

Willington House Music Festival 2025

The House Music Festival will be held on Thursday 3 April, 2025. You are invited to audition in the following categories and **may enter more than one category**, but are allowed one entry only for each category:

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO (including piano)

Up to Grade 2

Grades 3 and above

VOCAL SOLO Y3-6

PREP ENSEMBLE - this is a musical performance with 2 or more performers from the **same** House.

PRE-PREP (Reception, Year 1 & 2) solo and group performances are welcome

Remember each audition will earn a House Point that will contribute to the overall score, so the more the merrier! Performers for the Finals on 3 April will be chosen from the auditions and these children will then compete by performing their successful audition piece/s on that day. The Pre-Prep Festival takes place in the morning, followed by the Prep Festival after lunch. House Choirs from each part of the school will also perform and rehearsals will take place during Arts Week as well as throughout the Spring Term.

Our adjudicator is *Harry Bradford* - singer and conductor (and previous Pre Prep Willington music teacher!)

Auditions will be held in your music lessons in the week commencing 24 February. If you are ill or absent, then you can audition the following week during your music lesson.

Any ensembles made up of children from different classes/year groups will audition in the Music Room from 1.45pm on WEDS 26 FEB or THURSDAY 27 FEB. If your ensemble is made of only people in your class (obviously in the same House as you!) then you can also audition in your music lesson.

Scenario 1: Cecil plays the piano at Grade 1 level and the clarinet at Grade 2 level. Can Cecil perform a piece on Piano AND Clarinet in the Festival?

Answer - As the Instrumental category applicable for both instruments is for 'Up to Grade 2', Cecil will need to choose EITHER piano or clarinet as you cannot have two entries for one category. It is advisable to choose the instrument in which he is most experienced. Cecil could choose to sing a song as well as playing an instrument, as the 'Vocal Solo' is a different category.

Scenario 2: Esther is in Reception and loves to sing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* at home. Can she sing this for her audition? If she wants to sing with a friend, can she do so?

Answer - Absolutely! House Music auditions are a chance to share music making of the students' choice. Many children in the school might not take formal music lessons - they can share music they enjoy performing at home anyway BUT they should practise beforehand!

I am really excited to hear all the wonderful music you are preparing! Ms. Callaway