

September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chiltern Music Academy – Musical opportunities

Chiltern Music Academy are a local charity who run a vast range of musical groups for young people. They offer lots of brilliant music-making opportunities, so we would really encourage your children to get involved. More details can be found on CMA's website: [Welcome! - The Chiltern Music Academy](#). Please **also** read below about a particularly exciting event coming up soon that your child can sign up for.

Big Noise:

We are delighted to announce that instrumentalists from Years 7-9 have been invited to attend Chiltern Music Academy's free Big Noise event on Friday, 20th October 2023 at Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, culminating in a videoed Grand Finale Concert to Head Teachers, Governors and Parents.

Big Noise 2023 offers children the opportunity to make music with other young musicians from across their local area, and to perform in an orchestra of over 150 instrumentalists. Year 5-9 pupils playing a string, wind, brass, recorder or percussion instrument will become part of this orchestra, and experience the joy of massed ensemble playing. Pianists of Grade 3+ standard wishing to learn a tuned percussion part are also included in Big Noise 2023.

This event will enable our musicians to spend a day getting to know one another, and to play their instruments with other musical children. They will also have the opportunity to meet old friends and teachers, and encourage Year 5 and 6 pupils who may be joining us in 2024 and 2025.

RGS will be closed on Friday, 20th October, so Chiltern Music Academy has offered to accept independent applications to come and play, providing pastoral care for our pupils. CMA would be very grateful for parent helpers who have a DBS certificate to volunteer to help on the day.

Click on the links to experience [Big noise 2018](#) and see children's reactions to [Big Noise 2017](#)

Preparation and standard of participants:

Music Preparation for Big Noise 2023 would be beneficial, but is not essential. A link to downloadable parts will be sent out in advance of the event.

Big Noise 2023 will cater for all pupils who have completed at least one full year of instrumental lessons and can read music notation. Please note that this does not include whole class provision. Advanced pupils are welcome and will be provided with music of an appropriate standard.

Media Permission required:

Big Noise 2023 will be videoed and shared on the CMA website, school websites and social media so that we can celebrate the children's achievement with whole school communities.

Chiltern Music Academy regrets that no child may attend Big Noise 2023 without media consent. In exceptional circumstances, please contact CMA Principal elen.monwayne@chilternmusicacademy.org

Programme:

The children will rehearse in ability-based workshops led by Chiltern Music Academy tutors and will perform as a small ensemble and in a massed item. Parents of participants are invited to attend a short Reception at 1.30pm to meet CMA staff prior to the concert at 2.00pm.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch, water and snacks for the whole day, as they will not be able to leave school to buy food, and there will be no food provided in school.

The timetable will be as follows:

09:15	Arrival/registration
09:45	Warm up
10:15	Session 1
11:00	Break
11:20	Session 2 (staff CPD)
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Session 3
13:30	Massed rehearsal
14:00	Concert
14:30	End and dismiss

If you would like your child to attend this CMA Big Noise event please complete the application form below and return as indicated.

We do hope your child will be interested in attending Big Noise 2023, to engage in a stimulating and enjoyable day of music-making.

Best wishes,

Mrs Natasha Jashari
Director of Music



BIG NOISE 2023

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM

Application deadline – MONDAY, 9TH
OCTOBER



Places for BIG NOISE 2023 are limited so please apply early to avoid disappointment

Young Musician's Details (Please PRINT clearly)

Family Name	
First Name	M/F
Special medical or educational needs	
School attended 2023-24	
Year group 2023-24	

Parent/Guardian Details

Family Name	
First Name	Mr/Mrs/Miss
Email address	
Emergency mobile number	

Instrument and Standard

NB We regret that CMA cannot accommodate guitarists at Big Noise 2023.

Instrument	Last grade achieved (if applicable)
strings, woodwind, brass, recorder, percussion players, & Grade 3 plus pianists	

Please note:

- Pupils may choose **one** instrument only to play for the duration of the Big Noise
- Each student must have undertaken **at least a year of lessons** and be able to read rhythm and music notation. Recorder players should be able to play and read a D major scale
- Able and advanced musicians will be accommodated with parts that are of an appropriate standard
- Chiltern Music Academy cannot take responsibility for any child left unsupervised in the RGS car park. Parents must undertake to accompany their child to sign in at Registration, and to collect him/her at Deregistration inside RGS at the end of the concert
- N.B. Photographs and videos will be taken at this event. **All children must have parental media consent.** In exceptional circumstances, please contact CMA Principal elen.monwayne@chilternmusicacademy.org

Declaration and signature

Parent declaration
I have read and understood the requirements for Big Noise 2019.

Participant behaviour agreement
My child agrees to behave appropriately whilst under the supervision of CMA staff and volunteer parent helpers.

Media consent
I give permission for my child to feature in the Big Noise 2023 video which will be shared on the CMA website, school websites and social media. (In exceptional circumstances, please contact CMA Principal, elen.monwayne@chilternmusicacademy.org)

Data Protection
I understand that pupil data shared with Chiltern Music Academy on this application form will be used for the purposes of participation in Big Noise 2023 only.

School helper
I would like to volunteer as a parent helper on behalf of the Royal Grammar School, and can confirm that I have a current DBS certificate.

Reception RSVP
I would like to attend the Big Noise 2023 Reception at 1.30pm.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Printed name

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Please return your completed application form to: events@chilternmusicacademy.org

Further details about **BIG NOISE 2023** will be sent to you in October.