

The Ingenium Academy

International Summer School for Music

Winchester College, England

17 July – 7 August 2016





“There was a wonderful sense of community... the atmosphere was collegial and joyful, yet serious and demanding.”

Parents, USA



Welcome



Welcome to the Ingenium Academy International Summer School for Music. We offer young musicians a unique opportunity: a specialised musical education of the highest calibre combined with an immersive cultural experience.

We invite young people from all over the world to come together and deepen their musical talent in a safe, creative and stimulating environment. We also encourage our students to develop as young professionals and as individuals, improving their confidence, performance, language and social skills.

Every member of our small, dedicated team is passionate about music education. From the fantastic teachers and conductors through to the pastoral and administrative staff, we have all been immeasurably enriched by our love of music. We aim to inspire this passion in our students, as well as providing them with a lasting sense of their achievements and skills that will prepare them for any future path.

The Ingenium Academy creates an environment where trust, friendship, self-discipline and fun flourish in equal measure. Through living, rehearsing and performing together, both exceptional music and life-long friendships are made.

We look forward to meeting our summer 2016 students and welcoming you to Winchester for an unforgettable and invaluable experience.

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Rebecca Hawley
Director
The Ingenium Academy

The Ingenium Experience

The Ingenium Academy offers students between the ages of 14 and 18 a unique musical and cultural experience. This includes exclusive tuition from world renowned musicians, performances in top British venues and the opportunity to meet like-minded friends from all over the world within our environment of creative excellence.

The Ingenium Academy has welcomed students from over 40 different countries including Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, India, Japan, Mongolia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Russia, the UAE, UK and the USA.

Programmes

In 2016, the Ingenium Academy is offering 3 exceptional music programmes: our instrumental programme for young orchestral musicians, our vocal programme for talented young singers and our piano programme for budding young pianists.

Programmes will run from Sunday 17 July to Sunday 7 August 2016. Students can attend our residential programme for periods of between 1 and 3 weeks.

During their time at the Ingenium Academy, students rehearse and perform a diverse and challenging array of repertoire and discover new genres of music through our broad range of workshops, activities and masterclasses. Our programmes culminate in 2 public concerts – one in a prestigious venue in central London and the other in the heart of historic Winchester.

Students also have weekly performance opportunities at our informal Performance Platform evenings where students are



"I honestly think Buddy has had one of the best weeks of his life. We were overwhelmed by the standard of performance last night. The children's ability to have perfected so many things in their time at the Ingenium Academy was astonishing. I was really touched by the way that they had all so clearly bonded over their time together. Our son has benefited greatly in his musicianship. He played with new confidence at the final concert, which was a joy to watch."

Emma and Niccolo, parents,
Italy and UK

encouraged to perform and are helped to develop performance skills such as stage presence, performance etiquette, conquering nerves and performance preparation.

Our music repertoire is carefully selected to develop technique, deepen the students' understanding and awareness of the music and to provide a great sense of enjoyment and achievement in performance.

Culture and Activities

In addition to the enriching musical curriculum, students also enjoy discovering Britain in the glorious city of Winchester and day trips including to the South coast and nearby London. In the capital, students explore famous sights such as the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and The Tower of London as well as enjoying West End theatre and top classical concerts. Back on campus, there are an array of evening

activities such as team games, discos, movie nights, talent shows, quiz nights and barbeques.

A summer at the Ingenium Academy will not only enhance each student's musical talent, but will develop their confidence, character and, as appropriate, English language and social skills. We provide a rare and unique opportunity for students to meet, mix and share the joy and excitement that they receive from music making with other talented, young musicians from all over the world.

Location

The Ingenium Academy is located within the stunning historic town of Winchester, just one hour south west of London. Students stay and rehearse at Winchester College, which was founded in 1382 by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester.

Winchester is England's ancient capital and a treasure trove of English heritage, tradition and culture. The town itself is small yet packed with historic buildings, monuments, a magnificent cathedral plus plenty of shops and cafes providing a safe and stimulating environment for Ingenium students.

"I am so delighted to be one of the teachers for the Ingenium Academy this summer. It's a fantastic opportunity for young musicians to get together and make music in a wonderful setting – the kind of experience that sets you up for life!"

