



SHIRELAND
CBSO ACADEMY

MAKE AN
IMPACT

Thriving Together

WELCOME

It's not just about music, which sounds strange seeing as we're partnered with one of the best orchestras in the world. We have the best facilities and an amazing performance theatre. Music is a big thing, but we work equally hard at all of our other studies and our teachers and visiting experts make everything join up.

It's just a normal school. We have a sports centre and a library and all the other things a school has but I do feel a bit different, a bit prouder. You'll feel it when you visit. We stand taller and we get to do some great things. Most importantly, Shireland CBSO Academy feels like it was built for me; I feel like I belong here and I know you will too.

PARTNERSHIPS

Students' safety, happiness and success are paramount. Our families are an integral part of our success, and our school believes in building strong partnerships between students, teachers and families.

Regular communication means our families are involved in our journey, with opportunities to engage in school life and provide invaluable feedback. Together everyone makes sure that we are prepared for school, feel supported and any concerns we or our families have are addressed promptly.

Families can join the Standards and Performance Committee, participate in Family Forums to help shape the school's direction or support with our events through the Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA).





ENGAGEMENT

As soon as I walk through the school doors, I feel valued and supported by teachers and staff, who are not just dedicated to helping us achieve academically but also grow as individuals. Staff genuinely care about our success and wellbeing, with lots of support put in place whenever we need it.

Every lesson, every conversation, feels important and meaningful. Like in a family, everyone wants the best for each other. I'm not just a student, I'm part of a community that believes in me and is helping me shape my path to an amazing future.

CURRICULUM

In Key Stage 3 we cover the national curriculum but in a slightly different way - we call this Literacy for Life. We learn in themes, which last about three weeks and each one covers a different set of subjects. I like this way of learning because we can more easily see the links between different subjects. We also spend more time with one teacher (17 hours in Year 7), which means they get to know us really well and help us settle into secondary school.

What's also cool is that we have an extracurricular programme and special focus days. These make learning even more exciting because we get to apply what we've learned in different contexts, in and out of the classroom.





ENRICHMENT

In our academy, every day feels like an adventure waiting to unfold, especially with the enrichment activities we have. Sure, we excel in music, but that's just one part of it. We can dive into various teams, from basketball to football, there's a treasure trove of reading clubs and literature circles, and let's not forget about the intense battles that happen over a chessboard.

We have jam sessions after school where we can unleash our creativity and compose our own songs. There are also guest musicians who come to share their experiences and inspire us to reach new heights. Whether it's joining the school orchestra, participating in competitions, or performing in front of an audience, there's always something exciting happening.

SIXTH FORM

As a sixth form student, I have amazing chances, especially in music. Our school is really special because it offers a programme focused on music, as well as all other academic subjects, that matches what we like and need. We have great facilities and top technology, like our own laptops with useful software. Every day, it feels like everything is set up just for us to reach our goals.

We also have nice places to study and hang out with friends. Our teachers are really supportive, and we have extra activities to help us get ready for university or jobs. Our partnership with the CBSO makes things even better. We can learn instruments, music theory, and perform in places like our auditorium or recording studio. We get to learn from famous musicians too! All these experiences make sure we're ready for whatever comes next in life.





PRIDE

I'm proud to be collaborating with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, establishing the country's first non-selective state school of its kind. It's an exciting time for young musicians in Sandwell and the wider West Midlands. With over 15 years working in Sandwell, I'm committed to reflecting our diverse community in our academy.

We aim to cultivate an inclusive environment where every music enthusiast feels at home. Expectations are high, both academically and musically, with robust support systems in place.

Music not only fosters skills like empathy and collaboration but also enhances wellbeing and self-expression. Our students will encounter remarkable opportunities, shaping unforgettable moments for a lifetime. We hope that you consider joining the Shireland CBSO family.

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