



Audition Venues

Information on the 2010 audition venues is given below. Please note that, if you have any queries, you should contact NCO not the venue as they are providing facilities but have no input to the audition process itself. There are twenty nine individual venues and 45 days of auditions scheduled.

On the first, or only, day at a venue auditions are unlikely to start before 9.30am as the team needs to liaise with the venue staff and set up on arrival. Where a team is at a venue for several days, the usual starting time for auditions on second or subsequent days is 9.15am (allowing for the first candidate to arrive at about 9am in order to be booked in and to practise the first piece of sight-reading). The last audition is usually at 5.30pm unless there are any timing restrictions for a venue.

Any variation in timings already known for particular venues is given below. Early morning and late afternoon auditions will only be booked if there are sufficient candidates for that day to fill the timetable.

Auditions diary at a glance:

3 Oct Cardiff	18 Oct Crowthorne, Dulwich, Nottingham
4 Oct Abingdon	19 Oct Crowthorne, Dulwich, Oakham
5 Oct Abingdon	20 Oct Crowthorne, Dulwich
6 Oct Birmingham	21 Oct
7 Oct Birmingham	22 Oct Bushey, Edinburgh
8 Oct Manchester	23 Oct Bushey, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
9 Oct Manchester, Radyr	24 Oct Bushey, London
10 Oct Cardiff, Manchester	25 Oct Felsted, Milton Keynes, Petersfield
11 Oct Ashburton, Leeds	26 Oct Kimbolton, Petersfield
12 Oct Leeds, Weston-super-Mare	27 Oct Wells
13 Oct Weston-super-Mare	28 Oct Shrewsbury, Wells
14 Oct Cheltenham	29 Oct Llandoverly
15 Oct	30 Oct
16 Oct Blandford, Huddersfield	31 Oct Guernsey
17 Oct Huddersfield, London, Maidstone	

Abingdon 4 & 5 October 2010

The Matrix Music School and Arts Centre, 15-17 The Nursery, Sutton Courtney, Abingdon OX14 4UA

The Matrix is in the village of Sutton Courtney about 5 miles south of Abingdon. There is parking adjacent. The nearest rail station is at Abingdon.

The earliest audition time on both days will be 10.30am as the venue has other activities first thing in the morning.

Ashburton 11 October 2010**Chapel of St Lawrence, St Lawrence Lane, Ashburton TQ13 7DD**

Ashburton is situated just off the A38 about halfway between Exeter and Plymouth. The chapel is on a narrow lane which leads off the main street running through the town. Though you can drop off in the lane, parking is not possible. The town's car park is only 5 minutes walk away.

The chapel is not suitable for harp auditions as there are steps both up to the building and internally.

Birmingham 6 & 7 October 2010**The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) Centre, Berkley Street, Birmingham B1 2LF**

The nearest rail station is Birmingham New Street. The nearest parking is about 5 minutes walk away. You can drop off near the entrance but there is no parking at the CBSO Centre itself. There are parking meters in Berkley Street which charge approximately 50p per hour.

Blandford 16 October**Bryanston School, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0PX**

Bryanston School is situated on the outskirts of Blandford Forum, 24 miles from Salisbury and 14 miles from Poole. It is one of the venues where we can audition percussionists. There is plenty of parking on site.

Bushey 22-24 October 2010**The Purcell School, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts WD23 2TS**

This is one of the venues where we can audition percussionists. The nearest mainline station is Watford. There is plenty of parking in the school grounds.

Cardiff 3 & 10 October 2010**Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Castle Grounds, Cardiff CF10 3ER**

This is one of the venues where we can audition percussionists. The closest mainline rail station is Cardiff Central which is about 20 minutes walk away but Cathays station on the Valleys line is within easy walking distance. There is no parking in the College grounds but there is parking opposite and adjacent to the College. There is a lift to all floors for harpists.

Both dates for Cardiff are a Sunday and there is restricted access time. The earliest audition will be scheduled for 10.15am and the latest will be 3.30pm.

Chelmsford**We have been unable to complete arrangements at the proposed venue in Chelmsford and this venue will not operate in 2010.****Cheltenham 14 October 2010****Pate's Grammar School, Oldbury Road, Cheltenham GL51 0HG**

Please note that the approaches to the school are very busy at the beginning and end of the school day and the school operates a one-way system for entrance and exit. Oldbury Road gets very congested at 3.30pm so please allow extra time if your audition is scheduled around that time.

Crowthorne 18-20 October 2010
Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 7PU

The College has its own station at Crowthorne, about ten minutes walk away. There is easy road access from both the M3 and M4. There is plenty of parking in the College grounds.

Dulwich 18-20 October 2010
Dulwich College, Dulwich Common, London SE21 7LD

Auditions will be held in the College's music school. There is plenty of parking in the grounds. West Dulwich rail station is about 5 minutes walk away.

The first audition on any of the days at Dulwich is likely to be scheduled for 9.45am.

Edinburgh 22 October 2010
St Mary's Music School, Coates Hall, 25 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

The school is ten minutes walk from Princes Street. The nearest rail station is Edinburgh Haymarket.

Felsted 25 October 2010
Felsted School, Felsted, Dunmow CM6 3LL

The Felsted School is in the village of that name situated just off the A120 between Great Dunmow and Braintree. The nearest rail stations are Chelmsford and Stansted, both about a 15 minute journey by taxi.

