



To whoever it may concern

April 2021

The **National Schools Symphony Orchestra** will hold its annual residential courses at Malvern College this summer and offers the following opportunities to talented young musicians:

- NSSO Academy (grades 3-5) and NSSO Sinfonia (grades 6-8) Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 July
- NSSO Philharmonic (grade 8 upwards) Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 July
- NSSO Big Band and Conducting Course Sunday 11 to Sunday 18 July

Successful applicants are offered a place in the ensemble in which they can contribute most effectively and happily to the overall success of the final performances. Apart from concert preparations, the courses also include workshops and activities which encourage all to participate at an appropriate level.

The benefits, both musical and social, of such a residential course are immense. There is a broad mix of children from both maintained and independent schools. A child who successfully gains a place in NSSO can remain in the organization until they are 18 years old without re-audition, progressing through the ensembles at an appropriate rate.

I hope that you will be able to support the participation of your talented young musicians in this annual course and to celebrate their achievement in having successfully auditioned for membership of the National Schools Symphony Orchestra.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Madden".

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