

Royal
Northern
College of
Music
Open Day

**Tuesday 25
September
2018**

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Thank you for registering to attend our forthcoming Open Day.

We are pleased to confirm that your place/s have been reserved and look forward to welcoming you to the Royal Northern College of Music on **Tuesday 25 September 2018**.

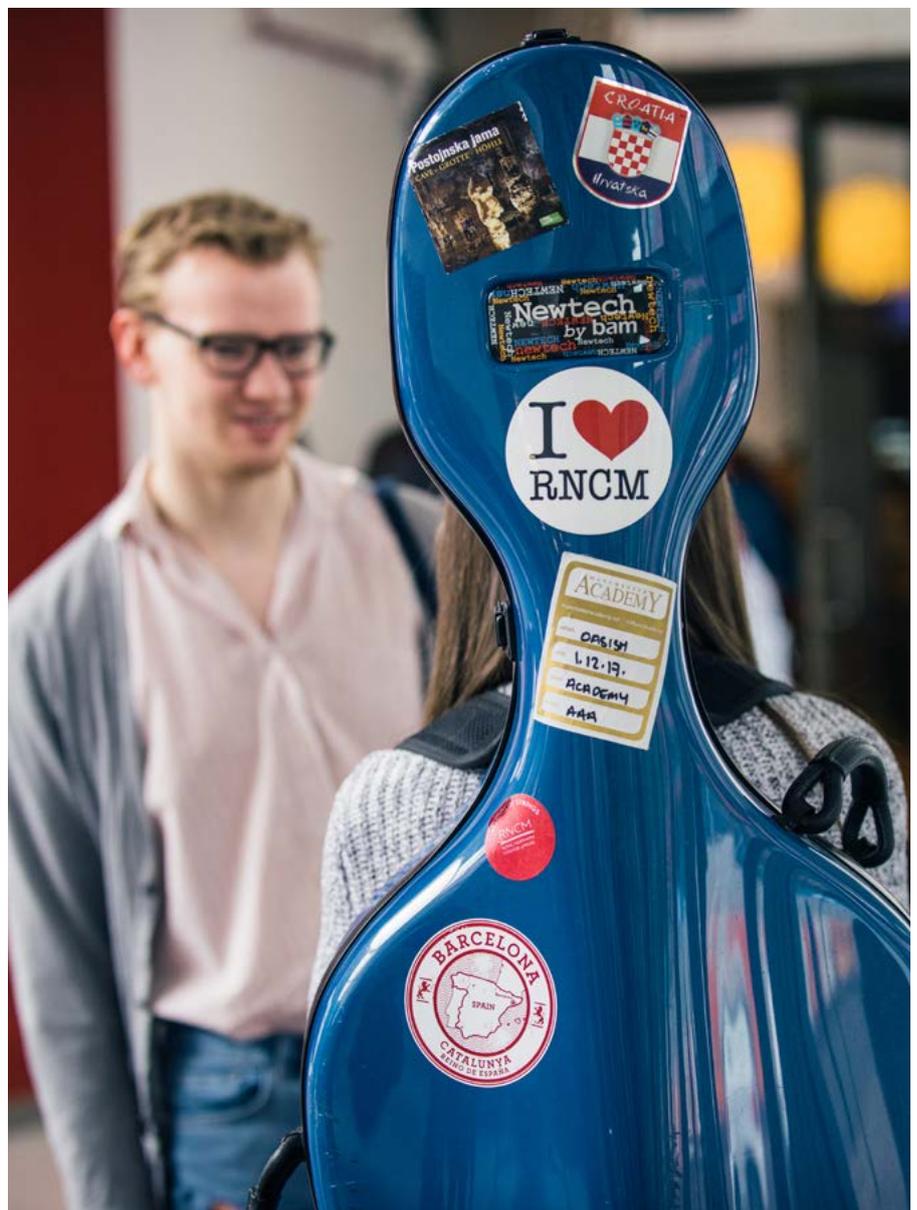
Visitors are requested to register between 10am and 10.30am. Please feel free to visit the Information Fair and our Collection of Historic Musical Instruments, and help yourself to refreshments on the Concourses. A full schedule will be included in your booklet, which will be given to you on the day.

