



Cheshire East Young Musician Of The Year 2026

Date: Sunday 8th March

Venue: Maxwell Davies Centre, Sandbach School

It gives me great pleasure to announce details of this year's Cheshire East Young Musician of the Year.

Taking place in the Maxwell Davies Centre at Sandbach School on Sunday 8th March the competition is open to all pupils who attend schools in Cheshire East and we will award cash bursaries for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed performers in each of the five following age groups;

Key Stage 1 (School year 1 – 2)

Key Stage 2 ((School year 3 – 6)

Key Stage 3 (School year 7 - 9)

Key Stage 4 (School year 10 - 11)

Key stage 5 (School year 12 -13)

For each age group there are **separate instrumental and vocal classes** with an official accompanist available (at no cost to the performer) should participants wish to use them. This should be selected on the sign-up form at the time of signing up. The cost to enter this year's competition is £7.00 per performer.

It is entirely the choice of the performer as to what piece of music they perform as long as it does not exceed 5 minutes for KS1- KS4 and 8 minutes for KS5. In both instances, only one piece of music should be performed.

Deadline to enter is Friday 13th February 2026

A maximum number of 20 entries per class will be accepted, after this entrants will remain on a waiting. Performance time limits and cash bursaries on offer in each Key Stage class are shown below;

KS1 Vocal

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £30

2nd prize £20

3rd prize £10

KS1 Instrumental

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £30

2nd prize £20

3rd prize £10

KS2 Vocal

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £30

2nd prize £20

3rd prize £10

KS2 Instrumental

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £30

2nd prize £20

3rd prize £10

KS3 Vocal

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £30

2nd prize £20

3rd prize £10

KS3 Instrumental

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £30

2nd prize £20

3rd prize £10

KS4 Vocal

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £50

2nd prize £30

3rd prize £20

KS4 Instrumental

One piece of music not exceeding 5 minutes

1st prize £50

2nd prize £30

3rd prize £20

KS5 Vocal

One piece of music not exceeding 8 minutes

1st prize £50

2nd prize £30

3rd prize £20

KS5 Instrumental

One piece of music not exceeding 8 minutes

1st prize £50

2nd prize £30

3rd prize £20

The judges will provide feedback to each of the performers in the competition and award placings for only the top three performances.

To enter the competition, [please click here](#).

If you wish to use the official accompanist, piano parts must be submitted by 9am on Monday 16th February via admin@lovemusictrust.com, if parts are not submitted by then unfortunately we will not be able to supply an accompanist for you.

Thank you and good luck to all who enter!

The Love Music Trust Team