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange,
former Musical Director of
The Swingle Singers



Teaching



"The Ingenium Academy was eye-opening, lively and immersive. The teaching at the

Academy was passionate and in-depth; it gave me a better insight into the music world and life in the industry. My favourite day was the day of the final performance in Winchester. It went by quite quickly and ended with some emotional goodbyes, but it was really satisfactory to see 3 weeks' of hard work end on a high. I just wanted to say thank you because you have really made my summer unforgettable and hopefully I'll see you again next year!"

Claudia, flute student, 15, Canada

Music Tuition

Our music teachers and conductors are carefully selected not only for their extremely high standards of musicianship and expertise, but also for their energy and enthusiasm for working with young musicians and their talent for teaching.

The heart of the Ingenium Academy lies in our distinguished faculty, which comprises

some of the UK's finest teachers and musicians. Our team includes names from the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music, the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and multi-Grammy award-winning a cappella group, the Swingle Singers.

All of our teachers have extensive experience and are committed to nurturing the talent of our students.

Our teaching methods range from full ensemble rehearsals to small sectional groups and one on one tuition, in which students are encouraged to focus on any aspects of their playing or singing that they wish to develop.

Pastoral Care

The Ingenium Academy's first priority is to ensure that all of our students are safe and happy within their learning environment. We have an experienced pastoral team whose main concern is the safety and well-being of our students.

Our pastoral team is made up of responsible young adults and teachers who have extensive experience in working with and caring for young people. Our pastoral staff live on campus to supervise and guide the students at all times.

All members of pastoral staff at the Ingenium Academy are musicians themselves and also act as music mentors to our students by helping with and guiding individual practice times, helping students with practice technique, encouraging and

facilitating students to form small chamber ensembles or simply making time to sit down with a student to talk about life at music college, application processes and life as a professional musician.

Our approach to pastoral care is carefully considered to ensure that our students have a sense of independence and freedom whilst knowing that they have the highest standard of care and guidance.

The pastoral team's top priority is the welfare, health and happiness of every student, helping them to make the most of their experience at the Ingenium Academy.

Every member of staff at the Ingenium Academy has been cleared by the Criminal Records Bureau, in accordance with UK law.

"Whether or not music is to be a career – the discipline, teamwork, concentration and intellectual application needed for excellent music making creates rounded, confident individuals. The Ingenium Academy's ethic is to enhance the all-round musician through courses delivered by a talented and experienced team of musicians with enthusiasm and passion. I am delighted to be involved."

Tom Hammond, former Principal Conductor, Junior Royal Academy of Music

“The Ingenium Academy not only prepared me well for starting at music college but was the best three weeks of my life!”

Matt, french horn, 18, UK



Instrumental Programme

Our unique instrumental programme is for 14–18 year old orchestral musicians who will form the Ingenium Academy Symphony Orchestra.

Under the direction of some of the UK's finest conductors, the 2016 Ingenium Academy summer school will see the symphony orchestra take on challenging programmes of music from a wide range of composers.

Each day, students will warm up as a whole school before rehearsing with the Ingenium Symphony Orchestra, playing challenging, exciting and varied repertoire of all genres. We ensure that students gain a deep understanding of these musical styles through the guidance of our specialized sectional tutors. Students will also have the opportunity to perform a concerto with an outstanding professional. They will undertake masterclasses and learn about the life of a professional musician.



"The Ingenium Academy was amazing, unforgettable and incredible – the

happiest three weeks of my life! I loved working with the professional orchestra because they really helped with playing together as an orchestra. I also enjoyed the other workshops particularly as they caused me to broaden my musical experiences by doing things I'd not necessarily considered before. The staff team were amazing. They were really helpful and took the time to talk to me about music college, about my possibilities in music for the futures and they always took care that none of us hurt ourselves with bad technique / posture. If it wasn't for Ingenium, I wouldn't now have an offer from RNCM to study the cello there next year!"

Anna, cello student, 18, UK



In addition to rehearsing as an orchestra, instrumental students receive individual lessons and masterclasses and work together in smaller chamber groups.

Workshops

Every week, our students take part in a wide range of vocal, instrumental and rhythmical workshops led by internationally renowned experts in jazz, chamber, folk and international music. These workshops are designed to broaden each student's musical experience by exposing them to something new and challenging.

