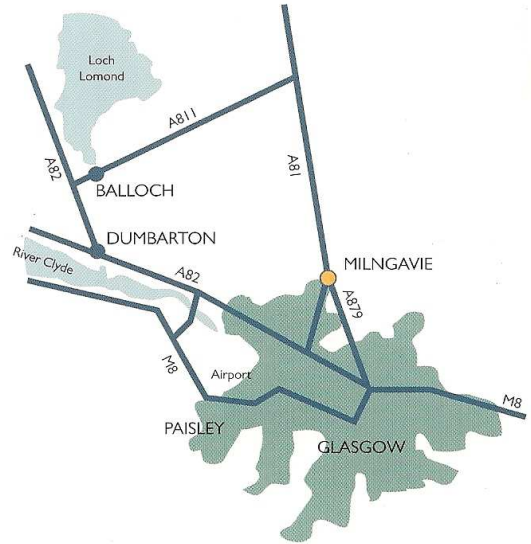


Douglas Academy Introduction



Douglas Academy is set in scenic surroundings in Milngavie which is within East Dunbartonshire. The school stands in 36 acres of estate land, once the traditional home of the Douglasses of Mains. With a history spanning more than four decades, Douglas Academy offers a broad academic curriculum within a highly successful comprehensive school combined with specialist music tuition. The new Douglas Academy building was officially opened in October 2009.



The Music School of Douglas Academy was established in 1979 as a national centre of excellence. Since this date it has offered the highest quality tuition in all aspects of music. The school provides tuition for pupils of secondary school age in a suite of specialist rooms. Applications for entry are received from throughout Scotland; boarding facilities are provided. The Music School is funded by the Scottish Government supported by East Dunbartonshire Council.





Douglas Academy The Music School

Approximately 20% of the week is time-tabled for musical study. This allocation may increase in the senior school. Specialist tuition is available in all instruments, voice and composition. A wide range of instrumentalists are catered for in a variety of musical styles. Usually the main consideration is for a student's first instrument with supporting lessons in a 2nd and sometimes a 3rd study. Since it is an important aim of the school to develop the 'all round' musician, specialist tutorials are also given in theory, aural training, history, composition, harmony and counterpoint, musicianship and analysis.



Successful entry follows two auditions. The first is during February in Douglas Academy and the second is a two day course at the end of March also held in the school but with residential accommodation available. A small team of assessors will recommend admission to the Music School following evidence of:-

- existing exceptional talent or the potential for exceptional talent to develop
- a real commitment to music

In the first audition applicants will be asked to:-

- perform two pieces on their professed instrument or voice
- take part in a short less
- play 1 piece on any other instrument(s) offered
- answer questions in aural musicianship (previous experience is not essential)

To find out more, contact the Course Director of the Music School, Mark Evans: mevans@douglas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

General information about Douglas Academy is available on the school's website:
www.douglas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk