

# Music in the Vale Competition

## 2018 Instrumental Ensemble Rules

1. Entrants must be resident in the UK and between 8 and 23 years of age.
2. The Ensemble category requires a minimum of 2 members.
3. Programme requirements – All entrants must perform at least two pieces of contrasting styles within a programme length of up to ten minutes.  
The adjudicators will consider choice of programme, musical ability (both technique and interpretation) and platform appearance and manner.
4. 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.
5. For entries to be valid, a completed entry form and payment in full must be submitted before the closing date.
6. All entrants will be asked to hand in a copy of their music for the adjudicator's reference. This may be posted along with Entry paperwork or handed in on arrival at the Competition. Failure to supply any copy could disadvantage you.
7. A warm-up time is allocated immediately prior to the competition performance/audition. Competitors are encouraged to introduce their programme at the beginning of the audition.
8. Ensembles of five or more may have an adult conductor.
9. 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.
10. No electronic equipment will be allowed.
11. The adjudicators' decisions will be final.
12. 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.