**Junior Conservatoire**

Online Application Form

Thank you very much for your interest in applying for the Junior Conservatoire’s Advanced, Music First and Mini Music courses. Auditions are currently offered free of charge and the application deadline is 7th September in most cases.

Overleaf, please find details about the Advanced Course and Music First entry audition process, including what to prepare for your audition and how to upload your audition video.

Mini Music is an open-access course with no audition requirement.

Having prepared your audition video, please complete this form and attach it to an email marked ‘private and confidential’, along with your audition video link, and send the email to [**junior.conservatoire@rwcmd.ac.uk**](mailto:junior.conservatoire@rwcmd.ac.uk)

**Strictly Private and Confidential**

**Parent(s)/Carer(s) contact details for all correspondence** (existing students do not need to complete this section).

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| Full name | |
| Address | |
| Landline | Mobile |
| Email address | |

**Course you are applying for**

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| □ Advanced Programme CLASSICAL PATHWAY / JAZZ PATHWAY (delete as appropriate)  □ Music First  □ Mini Music |

**Your child’s details**

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| Surname | First Name(s) |
| Age | |
| Name of School/College  School Year (as at 1st September of calendar year of application) | |

**Your child’s musical experience**

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| **Please state your Principal Study Instrument/Voice (n/a Mini Music)**  Grade achieved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mark\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date passed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Exam Board\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  When did you start learning this instrument/voice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Where do you have your lessons (please tick)?  a) In school (independent)  b) With a hub (or equivalent), music service or in a state school  c) Specialist music school  d) Private tuition | | | |
| **Do you wish to apply for an Additional Study Instrument/Voice – if so, please state which (n/a Mini Music)**  Grade achieved\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mark\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date passed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Exam Board\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  When did you start learning this instrument/voice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Where do you have your lessons (please tick)?  a) In school (independent)  b) With a hub (or equivalent), music service or in a state school  c) Specialist music school  d) Private tuition | | | |
| **Have you taken an ABRSM theory exam? (n/a Mini Music)**  If yes, please state the most recent grade, mark and date taken: | | | |
| **Do you wish to tell us about any disability or particular needs or requirements you may have?**  **If yes, please outline what these are.** | | | |
| **Do you speak Welsh?**  If Yes, would you like to receive communication in Welsh? | YES/NO  YES/NO | If you are Welsh speaking, would you be interested in exploring opportunities for learning and teaching through the medium of Welsh? | YES/NO | |
| **How did you hear about us?** | | | | |

**Privacy Statement**

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| The College takes the protection of all personal information seriously and is fully committed to the protection of the rights and freedoms of all individuals.  We will process your data according to our privacy statement, which you can read at [www.rwcmd.ac.uk/privacy](http://www.rwcmd.ac.uk/privacy) |

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| **Signed Date** |

**Free Junior Conservatoire Auditions and Consultations 2020**

We’re very pleased to announce that free online auditions for entry to the Junior Conservatoire in September 2020 are open. Audition requirements are below and advice on how to submit your online audition are on page 2. If you have any questions, do get in touch on junior.conservatoire@rwcmd.ac.uk

The audition closing date for most instruments/voice is 7th September 2020.

Late auditions may sometimes be accepted - please contact us for further advice.

Families who wish to apply for bursary assistance, if offered a place, are advised to submit an entry audition as soon as possible and by the 7th September deadline.

**Entry Requirements**

As a guide, the Advanced Course entry level for younger applicants (year 7) is approximately \*Grade 5 (ABRSM) with merit/distinction. A higher standard is generally expected of older students; however consideration will be given to musical potential as well as age and instrument.

The entry level for Music First is is approximately \*Grade 1 (ABRSM).

*\*NB It is not a requirement for these exams to have been taken*

Piano applicants must have access to an acoustic piano at home.

**Audition requirements**

Please record and upload a video of the applicant performing

1a principal study: two **contrasting** pieces/songs

additional study (if applicable): one piece/song

1b for instrumentalists: four scales and four arpeggios of your choice

for singers: examples of some of your vocal exercises/warm ups

1c We are very interested in learning about applicants’ musical experience and ask that they record themselves giving some brief spoken answers to the following questions:

- How long have you been learning your instrument/voice and how long have you been having lessons? - Tell us about your lessons – are these weekly, do they take place individually or in groups, and how long are your lessons (eg 30 mins, 45 mins etc)?

- Tell us about your musical activities and your musical goals. For those in Yr 11 and above, do you wish to study music when you leave school?

**What happens next**

An audition panel will listen to your recording within two weeks of submission. The panel will comprise the Head of Junior Conservatoire and a specialist on your principal study. They will consider your overall musical experience and aims and look at aspects of your playing including posture, technique, intonation, rhythm, musicianship, tone production etc.

Following this, we will be in touch within 7 working days with the outcome of your audition.

**Creating and Uploading an Audition Video to YouTube**

***Preparing to make your recording***

1. use a quiet room with good lighting and minimal reverb (echo)
2. please record the video in landscape
3. do a test recording with the loudest and quietest sections of your pieces/songs. Listen back with headphones to see if anything is
   1. -distorted: (eg crackly, too loud); if so, move further away from your recording device and try again
   2. -inaudible: move closer to your recording device and/or perform more loudly

***Recording your video***

1. if you can, record your all your audition material onto one or two videos. Don’t worry if this means there are short breaks between items
2. remember to introduce your pieces and say which scales/arpeggios/exercises you’re playing/singing

***Uploading your video on YouTube***

1. log in to YouTube. You can do this with an existing YouTube account or by using a Google account. If you have neither of these, it is quick and easy to create a new YouTube account
2. if you have filmed your video on a phone or tablet, you can upload your video using the YouTube app. To do so, simply press the video camera icon at the top of your screen within the YouTube app, and select the existing video from your camera roll
3. if you are uploading your video from a laptop or desktop computer, go to youtube.com and click the upwards arrow in the top right corner of the screen
4. follow the steps on screen to upload your video
5. please label your video as follows:

your name

the date

RWCMD Junior Conservatoire Audition Video number (eg one of two, two of two)

1. on the screen labelled ‘visibility’ and with privacy settings, tick the ‘unlisted’ box; this ensures that only people you send the link to can see your video
2. send an email containing the link to your unlisted video to junior.conservatoire@rwcmd.ac.uk