

Lower School  
Sunday 19 October 2025  
10am–1.30pm

# Chetham's School of Music Open Day Guide



# 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 10.30am, when there will be an introductory talk from the Joint Principals.

Light refreshments are available in the Oglesby Atrium on the ground floor of the New School Building.

For the first time at Open Day, we invite prospective students to join in with our open rehearsals. If you have an instrument, you may store it in room G.04 on the ground floor of the New School Building. Instruments are stored at your own risk and Chetham's shall not be liable for any loss of any kind.

## Want to experience a live concert here at Stoller Hall?

We're pleased to offer Open Day visitors **two free tickets** per booker to the Chetham's Vocal Concert on Friday 24 October performed by our very own vocal students.

We are also pleased to offer Open Day visitors two free tickets per booker to a concert by Liturina on Wednesday 5 November.

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.

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 **ndThfEXx** as the password.

The 'Fees and Funding' leaflet in the prospectus reflects figures inclusive 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 more information.

Liturina is a dynamic chamber ensemble, captivating audiences with its exploration of rich and diverse repertoires on historical instruments.

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.

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| 10am–10.30am   | Tours of the school                       | Chetham's students                                                                                                                                                                                              | Oglesby Atrium Floor G<br>New School Building |
|                | Refreshments and chat with the Principals | Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond<br><i>Joint Principals</i>                                                                                                                                                   | Oglesby Atrium Floor G<br>New School Building |
| 10.30am–11am   | Welcome from the Principals               | Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond<br><i>Joint Principals</i>                                                                                                                                                   | Stoller Hall Floor B1<br>New School Building  |
| 11am–11.30am   | Discover Lower School (years 4–8)         | Ms Andrea Price<br><i>Assistant Principal, Safeguarding and Inclusion (DSL), and Head of Lower School</i><br>Miss Cecily Tomlinson<br><i>Head of Juniors</i><br>Ms Leanne Cody<br><i>Head of Victoria House</i> | Stoller Hall Floor B1<br>New School Building  |
| 11.30am–1.30pm | Refreshments and chat with the Principals | Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond<br><i>Joint Principals</i>                                                                                                                                                   | Oglesby Atrium Floor G<br>New School Building |

# Meet the staff

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

## Music Departments

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| Applications and Auditions Process | Mrs Julie Scott<br><i>PA to the Joint Principal/Director of Music and Admissions Manager</i> | <b>10am–11am</b><br><b>and 12pm–1.30pm</b><br><b>Oglesby Atrium</b> Floor G<br>New School Building |
| Strings                            | Dr Owen Cox<br><i>Head of Strings</i>                                                        | <b>Oglesby Atrium</b> Floor G<br>New School Building                                               |
| Woodwind, Brass and Percussion     | Dr David Thornton<br><i>Joint Head of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion</i>                     | <b>Oglesby Atrium</b> Floor G<br>New School Building                                               |
| Keyboard                           | Dr Murray McLachlan<br><i>Head of Keyboard</i><br><b>(11.30am–12.30pm only)</b>              | <b>G.08</b> Floor G<br>New School Building                                                         |
| Academic Music                     | Ms Andrea Price<br><i>Co-ordinator for Lower School Academic Music</i>                       | <b>1.02</b> Floor 1<br>New School Building                                                         |

## Academic Departments

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| Higher Education Guidance | Ms Julia Harrison<br><i>Vice Principal and Head of Sixth Form</i> | <b>10am–11am</b><br><b>and 12pm–1.30pm</b><br><b>Oglesby Atrium</b><br>New School Building |
| Junior Department         | Miss Cecily Tomlinson<br><i>Head of Juniors</i>                   | <b>3.17</b> Floor 3<br>New School Building                                                 |



