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Chiltern Music Academy's **BIG NOISE 2024**

9.00am – 2.30pm, Friday 25th October 2024

Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

Big Noise creates a local schools' orchestra, bringing children together to experience the joy of ensemble playing as they perform in an orchestra of over 150 players. FREE for Year 5-9 pupils playing a string, wind (including recorder,) brass, or percussion instrument. Pianists of Grade 3 plus standard wishing to learn tuned percussion parts are also welcome to attend.

Chiltern Music Academy is delighted to invite musicians from your school to a day of music making, culminating in a Grand Finale Concert for your Head Teachers, Governors and Parents. Why not watch a brief video of [Big Noise 2023](#) to see what fun you can have?!

To ensure that no child misses this opportunity, Chiltern Music Academy will provide pastoral care for pupils attending schools that are closed on Friday, 25th October.

The Big Noise aims to:

- Inspire all who attend Big Noise 2024 as they work **side by side** with **advanced CMA students** and **professional musicians**.
- Offer 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
- **Aid transition** for Primary School musicians, strengthening musical ties between Primary and Secondary Schools to ensure that musicians do not "fall through the net" as they move schools
- Enable Secondary School Heads of Music to draw lower school musicians together for a day of music making, to **inspire** them to continue playing together when they return to school, and to **engage** with Year 5 & 6 pupils who will join their school in the future.
- Provide a CPD opportunity for music teachers as they observe experienced ensemble leaders rehearse and conduct our ensembles, network, and share ideas.
- Encourage **Senior Management and Governors** from the Independent sector, the State sector, the Primary phase and the Secondary phase to come together to **celebrate** the musical talent in their schools.
- Offer **Parents** an opportunity to engage with school music staff and with Chiltern Music Academy.

www.chilternmusicacademy.org
Email: office@chilternmusicacademy.org
Registered charity number 1158146

Important information

Preparation and standard of participants

Music Preparation for Big Noise 2024 would be beneficial but not essential. If requested, downloadable parts can be sent to schools in advance.

Big Noise 2024 will cater for all pupils who have completed at least one full year of instrumental lessons and can read music notation. Please note that we cannot cater for whole class provision.

Advanced pupils are welcome and will be provided with music of an appropriate standard.

Do remember to include pupils who learn outside school and any accompanying adult instrumentalists in your application!

Media Permission

Big Noise 2024 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.

Media permission for ALL participants must be obtained by schools.

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. The timetable will be as follows:

- 9.15 Arrival / Registration
- 9.30 Session 1
- 10.40 Break
- 11.10 Session 2 (staff CPD)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.35 Session 3
- 1.30 Massed Rehearsal
- 2.00 Concert
- 2.30 End and dismiss

Inviting Parents

Parents of participants are invited to attend a short Reception at 1.30pm to meet Secondary School Music teachers and CMA staff prior to the concert at 2.00pm.

Year 6 Music Transition Form

Improving Year 6 Music transition to Secondary School has been a key discussion point at Big Noise CPD sessions. In response, CMA has provided a short Music Transition form to be completed by Year 6 pupils in advance and handed in to their new schools on Transition Day, or to be completed when they arrive at the beginning of the new Autumn Term.

Big Noise 2024 Application process

Primary Schools

Please identify the relevant musicians from your present Year 4 & 5, and return your completed application form by **Friday, 12th July**.

Secondary Schools

Please feel free to use the attached CMA Music Transition Form with your visiting Year 6 pupils on Transition Day, or at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

If you are unable to confirm numbers for Big Noise 2024, your application may be made in two stages:

1. A statement of intention and estimation of numbers/standards by **Friday, 12th July**
2. Final completed application form by **Monday, 14th October**

Primary and Secondary Schools that are closed on Friday, 25th October

Chiltern Music Academy will provide pastoral care for pupils of schools that are closed on Friday, 25th October. Please notify us if you can provide volunteer helpers. All volunteers must have a DBS certificate.

Template letters

Please find attached a template letter for your school to edit and send out to parents of your musicians. **Please remember** to include children who learn an instrument outside school!

Template 1 – School trip to Big Noise 2024 - template letter to parents.

or

Template 2 – Information for individual pupils of schools that are closed, or schools that cannot provide a group trip to Big Noise 2024 - template covering letter & independent application form that should be sent directly to CMA (not school).

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

We do hope you can join us for this exciting venture as we seek to enable young musicians from across the Chilterns to join together for a day of inspirational music making.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns regarding Big Noise 2024.

Following receipt of your application form, we will send out more detailed information.

With best wishes,

Elen Môn Wayne

Principal, Chiltern Music Academy



SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

BIG NOISE 2024



Name of School	
School contact name	
Contact tel. no.	
Email address	

Application for musicians in Years 5 - 9

String, woodwind (including recorder), brass, percussion players, & Grade 3 plus pianists

NB We regret that CMA cannot accommodate guitarists at Big Noise 2024.

	Name (Please PRINT clearly)	2024-25 Year group	Instrument	Last grade achieved
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Please note:

- All pupils must have completed **at least a year of lessons** and be able to read music notation.
- Recorder players should be able to play *and read* notes included in a D major scale.
- Able and advanced musicians will be given music of the appropriate standard.
- Big Noise 2024 is not intended for whole class/wider opportunity students.
- Pupils may choose only **one** instrument to play for the duration of the Big Noise
- Do include information about accompanying adult instrumentalists in your application form!
- Schools are responsible for the transport, medical needs and supervision of their pupils
- All pupils must be registered by their school teacher before entering RGS. Chiltern Music Academy cannot be responsible for any pupil left unsupervised in the car park
- Photographs and videos will be taken at this event and attending **children must have parental media consent**. Please make sure that your pupils have this consent.

Submission - Places are limited: apply early to avoid disappointment!

Primary Schools - please submit your application by **Friday, 12th July**

Secondary Schools - please submit:

1. a statement of intention and estimation of numbers/standards by **Friday, 12th July**
2. your final application by **Monday, 14th October**

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

Big Noise 2023 Reception guests

Name of Head Teacher	
Name/s of Governors	
Name/s of Special guests	
Number of Parents	

Declaration and signature

€ *We understand that The Big Noise will be filmed and shared on the CMA website, school websites and social media, and that we are responsible for acquiring media consent from parents. **We understand that no child may attend without media consent.** (In exceptional circumstances, please contact CMA Principal, elen.monwayne@chilternmusicacademy.org)*

€ *We understand that pupil data shared with Chiltern Music Academy on this application form will be used for the purposes of participation in Big Noise 2024 only.*

€ *We understand that parents must remain with their child until a school member of staff is present to greet and register him/her in the designated meeting area **before** entering the RGS building. CMA will not be responsible for pupils left unsupervised by parents.*

€ *We will ensure that our pupils are supervised adequately throughout the Big Noise.*

Signed (Lead supervising teacher)

Signed (Head Teacher/SLT)