If you require further information, or need assistance with any access requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

RNCM Open Day Team

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Visiting the RNCM Open Day

Why should I attend an Open Day?

Attending an Open Day allows you to make an informed choice. You will be able to experience the environment in which you will be studying, view facilities and accommodation, and receive advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions, meet staff and chat to current students.

What will happen on the day?

Between 10am - 5pm you will be able to:

- Tour the College facilities and Hall of Residence with Student Ambassadors
- Attend a concert
- Speak to academic staff to discuss programme contents
- Speak to Heads of School to discuss any practical elements of the programmes
- Meet current students
- Observe a school-specific performance class
- Gain information about fees, welfare and accommodation

Fire Alarm

While you are in the building, if you hear a continuous alarm bell, please leave the building by the nearest fire exit as quickly as possible. Staff and Student Ambassadors will ensure that you are guided to the nearest exit.

Illness or Accident

If you require first aid or feel ill, please notify a member of staff or a Student Ambassador.

Information Point

An Information Point will be located at the welcome desk in the reception area. If you require further information about any aspect of the Open Day activities, please speak to a staff member or Student Ambassador at the Open Day Welcome Desk.

How to find us Royal Northern College of Music 124 Oxford Road Manchester M13 9RD

The RNCM is situated one mile south of Manchester city centre, in the heart of the Education Quarter, on the corner of Oxford Road and Booth Street West. The main entrance to the College is on Booth Street West.

We recommend visitors to travel by public transport where possible

Oxford Road connects the RNCM by bus to the city centre, and to Oxford Road, Piccadilly and Victoria train stations. Oxford Road is the closest train station at around a 15 minute walk away.

By Bus: www.tfgm.com/buses

The Oxford Road Link 147 bus runs from near Piccadilly Rail Station. This service runs every 10 minutes throughout the day, Monday to Friday. A single journey costs £1 or £1.80 for a day saver.

Buses from Piccadilly Bus Station (Piccadilly Gardens) to the Oxford Road area include:

16, 41, 42, 43, 44, 85, 86, X41, X57, 111, 142, 143, 157, 250, 263, 291

Buses from Oxford Road Station:

Any bus that runs down Oxford Road (away from the city).

Buses from Manchester Airport:

43, 44

Bus from Piccadilly Train Station:

147

How to find us continued

By Taxi:

Taxi ranks are at each railway station; fare to the College approximately £8 - £9
Fare from Manchester Airport approximately £25 - £30

Metrolink: www.metrolink.co.uk

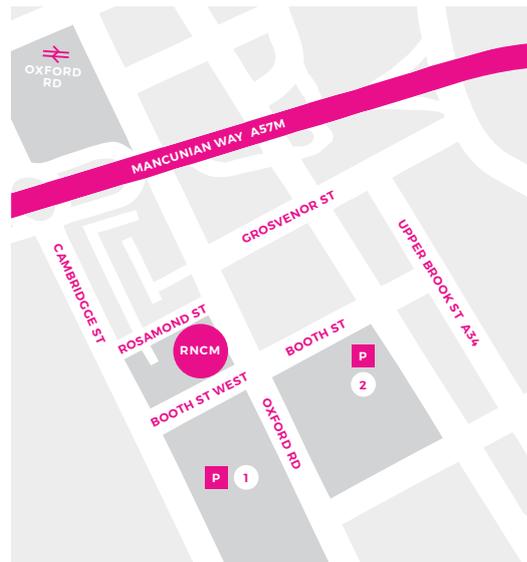
Alight at St Peter's Square and walk or catch a bus down Oxford Road

By Road:

Plan your route www.theaa.com/route-planner

Parking:

Please note that there is no parking available at the RNCM. Two nearby public car parks are as follows:



Parking:

- 1 The University of Manchester
Booth Street West
M15 6AR

Access via Higher
Cambridge Street

Open 6am - midnight
6 - 10 hours £8

- 2 The Aquatics Centre car
park is situated off
Booth Street East
M13 9SS

Open 6am - midnight
4 - 9 hours £6

This car park is operated
by NCP

If you require a disabled parking space, please email ashleigh.rice@rncm.ac.uk.



Why study at the RNCM?

