

Music

2021 Admissions Round Feedback

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2021 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages are only retained to provide a general indication of process.

The Music admissions tutors would like to thank all applicants for the time and care they put into their applications. We are also grateful to referees for proving their supporting statements and for the encouragement and support they give to applicants.

In 2016 we increased the number of places available per year to read Music at Keble from 1 to 2, one of whom may be an organ scholar. One place for entry in 2022 had already been awarded to a deferred-entry organ scholar so through the 2021 admissions round there was only one place available.

We received 3 first choice applications for this single place. Taking account of the applicants allotted through the Music Faculty's centralised interview scheme, 3 candidates were interviewed via MS Teams. College tutors and those appointed to conduct the central interviews in the Music Faculty examine all applications thoroughly before shortlisting, including consideration of all available examination results, predictions, UCAS personal statements and references.

Music applicants received two interviews with Keble college tutors, each lasting 20 minutes. The Music Faculty assigned at least one more interview with another college in order to ensure that candidates had the best chance of getting a place. For the first interview applicants were sent a pdf of a piece of music to analyse 20 minutes before the interview and, if they chose, to listen to it online. The applicants were asked to analyse the music in any way that they had been taught, taking account of the materials (harmony, form, texture, motivic development etc.) and expression. For the second interview applicants were sent a pdf of the first few pages of an article relating in some way to music and invited to summarise and discuss it.

We made one offer at Keble and a second Keble applicant was made an offer at a different college.

Further information may be found at www.music.ox.ac.uk. For information about Choral and Organ Awards at Keble, please see www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/chapel/music-in-the-chapel/organ-and-choral-scholars