

CYM Application FAQs

1. How do I apply?

The application process is very simple, fill out our [online form](#).

2. When do applications close?

Applications close at midday on Monday 15th March 2021.

3. What is the audition process like?

This year we will not be having in person auditions. You will simply submit recordings on your main study instrument, the instrument you are applying to CYM on. Full details of what to record and how will be sent out shortly after the closing date.

4. Is it possible to audition on more than one instrument?

We ask you to audition on one instrument, the one that you are intending to study at CYM. If you are not sure which instrument to choose, please get in touch with us and we are happy to help you. You can study a second instrument at CYM but, this will be discussed with you once/if a place has been offered to you. This would incur extra fees.

5. When will I hear back from you after my audition?

We will aim to let all applicants know the result of their audition by no later than the end of May.

6. How many people usually apply and how many places are on offer?

The number of applications varies year on year, it can be up to 150. The places on offer also vary and depend on how many students leave the centre in the previous academic year. Offers also depend on how many spaces become available in a department and on particular instruments. There are waiting lists for oversubscribed instruments.

7. Can I stay with my current teacher?

Although we encourage everyone to apply for the Full Programme, in some circumstances, students may take the Core Programme and remain with their current teacher. This should be discussed with the Head of Department at audition. Please note, this option is not available for piano.

8. Can I apply to be just in an ensemble?

Yes, you can, and this is usually most suitable for advanced players.

9. Is there a minimum age to apply?

There is no minimum age for applicants; however, our students normally come to us when they have been studying their instrument for at least a year.

10. What are the fees and what is the information on Bursaries?

Fees will be in the region of £2,000 for the standard Full Programme. The Centre works in partnership with other organisations to provide assistance with fees as appropriate to individual cases. These include the Department for Education, the Guildhall School and the Centre's supporting charity, the Foundation for Young Musicians (FYM). All bursaries are means tested. Parents are required to pay the balance of fees over and above any award. Requests for bursary funding are considered after the offer of a place at the Centre.

If you would like more information on the Centre and what is on offer for you, please get in touch!

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