In 2016, workshops will include:

- Musical awareness, performance skills and interpretation
- Composition and arranging
- Conducting
- Jazz improvisation and performance
- Instrumental improvisation and devising music
- Chamber and small ensemble playing
- Beatboxing and A Cappella
- Life in the music industry
- Gospel choir
- Healthy instrumental practice techniques and avoiding injury
- African drumming, body percussion and dance

Concerts and Performance Opportunities

During the three week summer school, students perform two public concerts – one in a prestigious venue in central London and our final showcase concert on

campus at Winchester College's concert hall. In addition to these two public performances, students also have weekly performance opportunities at our internal Performance Platform. These evenings provide a friendly, safe and informal environment for students to develop their performance skills, learn skills to help conquer nerves and build confidence.

Please visit our website for further details regarding summer 2016 public performances including ticket information.

Instrumental Staff Profiles

Timothy Redmond

A regular guest conductor with top orchestras across Europe, Tim gives concerts with the Hallé, the Royal Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra, BBC Concert, Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras and the National Youth Orchestra. He has worked extensively across opera, jazz and contemporary music as well as the classical repertoire.

Tom Hammond

In 2011 Tom was appointed an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music in recognition of his conducting work to date plus his year as Principal Conductor of the Junior Royal Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra. He conducts several prominent professional and youth ensembles.

Matthew Taylor

Matthew is one of the UK's top conductors and composers having trained with names such as Bernstein, Vilem Tausky and George Hurst. He regularly appears as a guest conductor for top UK orchestras.

For more information and full biographies, please visit our website: www.ingeniumacademy.com



Vocal Programme



Our vocal programme is for 14–18 year olds who love to sing, are keen to develop their choral technique, improve their ensemble singing and explore a diverse range of vocal styles.

Ingenium choral students begin every morning with a full school warm up followed by a specialist comprehensive breathing and vocal warm up in preparation for the day.

Vocal students form the Ingenium Academy Choir, and together sing a challenging and exciting repertoire encompassing many genres. We ensure that students gain a deep understanding of these musical styles through the guidance of sectional tutors and voice specialists.

In addition to singing as a choir, vocal students receive individual singing lessons and masterclasses and work together in small close harmony and chamber groups.

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Every week, our students take part in a wide range of vocal, instrumental and rhythmical workshops led by internationally renowned experts in jazz, chamber, folk and international music. These workshops are designed to broaden each student's musical experience by exposing them to something new.

In 2016, workshops will include:

- Musical awareness, performance skills and interpretation
- Ear training and harmonizing
- Beatboxing and vocal percussion
- Jazz singing, improvisation and performance
- Musical theatre
- Music theory, composition and arranging
- Conducting

- Life in the music industry
- Gospel choir
- Vocal technique and health
- African drumming, body percussion and dance

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Vocal Staff Profiles

Pete Churchill

As an educator and choral director, Pete is very much in demand leading singing workshops with primary and secondary youth groups worldwide and now directing his own choir The London Vocal Project.

Having completed twenty years teaching at the Guildhall School of Music, he is now Professor of Jazz Composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London whilst running the jazz choir at Trinity College of Music.

His busy freelance career has included work in the West End as a Musical Director of *Five Guys named Moe*, almost a decade and a half as the British accompanist for the legendary jazz-singer Mark Murphy and the conductor of the Kenny Wheeler Big Band.

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Joanna is the former musical director, singer and arranger of the multi-Grammy award-winning group the Swingle Singers.

Tobi Hug

Tobias was the bass and beatboxer for a cappella legends The Swingle Singers for almost ten years and is a musical explorer and vocal whiz-kid. As their artistic director, he initiated and spearheaded projects from collaborations with Zubin Mehta and the Vienna Phil to founding the world's first beatbox choir, the Vocal Orchestra with Beatboxer Shlomo.

Dominic Peckham

Regarded as one of the UK's finest young, dynamic orchestral and choral conductors, Dom has been commended for his 'freshness and vitality' directing choirs whilst delivering 'gutsy, raw and exciting performances'. Dom is the Artistic Director of The Royal Opera House's Youth Chorus, Assistant Music Director of The National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and vocal director for BBC Choir of the Year.

Ken Burton

Ken is an internationally renowned Gospel singer, workshop leader, conductor, composer, arranger, performer, choral judge and music educator.

Matthew Sharp

Matthew is a baritone who has performed principal roles for the Royal Opera House, Opera North, Almeida Opera and the Young Vic.

Robbie Jacobs

Robbie is an Assistant conductor for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and the London Youth Choir and the Musical Director of professional contemporary vocal ensemble, Reverie. As a workshop leader, Robbie works for the Royal Opera House Education Team.



