



BARBARA SPEAKE SCHOOLS for PERFORMING ARTS

Admissions Policy

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Introduction

The Barbara Speake Schools for Performing Arts is a non-denominational, co-educational school offering places to students with a keen passion and interest in the performing arts, students who want to be multi-faceted with academic and artistic training and pupils who are academically focused and want to gain the skills to assert a level of confidence and stage presence.

Prospective students should be able to demonstrate that they will be able to take full advantage of the education the school is able to offer. This does not however mean that we are looking for “ready-made” talent, it is our aim as a school to be able to foster, develop and further nurture a keen passion and desire of the performing arts.

This decision to admit a student will be made on the basis of an interview and audition, together with any other information made available to the school. We are committed to ensuring that admission decisions are made through a process that is free of any discrimination on the grounds of disability; race; ethnic or national origin or gender in line with our Equal Opportunities Policy. The school must also feel reasonably sure that we are able to educate and develop the prospective pupil to the best of his or her potential, so that the pupil will have a happy, fulfilling and successful time whilst at the school. These aims must continue to be met throughout the pupil’s time at the school.

Admission to the school normally takes place at age 4 in Reception or at age 11 in Year 7. Admission at other times is possible, depending on the availability of places. In year admissions are also available.

Admission requirements

- Application form
- School reports
- Interview / Trial Day with vocational audition

Admission Procedures

In the first instance, an application form is sent to the prospective students Parent(s)/Guardian(s), to be completed and presented on the day of interview.

Interview / Trial Day Process

On the day of interview, the application form together with the most up to date school reports and the administration fee should be handed in to the school office.

An informal interview will take place before the vocational audition. The purpose of the interview is for the school to find out more about the pupil, their interests and their reasons for wanting to attend a specialist performing arts school. Parents have the opportunity to ask questions at this point to fully arm them with the information they require to make their decision regarding admission, should the student be accepted.

Full school reports will be considered and a reference might be requested from each potential student’s current school.

After the interview the prospective student will prepare for their vocational audition. The student is asked in advance to prepare an acting piece, song and dance. Should the student have experience in just one discipline a judgement will be made on that discipline alone.

Post Acceptance Offer

Any student joining the school in September will attend our “**New Student & Parent(s) Induction day**” held on the first Monday of the new academic year.

On arrival students and parents are signed in and given their allocated times for purchasing uniform.

Visitors are then welcomed by the Proprietor and introduced to the staff. Parents are given a “**Welcome Pack**” containing a number of key documents to be completed, including:

- Form of agreement
- Confidential welfare record form
- E-Safety Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Medication Consent Form
- School Uniform Policy
- Data Protection Policy

A question and answer session (Q&A) follows before appointments commence.

Parent’s of student’s joining at any other time throughout the year are given the “**Welcome Pack**” on their first day.