Unparalleled performance opportunities, world-class tuition and a vibrant student environment in the heart of Manchester – these are just a few of the reasons why talented performers and composers from all over the world choose to train as a professional musician at the RNCM.

Performance is at the heart of everything we do

Creativity and collaboration is encouraged within the College, and there are wide-ranging opportunities for you to get involved in all genres of music. Whatever your interests – be it orchestral or chamber music, jazz, brass, opera or new music, there are numerous learning and performance opportunities through The Platform – the RNCM’s international centre for ensemble and vocal training. To discover more, visit www.rncm.ac.uk/theplatform.

World-class facilities

As an RNCM student you will have access to excellent facilities, including world-class performance venues and a wealth of learning resources. The RNCM Concert Hall has been transformed into a bigger, better and more comfortable venue, to accommodate the College’s diverse teaching, study, rehearsal and performance activities. New students will benefit from this £7m redevelopment.

Live and study in the vibrant city of Manchester

The RNCM is proud to be located in the vibrant city of Manchester, a centre for classical and contemporary music, and the UK’s most popular student city. Our students thrive in this diverse and creative environment.



Frequently Asked Questions

We have compiled a list of our most frequently asked questions about applying to the RNCM. Our staff and Student Ambassadors will be on hand throughout Open Day to answer any further questions you may have.

I haven't taken A level Music, can I still apply?

Yes you can apply without an A level in Music although we would highly recommend that you take it.

Do I need to have achieved ABRSM Grade 8 in both my instrument and theory to get a place?

Not necessarily. You can apply and audition without having obtained Grade 8. However, as an indication only, applicants are normally expected to have reached Grade 8 standard in their performance.

Can I apply to universities as well as conservatoires?

Yes. Undergraduate applicants can apply to universities on UCAS and conservatoires on UCAS Conservatoires simultaneously. You can hold a guaranteed/firm offer on both systems although a final decision is required before the start of your course.

I'm unsure if I'm of the right standard to audition at the RNCM, or if I want to study at a conservatoire. Are there opportunities to come to the College to see if it is right for me?

Yes. If you want to get a better idea of whether the RNCM is right for you, you can come along for an Advice Audition. Advice Auditions are normally only available between January and June, and the current fee is £70 (£30 of which is refunded if you apply for an entry audition within 12 months).

Please contact admissions@rncm.ac.uk to request an application form.

What are the audition requirements?

Audition requirements vary from instrument to instrument. For further information, please visit the Audition Requirements page on our website: www.rncm.ac.uk/auditionprocess

Can I apply for two principal study areas/two instruments?

Joint Principal Study is not offered on any of the RNCM courses. You will concentrate on one instrument or Principal Study area during your course. If you would like to be considered for two instruments or Principal Study areas, you will need to make two separate applications and pay two audition fees on UCAS Conservatoires.

When should I apply?

The UCAS Conservatoires 'Apply' function is normally available from mid-July for the following year's entry (e.g. apply from mid July 2018 for entry in September 2019). The deadline is 1 October. Late applications are accepted, provided there are places available.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

All applicants are automatically considered for an entrance award/scholarship. You do not need to apply for one. For other scholarship information and bursaries, please visit www.rncm.ac.uk/fees.

Frequently Asked Questions continued

When will I know the outcome of my audition?

If you apply on time and attend an audition during the main audition period, you will receive an outcome via UCAS Conservatoires before Christmas. If you are offered a guaranteed place, you will also receive an offer letter by email.

How are tutors allocated?

The allocation of students to specific Principal Study tutors is undertaken by the relevant Head of School in consultation with other specialist colleagues, and on the basis of performance at audition. Prospective students with a preference for a particular tutor are encouraged to contact their Head of School to make this known. It should be emphasised that in all cases the final decision about tutor allocation will remain the responsibility of the Head of School.

How do I apply for accommodation?

RNCM students can enjoy modern accommodation in Sir Charles Groves Hall of Residence, conveniently located next door to the College. The Hall is owned and managed by Liberty Living: www.libertyliving.co.uk. If you are made and accept an offer of a place at the RNCM, your details will automatically be forwarded to Liberty Living so that a room can be allocated for you. If you do not wish to live in Halls then you can make your own arrangements with a private provider. Please visit Manchester Student Homes for information and guidance: www.manchesterstudenthomes.com.