"The teachers were simply amazing... I can feel it when singing at every other occasion after Ingenium."

Eliska, vocal student, 16, Czech Republic

Piano Programme

Our piano programme is for 14–18 year old pianists who wish to develop and improve all aspects of their playing as well as gain ensemble playing experience. We strongly believe in the importance of nurturing the all-round musician and as such, have created a varied programme of workshops and classes to make sure all areas are catered for.

The piano programme encompasses all the essential rehearsal and performance aspects for young pianists. Each day, students will receive solo and ensemble tuition from esteemed professors who specialise in differing areas of piano performance and musicianship.

Professors will cover topics including:

- repertoire
- sight reading
- keyboard skills
- accompaniment
- composition and improvisation

Students will play challenging, exciting and varied repertoire of all genres for solo performance as well as duets, six hands and two piano arrangements. They will also interact with our instrumental and vocal students to rehearse and perform chamber music.

Throughout the three weeks, there will be regular solo and ensemble performance opportunities, open masterclasses, specialist guest masterclasses with professors from the London conservatoires as well as faculty recitals. Members of our pastoral staff are also conservatoire piano students and will be on hand to mentor and support students in their private practice and development.

Workshops

Every week, our students will also have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of vocal, instrumental and musical workshops led by internationally renowned experts in jazz, chamber, folk and international music. These workshops are designed to broaden each student's musical experience by exposing them to something new and challenging.

In 2016, workshops will include:

- Musical awareness, performance skills and interpretation
- Composition and arranging

- Concert pianist masterclass
- Jazz improvisation and performance
- Instrumental improvisation and devising music
- Chamber and small ensemble playing
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Piano Staff Profiles

Simon Callaghan

"What a wonderful pianist, who combines complete understanding of the style of music he is playing with a rare subtlety and brilliance of execution."

Sir Roger Norrington

Simon is recognised as an exciting and versatile artist. Performance highlights include Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody at Birmingham's Symphony Hall, Liszt's first concerto with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, chamber music tours of Japan and South Korea and a gala concert with English National Opera principals.



Hiro Takenouchi

"Takenouchi is just the sort of champion the newest of new music needs; I'll be eager to hear him again." The Times

Japanese born Hiro frequently appears on concert platforms throughout the UK, Japan, Europe and North and Central America. Hiro is known as one of the most versatile pianists of his generation, with a wide repertoire ranging from the core works of the piano literature to the lesser-known. He was featured on the critically-acclaimed BBC documentary *The Prince and The Composer* on the life and music of Parry. In 2012, Hiro released a recording with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and was appointed to the faculty at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.



"After my piano lessons I was really happy – they were really interesting. The teaching

was so good. I learnt so much especially about the movement of the hands and body in relation to the sound – really amazing!"

Clara, piano student, 16, Spain

Saxophone Programme

Our saxophone programme is for 14–18 year olds who love playing any of the different types of saxophone and who are keen to develop all aspects of their solo and ensemble playing whilst also discovering new repertoire and styles, gaining performance experience and exploring the capabilities of their instrument.

We strongly believe in the importance of nurturing the all-round musician and as such, have created a varied programme of workshops and classes to make sure all areas are catered for.

Each day, students receive solo and ensemble tuition. Our saxophone students have the opportunity to perform in quartets and ensembles as well as with students studying on other programmes at Ingenium.

Professors will cover topics including:

- repertoire
- sight reading
- technique
- extended techniques (including slap tongue and circular breathing)
- style
- improvisation

Our Saxophone Programme gives the students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of all styles and periods of music, from Baroque to Minimalism to Jazz, celebrating the versatility of the Saxophone instrument.

Students learn, develop and improve their jazz improvisation, articulation and sound in workshops given by the very best players and teachers from the London jazz scene.

Members of our pastoral staff are also conservatoire saxophone students and will be on hand to mentor and support students in their private practice and development.



Workshops

Every week, our students take part in a wide range of vocal, instrumental and rhythmical workshops led by internationally renowned experts in jazz, chamber, folk and international music. These workshops are designed to broaden each student's musical experience by exposing them to something new and challenging.

In 2016, workshops may include:

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- Composition and arranging
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Saxophone Staff

Dominic Childs

Dom is the Alto Saxophonist in the award winning Syzygy and Forseti Saxophone Quartets, regularly performing in some of Europe's finest chamber music venues. As an orchestral player he has performed with orchestras such as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Northern Sinfonia and the BBC Symphony Orchestra, including the 2015 *Last Night of the Proms* at the Albert Hall. Dom has held teaching positions at the National Youth Wind Ensemble and is the Saxophone Tutor at the Junior Birmingham Conservatoire.



