attend a 10 minute interview with their parent/guardian. The interviews will be held on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 May 2026.

## Letter of Offer

Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application during the week commencing Monday 18 May.