

# Music in the Vale Competition

## 2017 Instrumental Ensemble Rules

1. Entrants must be resident in the UK and between 8 and 23 years of age
2. Programme requirements – All entrants must perform at least two pieces of contrasting styles within a programme length of up to ten minutes.
3. A high quality piano, tuned to concert pitch, will be provided but all other competitors must provide their own instruments. Competitors will not be required to play from memory at any stage of the competition.
4. Competitors should make available copy music for the adjudicator. This may be posted along with Entry paperwork or handed in on arrival at the Competition. Failure to supply any copy could disadvantage you.
5. For entries to be valid, the required paperwork and payment must be submitted either by post or online before the closing date. All entrants should receive (i) an email confirming receipt of entry within 10 days of submission and (ii) an email confirming your category's allocated time slot within 10 days after the closing date.
6. Competitors are encouraged to introduce their programme at the beginning of the audition.
7. Ensembles of five or more may have an adult conductor.
8. Entrants (and parents for those under 18) are requested to attend for the duration of their respective category. A verbal Review of Performances immediately follows each category and prizes, medals, certificates and written adjudications are then presented.
9. No electronic equipment will be allowed.
10. The adjudicators' decisions will be final. Musical ability (both technique and interpretation), programme choice, platform appearance and manner will be taken into account.
11. The submission of an Entry Form implies acceptance of these Rules.

The principal aim of our organisation is to encourage excellence and enjoyment in the performance of vocal and instrumental music among young people. Our Competition provides a pleasurable performance opportunity in a supportive, friendly environment for musicians at any point in their studies. Prize winners are also invited to perform in variety of concerts and other performance opportunities throughout the year.