"I will definitely go back to school with a huge amount of new experience that

will be precious both to me and my peers ... I'm very proud and aware of the incredible progress I made!"

Giona, saxophone student, 14, Italy



***“I loved every day
at the Ingenium
Academy”***

Shiqi, Violin, 14, China

Ingenium Life

The Ingenium Experience

The Ingenium Academy prides itself on being not only an outstanding music school with top class tuition, but also a fun and culturally diverse experience for young people from all over the world.

Every student at the Ingenium Academy goes home having developed their musical technique, as well as having advanced personally and socially through gaining a rich cultural understanding.



"Congratulations on the fantastic organisation – it was beyond expectations. The atmosphere was very friendly and happy, and the level of care provided for our child was indeed outstanding. Nicole really loved it; the music, the trips, and she also made wonderful friends. Nicole loved this residency so much she would like to repeat it again next year."

Luisa, mother, Portugal and UK



prehistoric monument of nearby Stonehenge. They will also have the chance to visit London, seeing the sights of The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, The Crown Jewels, The London Eye and Madame Tussauds as well as enjoying a West End show.

Other trips may include a day out at a theme park, a visit to the south coast of England and outings to the beautiful towns of Guildford and Salisbury.

Mealtimes

Breakfast is eaten in the boarding house every morning. Lunch and Dinner are served in the 14th Century oak-panelled College Hall at the heart of the college campus. Packed lunches are provided for day trips. Our menus are well balanced and varied and we cater for all dietary requirements.

Language

The Ingenium Academy is an English speaking music school. We provide our non-native English speaking students with an incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in an English speaking environment and to improve the quality and fluency of their English language skills.

Activities and Day Trips

We offer an extensive range of evening activities including team games, discos, quiz nights, movie nights and barbeques. Sunday afternoon activities also include team sports, swimming, tennis, theatre, dance, English language booster lessons and arts and crafts.

Our students have plenty of opportunities to explore during their stay at the Ingenium Academy, including discovering the historic city of Winchester and the

Accommodation

The Ingenium Academy is based at Winchester College, situated in the stunning city of Winchester just an hour away from London. Winchester College was founded in 1382 and is one of Britain's leading independent schools. Our students are accommodated in the comfortable boarding houses of Winchester College which provide a safe and homely environment for the three-week programme.

The bedrooms and dormitories at Winchester have between 1 and 8 beds. All rooms and floors are single sex. We take care that our students are placed with other students of a similar disposition and strive hard to ensure that everyone is happy during their time at the Ingenium Academy.

Our pastoral staff also reside in the boarding houses throughout the three weeks in order to provide round-the-clock supervision and care.



A Typical Week

Every day at the Ingenium Academy is different, and a typical week is packed with rehearsals, sectionals, workshops, day trips and fun evening activities. While each programme has a bespoke timetable of tailored tuition, the whole school comes together for mealtimes, evening activities and outings.

Here is an example of what a week at the Ingenium Academy might look like:



Your Audition

All applications to the Ingenium Academy must be accompanied by a short video demonstrating your musical ability. We stress that this is not a scary audition, just a short showcase of how good you are.

We want to see your musicality and your personality shine through in your playing / singing. Audition videos will be reviewed by our conductors and places will be awarded on merit / standard of singing / playing. We want to see young people not only with a high standard of musicianship, but with a great sense of team spirit and a love of music making.

We accept applications on a rolling basis and so recommend that you apply as soon as possible to have the best chance of being awarded a place.

Vocal Auditions

We are looking for talented young people who love to sing, have a good ear and a good standard of sight reading. Please remember to perform on your video and try to show us some of your personality as well as your singing voice.

What to sing:

- A minimum of 2 contrasting pieces.
- At least one of the pieces must be sung unaccompanied.
- At least one of the pieces must be sung in English.

NB. If English is not your first language then we would love to hear you sing in your own language. Please sing one piece in your native language and the other in English.

Points we will consider when reviewing your video:

Intonation, use of breathing to support the voice, the production of an even sound throughout the pitch range, interpretation, expression and understanding, personality and a passion for making music.

