

GIFTED AND TALENTED MUSIC PROGRAM

Information for Voice Applicants

For applicants using *Voice* as instrument one or two.

CHOOSING YOUR REPERTOIRE

1. If Voice is your only instrument preference, please prepare two contrasting songs that are appropriate for a person of your age to sing. You may choose to play an instrument to accompany your singing such as guitar, piano or percussion for your second piece only (live only, no recordings or pre-recorded accompaniment).
2. If you have two instrument preferences, one of which is Voice (e.g. Preference 1: Voice and Preference 2: Saxophone **or** Preference 1: Guitar and Preference 2: Voice) prepare only one vocal piece. This song must be sung without instrumental accompaniment.
3. Sing approximately 1 minute of each song. For example, a verse and chorus would be suitable. It should be no longer than 2 minutes.
4. Your performance needs to showcase your vocal ability, including:
 - Tonal quality
 - Intonation (singing in tune)
 - Range – try to choose a song with a range that will take the voice out of only the middle voice register
 - Understanding of the text of a song – clarity, dictation and ‘telling the story’
 - Musicality – awareness of the use of dynamics, expression and phrasing in performance
5. It is highly recommended that singers source advice when learning repertoire. This could be from:
 - A music teacher, a teacher or someone with performance experience who is able to help
 - A YouTube performance
 - Sheet music
 - An audio recording