

Middle School & Sixth Form
Saturday 18 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 11am, 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.

10am–11am	Tours of the School	Chetham's Students	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
	Refreshments and chat with the Principals	Ms Nicola Smith and Mr Tom Redmond <i>Joint Principals</i>	Oglesby Atrium 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 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>	Oglesby Atrium 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>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
Strings	Dr Owen Cox <i>Head of Strings</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
Woodwind, Brass and Percussion	Ms Belinda Gough Dr David Thornton <i>Joint Heads of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
Keyboard (12-12.30pm)	Dr Murray McLachlan <i>Head of Keyboard</i>	G.08 Floor G New School Building
Vocal	Mr Marcus Farnsworth (from 1pm) <i>Head of Vocal and Choral Studies</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
	Ms Kate Huddie (from 12pm) <i>Assistant Head of Vocal and Choral Studies</i>	
Jazz (from 1pm)	Mr Steve Berry <i>Jazz Tutor</i>	Oglesby Atrium Floor G New School Building
Composition	Dr Jeremy Pike <i>Head of Composition</i>	B1.24 Floor B1 New School Building
Academic Music	Dr Sarah Oliver <i>Co-ordinator for Sixth Form Academic Music</i>	1.02 Floor 1 New School Building

Academic Departments		10am–11am and 12pm–1.30pm
Art	Ms Alison Boothroyd <i>Head of Art</i>	Art Department Floor 1 Millgate Building
Learning Support	Miss Louise Fogg <i>Head of Learning Support and SENDCo</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>	3.19 Floor 3 New School Building
Higher Education Guidance	Ms Julia Harrison <i>Vice Principal and Head of Sixth Form</i>	Oglesby Atrium 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	Dr Jeremy Pike <i>Head of Composition</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.

Morning 10am–11am	Saxophone Lessons with Mr Wilson Join in and play with us!	G.05 Floor G New School Building
	Piano Playing with Dr. McLachlan Join in and play with us!	2.05 Floor 2 New School Building
Afternoon 12pm–1.30pm	Chetham's Symphony Orchestra Join in and play with us! (12pm–1pm only)	The Stoller Hall Floor B1 New School Building
	Chetham's Philharmonic Orchestra Join in and play with us! (12pm–1pm only)	Whiteley Hall Milgate Building
	Chetham's Voices Join in and sing with us! (12pm–1pm only)	Carole Nash Hall Floor G New School Building
	Jazz Ensemble Join in and play with us!	G.06 Floor G New School Building
	Harp	2.17 Floor 2 New School Building
	Saxophone Quartets (12pm–1pm only)	G.05 Floor G New School Building
	Piano Lessons with Prof. Seng	G.09 Floor G New School Building
	Piano Lessons with Miss Page	2.09 Floor 2 New School Building
	Piano Playing with Dr. McLachlan Join in and play with us! (12.30pm–1.30pm)	2.05 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



