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# ISA BAND COMPETITION

DEADLINE

Thursday 25 April 2024

This competition encourages musical skills and teamwork. Bands, music groups and ensembles from ISA Members' schools are invited to submit a performance.

Open to Key Stages 1-5  
All musical styles welcome

Details and entry form  
on the ISA website



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Playing and performing music helps to build students' confidence and mental wellbeing. The ISA Band Competition aims to inspire pupils to practice their musical skills, and to work together to produce a cohesive performance.

- **Eligibility**

This competition is open to ISA Members' Schools only. Open to KS1-5.

Each school may submit up to **three** entries per age group maximum.

This competition does not include choirs.

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities accessible, we welcome applications from all pupils, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities.

*Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please notify us at the earliest opportunity so we can provide the document accordingly, if required.*

- **Age groups**

- Key Stage 1-2
- Key Stage 3
- Key Stage 4-5

Groups with mixed ages will be judged in the category of the oldest pupil.

- **Categories**

- Instruments with vocals (group of any size including one or more vocalists)
- Instrumental with no vocalists
  - a. small (group of 2-5 pupils)
  - b. large (group of 6 or more pupils)

- **Film your performance**

- Bands, groups and ensembles of any music genre are invited to film a performance
- Please do not edit the video – we need to be able to see the bands, groups and ensembles playing live in one take as if we were in the audience
- Max. duration - 3 minutes

- **Rules and Guidelines**

- This competition does not include purely vocal groups such as choirs
- Pupils can play from memory or with music
- Performances can be self-composed music or covers
- The video must not last longer than 3 minutes
- Appropriate copyright permissions must be obtained by the school for music and the recording where required
- We encourage you to film a performance specifically for the competition. Please make sure that video and sound quality are clear enough for adjudication

- **Judging criteria**

The following will be taken into consideration during the judging process:

- Pitch
- Rhythm
- Tone
- Shape
- Performance
- Teamwork

- **How to enter**

Entries must be submitted via the online form on the ISA website by **Thursday 25 April 2024**.

Videos must be uploaded to a sharable platform such as YouTube, Vimeo or Google Drive, and the URL link copied into the entry form. They must not be password protected. We cannot accept videos as attachments or download/WeTransfer links.

If you have any questions, please contact [isaarts@isaschools.org.uk](mailto:isaarts@isaschools.org.uk)  
We look forward to receiving your entries