



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



2021 COURSES
at Malvern College



About Us

From its foundation in 1994, The National Schools Symphony Orchestra (NSSO) has grown into a leading UK provider of music courses. This year, NSSO will offer three orchestras (defined by age and ability), a Conducting Course, and Big Band to young musicians aged 8-17, of grade three ability and above.

In 2019 we celebrated our 25th anniversary with performances at Symphony Hall, Birmingham including the Verdi *Requiem*.



Our Home

Malvern College is the home of NSSO, a beautiful 250-acre campus dating back to 1865. The college is situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, in the heart of the countryside so beloved of Sir Edward Elgar. Well connected to the national transport network, the town centre offers a range of shops and amenities gathered around the historic Malvern Priory.



COVID-19 Guidelines

Malvern College has a highly regarded and well-developed COVID protection regime, and in that context, we are confident that 2021 courses will be as safe as possible for all members, staff and their families. Some will be shorter (4 days rather than 7), on different dates, with fewer children on site. Socially distanced rehearsals will take place with tutorial sessions in full-size classrooms rather than smaller spaces and the final concerts will be live-streamed.

Boarding accommodation with in-house dining is available, currently set to operate at 50% of capacity. This will be reviewed as required by government guidelines and a testing regime will be available on campus.

Our Courses

All courses offer a mix of instrumental tuition, with sectional and full rehearsals alongside a well-developed social and sporting programme, making full use of the college's extensive facilities. Admission to NSSO is by audition and in 2021 we offer the following opportunities for talented young musicians:

NSSO Academy

Thursday 8 July to Sunday 11 July

Our training orchestra, for players up to ABRSM grade 5 standard, aged 8-14 years old. Minimum standard for entry is ABRSM grade 3.

NSSO Sinfonia

Thursday 8 July to Sunday 11 July

Our intermediate orchestra for players up to ABRSM grade 8 standard, aged 11-15 years old. Minimum standard for entry is ABRSM grade 6.

NSSO Big Band

Sunday 11 July to Sunday 18 July

The lineup offers individual opportunities to saxophone, trumpet, trombone, keyboard, guitar and kit/percussion players of ABRSM grade 8 and beyond.

NSSO Conducting Course

Sunday 11 July to Sunday 18 July

A limited number of places for young musicians age 14-17. The course is delivered through daily technical sessions, workshops, and opportunities to play in and work with NSSO ensembles in rehearsal.

NSSO Philharmonic

Thursday 15 July to Sunday 18 July

Our original flagship orchestra for players of ABRSM grade 8 and beyond, who attend senior schools. Repertoire is ambitious and wide-ranging and has included in recent years Holst *The Planets*, Stravinsky *Firebird* and Respighi *Pines of Rome*.





Course Fees

Four Day Courses

NSSO Academy/Sinfonia/Philharmonic
£485 per person

Seven Day Courses

NSSO Big Band/Conducting Course
£950 per person

Means tested bursaries are available, up to 50% of the course fee, and application can be made through the NSSO website.

Further details and applications

For full details of the courses, the audition process, bursaries, and the on-line application form please visit our website www.nssso.org.

Any enquiries should be addressed to hello@nssso.org.





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*"The opportunities for young musicians in NSSO
are invaluable and their performances remarkable.
I'd encourage you to apply to join them."*

Patrick Doyle, Patron