

♪ **How do I apply?**

Complete the online musical aptitude application form available via our website under Admissions or call the Academy on 01952 386049 to have an application posted to you.

www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk

♪ **When do I need to apply by?**

3.20pm on Tuesday 7th October 2025

♪ **How are the pupils assessed?**

Applicants will be invited to sit a musical aural test and a musical audition.

♪ **When will the test be?**

Saturday 11th October 2025

♪ **Where will the test be?**

At Haberdashers' Abraham Darby – the Music Department

♪ **What is in the Musical Aptitude Test?**

The test will consist of 30 Questions and divided into three equal sections:-

Section 1: Pitch & Melody

Section 2: Instruments and Texture

Section 3: Rhythm, Metre and Tempo

♪ **What is required for the Musical Audition?**

The pupils perform either on their chosen instrument or vocally.

♪ **Will there be a set musical piece?**

No – it is a totally free choice of music.

♪ **Who will judge the musical audition?**

The music audition will be heard by the Head of Music or a Music Teacher.

♪ **Where can I wait during the test and audition?**

The parents of band members run a College Café in the school restaurant, and you will be able to wait there.

♪ **When will I find out the results of the aptitude tests?**

You will be contacted by
Friday 25th October 2025

♪ **When is your Open Evening?**

Thursday 2nd October 2025 or appointments to visit at another time can be made by contacting 01952 386027 or via email mandie.rowson@taw.org.uk

♪ **Who can I speak to about the Musical Aptitude Places**

Miss Morton, Head of Music
01952 386000
rachel.morton@taw.org.uk

♪ **Is there a band open day?**

The Mega Band Open Morning is on
Saturday 25th October from 9.15 – 10.45

The benefits of learning a musical instrument

*♪ Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature can not do without.♪
Confucius*

- ♪ Improves your organisational skills
- ♪ Improves Team Work
- ♪ Improves Co-ordination
- ♪ Improves your mathematical ability
- ♪ Improves your reading and comprehension skills
- ♪ Exposes you to culture
- ♪ Improves your concentration & listening skills
- ♪ Creates a sense of achievement
- ♪ Promotes your social skills
- ♪ Teaches you discipline
- ♪ Helps with your Self Confidence
- ♪ Gives you a Life Skill

What Musical Activities go on at the Academy?

After School Clubs

Monday	Choir & CZ Band
Wednesday	Junior Jazz
Thursday	Music Theory
Friday	Friday Band

Senior Bands Tuesday night from 6 pm

6 – 6.45 pm	Sax Ensemble
6 – 6.45 pm	Percussion
7 – 8.30 pm	Senior Jazz Band

Saturday Morning Music College 9 – 12

Band Times

8.45 – 10.45am	Showband
9.15 – 10.45 am	Mega Band
11 – 12 pm	Senior Woodwind
11 – 12 pm	Brass Band

Music Lesson for Year 3 - 6

Saturday Morning 9 am to midday

Some music lessons are available during the school day.

Band Successes

- ♪ Show Band invited to play at the Royal Albert Hall for Music for Youth School Proms
- ♪ Senior Jazz Band– Consistent Outstanding Achievement Award at NCBF
- ♪ Senior Jazz Band - Platinum award at the National Concert Band Festival
- ♪ Junior Jazz Band - Platinum award at the National Concert Band Festival
- ♪ Show Band - Platinum award at the National Concert Band Festival
- ♪ Showband invited to play at Llangollen International Eisteddfod Showband -
- ♪ Showband invited by Telford & Wrekin to play at their Festival of Remembrance
- ♪ Senior Jazz Band invited to play at the Royal Albert Hall for Music for Youth School Proms
- ♪ Showband – Consistent Outstanding Achievement Award at NCBF



For September 2026

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby can offer 12 places in Year 7 for September 2026 based on musical aptitude.

The Academy runs numerous award-winning bands that enable pupils to improve their skills and experience playing in such locations as the Symphony Hall in Birmingham and the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby offer heavily subsidized music lessons to all pupils.

Band Membership is an annual subscription of £20.00.

