

Saturday 8 February 2025
10am–1.30pm

Chetham's School of Music Open Day Guide



Chetham's
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Welcome to Chetham's School of Music

Thank you for joining us for our Open Day.

Please use this guide to plan your visit, drop in on some music rehearsals and seek out any members of staff you would like to meet.

Please arrive via the Stoller Hall entrance on Hunts Bank, opposite Victoria Station. Entry is strictly from 10am.

We recommend that you arrive before 11am, when there will be an introductory talk from the Joint Principals.

Light refreshments are available in room G.04 on the ground floor of the New School Building.

Toilets — including accessible toilets — are available on every floor of the New School Building. Toilets in all other buildings are not accessible to Open Day visitors.

Want to experience a live concert here at Stoller Hall?

We're pleased to offer Open Day visitors **two free tickets** per booker to Illuminate Women's Music on Saturday 8 March.

Pianist Joseph Havlat and violinist Maja Hovat will shine a light on five female composers to celebrate International Women's Day.

No visitor photography, audio or visual recording is permitted on the premises.

Chetham's Library — the medieval visitor attraction within the school grounds — is closed today.

Please ask any staff member if you require guidance at any time. We hope you enjoy your visit.

For free internet, please connect to the 'Guest' Wi-Fi and enter HCqQrPbc as the password.

The 'Fees and Funding' leaflet in the prospectus reflects figures exclusive of VAT. Since 1 January 2025, VAT has been levied on independent school fees. Please visit the 'Fees and 'Finance' page on the Chetham's website for up-to-date figures.

The refreshing programme includes violin sonatas by Grażyna Bacewicz and Mel Bonis and a new work Angela Slater.

Just use the code **OPEN** when booking your tickets via this QR code, online at stollerhall.com, by calling 0333 130 0967 or at the box office in person.



Talks, tours and refreshments

Upon arrival, you have the option of a tour with student guides to familiarise yourself with the School.

10am–11am	Tours of the School	Chetham's Students <i>From Middle School and Sixth Form</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
	Refreshments and chat with the Principals	Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond <i>Joint Principals</i>	G.04 Floor G New School Building
11am–11.30am	Welcome from the Principals	Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond <i>Joint Principals</i>	Stoller Hall Floor B1 New School Building
11.30am–12pm	Discover Lower School (Years 4–8)	Ms Andrea Price <i>Head of Lower School</i> Miss Cecily Tomlinson <i>Head of Juniors</i> Ms Leanne Cody <i>Head of Victoria House</i>	Baronial Hall Floor G College House
	Discover Middle School (Years 9–11)	Mr Ambrose Henderson <i>Head of Middle School</i> Mr Joshua O'Brien <i>Head of New College House</i>	Carole Nash Hall Floor G New School Building
	Discover Sixth Form (Years 12–13)	Mrs Julia Harrison <i>Head of Sixth Form</i> Ms Frankie Mackenzie <i>Head of Millgate House</i>	Stoller Hall Floor B1 New School Building
12pm–1.30pm	Refreshments and chat with the Principals	Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond <i>Joint Principals</i>	G.04 Floor G New School Building

Meet the staff

Join our music and academic staff for informal group introductions or one-to-one chats.

Music Departments		10am–11am and 12pm–1.30pm
Applications and Auditions Process	Mrs Julie Scott <i>PA to the Joint Principal/Director of Music and Admissions Manager</i>	1.01 Floor 1 New School Building
Strings	Mr Nicholas Jones <i>Head of Strings and Assistant Principal</i>	2.19 Floor 2 New School Building
Woodwind	Ms Belinda Gough <i>Joint Head of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion</i>	1.39 Floor 1 New School Building
Brass and Percussion	Dr David Thornton <i>Joint Head of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion</i>	1.19 Floor 1 New School Building
Keyboard	Dr Murray McLachlan <i>Head of Keyboard</i>	G.09 Floor G New School Building
Vocal (from 1pm)	Mr Marcus Farnsworth <i>Head of Vocal and Choral Studies</i>	1.27 Floor 1 New School Building
Jazz (until 1pm)	Mr Steve Berry <i>Jazz Tutor</i>	G.06 Floor G New School Building
Composition (from 10.15am)	Dr Jeremy Pike <i>Head of Composition</i>	2.46 Floor 2 New School Building
Academic Music	Dr Sam King <i>Head of Academic Music</i>	1.02 Floor 1 New School Building
Lower School Academic Music	Ms Andrea Price <i>Head of Lower School and Lower School Academic Music Coordinator</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building

Academic Departments

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Art	Ms Alison Boothroyd <i>Head of Art</i>	Art Department Floor 1 Millgate Building
Compensatory Education	Miss Louise Fogg <i>EAL and SEND Teacher</i>	School Library Floor 1 College House
Drama and Theatre Studies	Ms Joy Sherlock <i>Head of Drama</i>	Drama Studio Floor G College House
English	Miss Claire Raffo <i>Head of English</i>	3.08 Floor 3 New School Building
Geography, History and PSHE	Mr Andy Kyle <i>Head of Humanities</i>	3.20 Floor 3 New School Building
Higher Education Guidance	Ms Julia Harrison <i>Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form</i>	3.24 Floor 3 New School Building
Junior Department	Miss Cecily Tomlinson <i>Head of Juniors and Years 4–5 Teacher</i>	3.17 Floor 3 New School Building
Mathematics and ICT	Mr Ed Leeson <i>Head of Mathematics</i>	3.01 Floor 3 New School Building
Modern Foreign Languages	Ms Nina Geschwendt <i>Head of Modern Foreign Languages</i> Mr Paul Chillingworth <i>French Teacher and Academic Manager</i>	3.09 Floor 3 New School Building
Music Technology	Mr Adrian Horn <i>Music Technology Teacher</i>	B1.24 Floor B1 New School Building
Science	Mr Ambrose Henderson <i>Head of Science and Head of Middle School</i>	4.02 Floor 2 New School Building

Open rehearsals

Listen to Chethams' talented musicians as you sit in on open rehearsals and lessons.

