



**Date:**  
**Sunday 25 February 2018**

**Time:**  
**10am – 4pm**

**Venue:**  
**Whitgift School  
Music Department**

**Cost:**  
**£30**

## Whitgift School Piano Day 2018 For Prospective New Boys

Whitgift enjoys a strong reputation for the breadth and quality of its music provision and for achieving the highest standards.

Whitgift pianists receive first-class tuition from one of five highly-qualified keyboard specialists, offering classical and jazz piano under the direction of the Head of Keyboard, Mr Simon Lane.

The Music School is one of the best equipped in the country for pianists, with students benefitting from both Fazioli and Steinway D Concert Grand Pianos, as well as recently acquired Yamaha upright pianos in all practice and teaching rooms. The impressive Concert Hall, with its outstanding acoustic, is a sought-after venue for ensembles and soloists throughout the region, and plays host to frequent masterclasses given by renowned concert pianists and conservatoire professors throughout the year, including Ronan O’Hora, Janina Fialkowska, and BBC Proms artist Tom Poster.

The annual piano competition is open to Whitgift pupils of every level, with last year’s event attracting over 50 solo performances from a wide range of genres. In addition to solo performance opportunities, including a regular lunchtime recital series at Croydon Minster, pupils are encouraged to develop their ensemble skills by participating in one of the many chamber music groups on offer.

Several Whitgift pianists have been given the opportunity to perform solo concertos with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, with whom we share a unique partnership, and many have gone on to gain full scholarships to leading conservatoires in the UK and abroad.

The Whitgift Piano Day is designed to introduce prospective pupils to the wide range of opportunities open to them as a Whitgift pianist, whilst also giving them a chance to meet members of the Music Department staff and current piano pupils. Most importantly, they will participate in a superb day of music-making under the guidance of some of the finest keyboard specialists in the country.

The day offers a range of activities including piano tuition, ensemble playing, a masterclass, and participation in the ‘adjudicate the teacher’ competition.

If your son is hoping to apply for a Music scholarship or Music Award, this course will be particularly useful in enabling boys to get a taste of musical life at Whitgift.

**This course is designed to cater for boys who have passed grade 3 through to Diploma level, from age eight upwards.**

The music department will be open from 9.45am, and the day’s activities begin at 10.00am.

**There will be a short concert (around 45 minutes) at 3pm, to which parents are warmly invited.**

Lunch is not included in the cost, therefore your son should bring a packed lunch with him. The cost of the course is £30. Please make cheques payable to *Whitgift School*. On receiving your application, we will write to you to confirm if your son has gained a place and enclose further details of the activities. We cannot guarantee all boys a place and would recommend you apply in good time to avoid disappointment.



Please return to Mrs C Parsons, Music Administrator, Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon, CR2 6YT.



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My son's name	<input type="text"/>
Current school year group	<input type="text"/>
School presently attending	<input type="text"/>
Instrument(s)	<input type="text"/>
Last grade passed (or equivalent standard)	<input type="text"/>
Name of current instrumental teacher(s)	<input type="text"/>
Other Whitgift courses attended	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

I enclose a cheque for £30, made payable to *Whitgift School*.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)	<input type="text"/>
Name of parent(s)	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Emergency Contact Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>