Instrumental Auditions

We are looking for talented instrumentalists with a high standard of intonation and rhythmic sense as well as excellent instrumental technique. Each candidate applying for the instrumental programme should prepare the following:

- One movement or part of a movement from a concerto/sonata/work written for your instrument (i.e. no transcriptions). This can be performed either with or without piano accompaniment. Please ensure that this excerpt lasts no more than 5 minutes.
- One short orchestral excerpt set by the Ingenium Academy. PDF versions of this set piece can be found on our website at: www.ingeniumacademy.com/apply/instrumental-auditions/

Please contact us if you would like us to send you a copy of the set piece for your chosen instrument.

Points we will consider when reviewing your video:

Intonation, the production of an even sound, instrumental technique, rhythmic capability, interpretation, expression and understanding, personality and a passion for making music.

Piano Auditions

We are looking for talented pianists with a high standard of musicianship, technique and sense of rhythm. Each candidate applying for the piano programme should prepare the following:

- A minimum of 2 contrasting solo pieces (NB. An excerpt of no more than 5 minutes should be played on the audition video).
- 1 piece of technical work ie. a scale or an étude appropriate to your current level

Points we will consider when reviewing your video:

Instrumental technique, rhythmic capability, interpretation, expression and understanding, personality and a passion for making music.

Saxophone Auditions

It doesn't matter what style you are working in, whether you are focussing on jazz or classical, or which saxophone you play; we want to see a high standard of musicianship and a love of music making.

Each candidate should prepare the following:

- A minimum of 2 contrasting pieces, or excerpts from longer pieces
- 1 piece of technical work ie. a scale or study appropriate to your current level

Points we will consider when reviewing your video:

Instrumental technique, rhythmic capability, interpretation, expression and understanding, personality and passion for music making.

Important

When recording your video, please note the following:

- Videos should be no more than 10 minutes long
- Videos should not be from a concert/public performance
- At least one piece on the video should be unaccompanied. (There is no requirement to send in footage with piano accompaniment if the candidate wishes not to do so)
- Videos should not be edited, mixed or mastered. Recordings should be a true reflection of the candidate's playing/singing.

When submitting your video, please note that all videos should be accompanied by an email/letter from the candidate's teacher/school counselor confirming that they approve of the candidate applying and that their video is a true/accurate record of the candidate's playing/singing.



"The Rachmaninoff prelude that I played in the two Ingenium concerts was so much better

than when I played it for my audition video. My video was nothing compared to my two concerts, even if it is the same music. I really improved my way to play the piano. I can now play with more feelings and less stress than before."

Francois, piano student, 16, France

What Our Students Think



"I would describe the Ingenium Academy as intensive, enriching and unforgettable."

I learnt so much – to interact with people who had very different cultures and I learned a lot of English because I was practising every day and of course I learnt a lot of piano!"

Clara, piano student, 16, Spain



"I learnt a lot at the Ingenium Academy. I improved my musical skills

loads from all the sight readings, master classes and playing in the orchestra. In addition to that, I enhanced my ability to play in ensemble and to be more in tune. I also got introduced to other aspects of music through all the workshops and musicianship classes."

Layan, viola student, 15, Palestine



"I learnt a lot at the Ingenium Academy – I learnt how to play with more feeling,

I learnt how to practise in a better way, I learnt to improve my technical skills by myself, I learnt how to be less stressed in concerts. In fact there are too many things that I learnt to write all of them down! The things that I learnt will help me to play futures pieces in a better way and to play them with pleasure in public performances."

Francois, piano student, 16, France



"Everyone was so happy, smiling and willing to help. The teaching was so professional but we were all one big family."

Karolina, vocal student, 16, Czech Republic



"I loved every day. I improved my trumpet playing and learnt that singing is vital to

be a good musician, as well as lots of other useful hints members of staff gave me. We had everything we needed and much more - I had an amazing three weeks!!"

Cédric, trumpet student, 17, Luxembourg



"I learnt how to be creative in music thanks to the good teachers I had. Being with people

of different customs helps you to open your mind. And I learnt a lot of English!"

Sofía, violin student, 16, Spain



What Our Parents Think

"What we love about Ingenium is how it manages to mix hard work with pleasure and fun. It has given Robert all kinds of new opportunities to express and discover himself as a musician. The atmosphere was very musical, professional, but at the same time relaxed. I loved the kids encouraging their colleague performers and really listening to them play or sing."