Guernsey 31 October 2010
St James Concert and Assembly Hall, College Street, St Peter Port Guernsey GY1 2NZ

There is no parking at St James; the nearest car park is in Upland Road on the site of the former Odeon cinema. There are three disabled parking spaces on the forecourt of St James which can only be booked in advance by contacting the administrator on 711360.

Huddersfield 16 & 17 October 2010
Creative Arts Building, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH

This is one of the venues where we can audition percussionists. The main university campus is within walking distance of the town's shopping centre and rail station. The Creative Arts Building is just on the left of the entrance to the university campus. There is parking on the campus.

Kimbolton 26 October 2010
Kimbolton School, Kimbolton, Huntingdon, PE28 0EA

Kimbolton School is in the village of that name easily accessible from the A1, A6, A14 and A45. Parking is available on site.

Leeds 11 & 12 October 2010
Gateways School, Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LE

Gateways School is in the village of Harewood on the outskirts of Leeds just off the A61 Leeds to Harrogate road. There is parking just inside the school grounds but the approach road is very busy at the start and end of the school day when parents are dropping off or collecting their children, so you need to allow for this if your audition is scheduled for those periods.

There are no auditions after 3.30pm on either day as the team needs to be clear of the Music Centre by 4pm at the latest.

Llandovery 29 October 2010
Llandovery College, Llandovery, Carmarthenshire SA20 0EE

The College is on the main road through the village (A40) and there is parking inside the grounds. (The gates open automatically as you drive slowly towards them.) The auditions take place in the Music department.

London 17 & 24 October 2010
Royal Academy of Music, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5HT

For anyone travelling by car, you can drop off at the entrance but there is no parking in the immediate vicinity. The nearest tube stations are Baker Street or Regents Park. There is a lift for large instruments inside the building but there are steps up to the entrance from the road.

Maidstone 17 October 2010
Sutton Valence School, Maidstone ME17 3HL

The school is in the village of Sutton Valence, south of Maidstone, not far from Junction 8 of the M20. The nearest rail stations are at Maidstone and Headcorn. There is parking on site.

Manchester 8-10 October 2010
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9RD

The College is a mile south of the city centre. Oxford Road station is about ten minutes walk away. There is a car park adjacent to the College in the basement of the Sir Charles Groves Hall of Residence which is open at weekends to the public and there are several others in the vicinity, one off Booth Street West and the other off Booth Street East. There is a lift for large instruments.

Please note that Friday 8 October is scheduled as an overflow period and is booked for the afternoon only. Auditions will only be scheduled for Friday if both Saturday and Sunday are full.

Milton Keynes 25 October 2010
Yamaha, Sherbourne Drive, Milton Keynes MK7 8BL

Auditions are held in the Yamaha Building, not far off the A5. The only rail station in the area is for Milton Keynes itself and it would be necessary to get a taxi from there. There is parking on site.

The last audition will be scheduled for 4.30pm.

Newcastle upon Tyne 23 October 2010

Royal Grammar School, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4DX

The school is close to Jesmond Metro station and within walking distance of the Haymarket bus station. The school website has the facility for visitors to get personal directions to the school. It is possible to hold auditions for percussionists here.

Nottingham 18 October 2010

Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED

For rail travellers, the school advises taking the 10-minute tram journey from the station directly to the school. There is parking at the school. It is possible to hold auditions for percussionists here.

Oakham 19 October 2010

Oakham School, Chapel Close, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6DT

Oakham rail station is nearby. The school website has the facility for visitors to get their own directions to the school. It is possible to hold percussion auditions here.

Petersfield 25 & 26 October 2010

The Petersfield School, Cranford Road, Petersfield GU32 3LU

Auditions are held in the Studio at the school. The school is located just off the B2070 which is the main road running north/south through the town. The Studio is a separate building from the main school. Keep to the left where the internal road forks and the Studio is on the left. There is parking in the grounds very near the Studio.

Radyr 9 October 2010

The Methodist Church, Windsor Road, Radyr CF15 8BQ

Auditions are held in the Methodist Church which is on the corner of Windsor Road and the B4262 which is the main road running through Radyr. It is about 2 miles from junction 32 on the M4. Radyr Station on the Valleys line is about 5 minutes walk away. There are only two parking spaces immediately outside but you can find on-street parking in the vicinity.

It is less convenient for harpists than the Royal Welsh College of Music as there are some internal steps up to the practice room.

Shrewsbury 28 October 2010

Shrewsbury High School, 32 Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1TN

The High School is in the centre of Shrewsbury. There is no parking at the school but there are public car parks nearby. This is one of the venues where percussion auditions can be held.

Wells 27 & 28 October 2010

The Music Centre, Wells Cathedral School, Cathedral Green, Wells

Auditions are held in the Music School which is opposite the North Door of Wells Cathedral. It is possible to hold percussion auditions here. There is no convenient rail station. There is a small amount of off-road parking available at the back of the Music School, accessed by the lane which runs down the side of the building.

Weston-super-Mare 12 & 13 October 2010
Sidcot School, Winscombe BS25 1PD

Auditions are held at Sidcot School in a village just outside the town. The nearest rail station is Weston-super-Mare but that is about 25 minutes from the venue by taxi at busy periods. Access by car from the M5 and the A38 is straightforward. Parking is available in the visitors' car park almost adjacent to the Meeting House where the auditions are held.