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# Open rehearsals

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

*Exact times may be subject to change.*

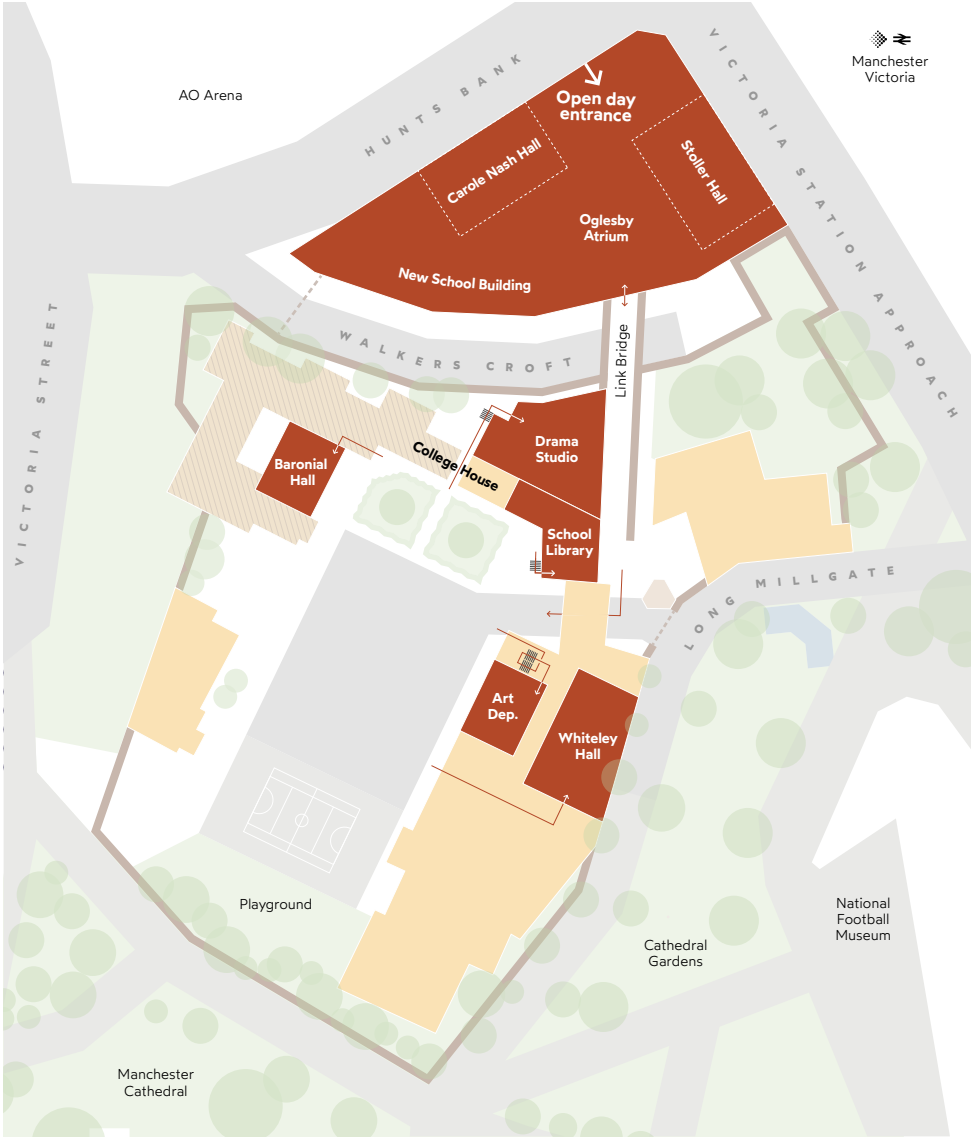
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| 10am–10.30am   | <b>Piano Playing with Dr. McLachlan</b><br>Join in and play with us! | <b>2.05</b> Floor 2<br>New School Building              |
| 11.30am–1pm    | <b>Chetham’s Symphony Orchestra</b>                                  | <b>The Stoller Hall</b> Floor B1<br>New School Building |
| 11.30am–1.30pm | <b>Piano Playing with Prof. Seng</b><br>Join in and play with us!    | <b>G.09</b> Floor G<br>New School Building              |
| 12.30pm–1.30pm | <b>Chetham’s Philharmonic Orchestra</b><br>Join in and play with us! | <b>Whiteley Hall</b><br>Millgate Building               |
| 12.30pm–1.30pm | <b>Piano Playing with Dr. McLachlan</b><br>Join in and play with us! | <b>2.05</b> Floor 2<br>New School Building              |



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# 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.



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