



South West Music School

Application Process: 2022–23

We have a formal application process from March through to the end of May. However, if you are interested in joining SWMS during an academic year please get in touch with Tracy Hill.

- Applicants apply for a place with SWMS for one academic year.
- Our academic year runs from September – August.
- Once they have been with us for one year, students may stay with South West Music School up to the age of 18 years (and up to 20 years in some cases). This is dependent on them having met the expectations of the school.

STEP ONE: THE APPLICATION PAPERWORK

The application process is simple and consists of completing an **application form**, **two recent contrasting recordings** of you playing/singing, and **two files** (a musical reference and a photo of yourself). All of these can be sent to us via wetransfer: swms.wetransfer.com

Note: If you wish to be considered for our Composer / Music Producer programme, the 2 recordings should be your own original song/compositions and either performed live or as a digital recording taken from your computer DAW programme (e.g. Logic, Garageband). Where possible, please also send us a copy of your score/lyrics.

STEP TWO: THE INFORMAL INTERVIEW

All of your application forms and recordings are carefully assessed by members of our team.

These include experienced professional musicians and instrumental/vocal tutors.

We will then select people to attend an online short interview.

If you are invited to interview, ***Please don't panic*** – SWMS interviews are relaxed and friendly!

If you are interested in applying to the Composer / Music Producer programme, applicants will also be required to attend an online interview with a composition mentor who will chat to you about your scores and your compositional interests, goals and inspirations.

Note: You must be a minimum of 13 years old to apply for the Composer / Music Producer and Singer/Songwriter programme.

CURRENT STUDENTS RE-APPLICATION PROCESS:

We ask that all current students fill out a short “top-up” application to stay with South West Music School each year. Similarly, all current students **except for those on the Core and Composer programmes** are expected to audition annually. If you are planning to leave at the end of this academic year, please also confirm directly to t.hill@swms.org.uk by the end of May.