Dana, mother, Romania



"Everything from the kids' arrival to the workshops to the outings was well balanced. Anna enjoyed the experience thoroughly, discovered other children with similar interests, learned much about her voice, how to protect it and how to improve, and sang a very broad range of repertoire of music. It was a perfect location – the facilities were wonderful, the location for teenagers with just enough to do while being very safe, the dormitory facilities very nice and of course the setting is beautiful."

Diana and George, parents, USA



"It has been an invaluable experience for our daughter's education, musical and otherwise. Noa had a wonderful time. We were highly impressed with the students' performance at the concerts and the professionalism of the staff, it was truly inspiring to see so many talented young people. Thank you for such a fabulous and amazing experience!"

Veronica, mother, Israel

"The atmosphere was wonderfully relaxed, at the same time sufficiently serious and ambitious. Raphael made many new international contacts, enjoyed fun activities and exciting excursions, learned from excellent and dedicated musicians and got to try so much new music from different periods and genres and in different arrangements. What a treat to be able to spend one's holidays like that!"

Mabel, mother, Germany

"I want to thank you very much for giving Adam a wonderful experience, one that he will never forget! As parents, my husband and I saw a big difference in Adam's self-confidence. He came back extremely happy and the first thing he said was that he wished he had signed up for the full three weeks! He enjoyed every second. Thanks to you and all your staff. He most certainly wants to go back next summer!"

Maie, mother, Egypt





"The organisation has been most perfect in all aspects. The experience exceeded all expectations. Elena has become very motivated musically and has also improved her English. I can only say congratulations for what you have done, my daughter has been totally motivated and happy. I think it was the best summer course she has ever been on."

Maite, mother, Spain



"The atmosphere at the Ingenium Academy was perfect. Eugenie very much gained what we had hoped for her. The level of care provided for our child who suffered with some homesickness was excellent and very appropriate for the situation."

When she got home, Eugenie was really impressed and excited when she saw the oboist with whom she had a 1:1 lesson with on TV playing in the PROMS.

The Academy was really excellent and way above expectations."

Catherine and Richard, parents, France



If you would find it helpful to speak to a parent about their experience of the Ingenium Academy, we would be very happy to arrange this. Please contact us at: info@ingeniumacademy.com

Information

Dates

We offer 1, 2 and 3 week programmes as follows:

Programme	Length	Dates	Cost
A	3 weeks	17 July – 7 August	£2,775
B	2 weeks	17 July – 31 July	£1,850
C	2 weeks	24 July – 7 August	£1,850
D	1 week	17 July – 24 July	£925
E	1 week	24 July – 31 July	£925
F	1 week	31 July – 7 August	£925

All bookings for the **full 3 week course** received before 31 December 2015 will receive an Earlybird discount of £200, and those received before 28 February 2016 will receive an early booking discount of £150.

Fees

All of our fees include airport transfers, accommodation, full board, laundry, tuition, workshops, day trips, entrance fees, activities and performances. There are no extra or hidden costs.

Please note that travel from your home to London, spending money and medical / travel insurance is not included.

Application Information

To apply to the Ingenium Academy, please visit our website, click 'Apply Now' and fill in our online application form. In order to complete the application, you will need the following:

- The contact details of 2 parents/ guardians plus their contact details over the summer
- The name and email address of your music teacher / school counselor.
- A letter of recommendation from your music teacher / school counselor. (This can be uploaded as a Microsoft Word or PDF document.)
- Your audition video. (Please see the Auditions page of our website for further details regarding submitting audition videos.)
- A clear, passport style photo.

To request a paper copy of our application form, please email us at info@ingeniumacademy.com

Location

Winchester is located in the heart of England, just one hour south west of London.



Scholarships and Bursaries

The Ingenium Academy offers a number of scholarships and bursaries at our discretion. We can also offer help and advice if you are looking to fundraise in order to support your summer at the Ingenium Academy.

Scholarships are awarded on musical merit and bursaries are awarded to students from lower income families. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship or bursary for the summer 2016 season or would like any help or advice with fundraising, then please do not hesitate to contact us at info@ingeniumacademy.com to receive an application form and further information.

Airport Transfers

Every student will be met upon arrival at the airport or train station in London and accompanied to Winchester by a member of our pastoral team who will show them around our campus, introduce them to the other students and help them to settle in.

Contact Us

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any enquiries; we'd be delighted to answer your questions.

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my life!”***

Anna, cello, 18, UK



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