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Admission by
audition
Open to ages 8–17

Nurturing Young Musicians



NATIONAL SCHOOLS
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

NSSO Academy and NSSO Sinfonia
8th – 11th July 2021

NSSO Big Band
11th – 18th July 2021

NSSO Conducting Course
11th – 18th July 2021

NSSO Philharmonic
15th – 18th July 2021

Means tested bursaries available up to 50%, deadline 1st April.

Our Courses

The National Schools Symphony Orchestra (NSSO) has offered annual courses since its foundation in 1994. Talented young musicians, aged 8-17 years old, have the opportunity to learn and perform with others of similar abilities this summer at Malvern College, the home of NSSO.

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:

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 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*.

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 ages 14-17. The course is delivered through daily technical sessions, workshops, and opportunities to play in and work with NSSO ensembles in rehearsal.

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.

Information and Applications

For full course details, the audition process, bursaries, and to apply online, please visit our website:

www.nssso.org

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