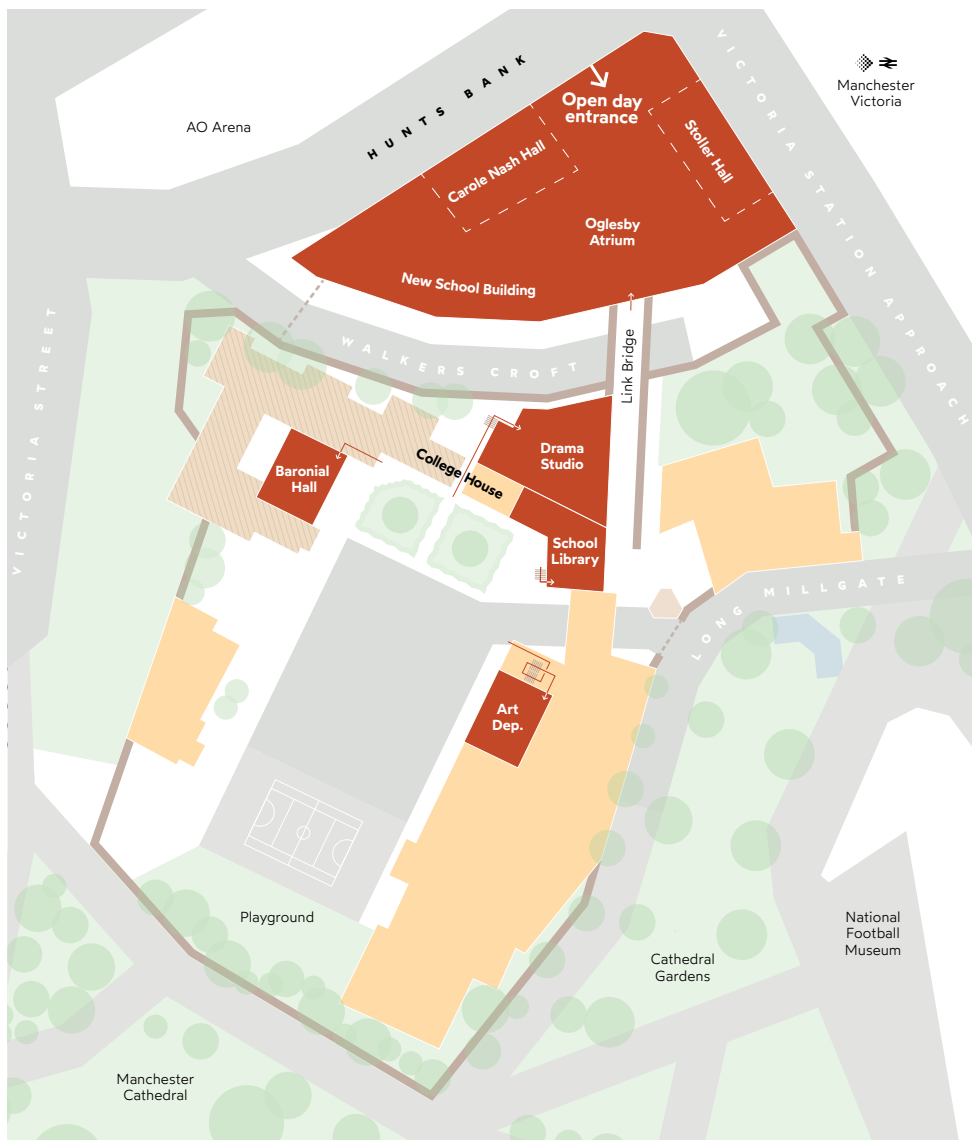
Exact times may be subject to change.

10am–11am and 12pm–1pm	Chetham's Symphony Orchestra Beethoven: 'Ah! Perfido' (until 11am) Sibelius: <i>Valse triste</i> (after 12pm) Judith Weir: <i>Storm Magic</i> (after 12pm)	The Stoller Hall Floor B1 New School Building
	Opera Ravel: <i>L'enfant et les sortilèges</i>	Carole Nash Hall Floor G New School Building
	Jazz Ensemble	G.06 Floor G New School Building
	Harps (until 1.30pm)	2.17 Floor 2 New School Building
	Piano Duets	G.09 Floor G New School Building
	Solo Piano	2.09 Floor 2 New School Building
10am–11am only	Chetham's Philharmonic Orchestra Borodin: <i>Polovtsian Dances</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
	Saxophone Choir	G.05 Floor G New School Building
12pm–1pm only	Windband	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
	String Ensemble	G.05 Floor G New School Building
	Guitars	2.26 Floor 2 New School Building

Chetham's site map

Accessibility

The New School Building is fully accessible with lift access and accessible toilets on every floor. Regrettably, lift access is not available for the School Library, Drama Studio or the Art Department. Please alert us to any accessibility requirements you have. Parts of the Chetham's site were built in 1421 and medieval flooring may be uneven.



Notes

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