

## **Organist Education Scheme**

The Berkshire Organists' Association is sponsoring a programme of organ lessons to give up to six students an opportunity to:

- try out the organ, transferring your existing piano/keyboard skills, or
- improve organ playing skills (for those who already play the organ)

### **What is being offered?**

- A FREE Introduction & Assessment session, up to five individual organ lessons, and advice to help students pursue further study
- All sessions with a suitably experienced and qualified teacher appointed by the Association

### **Who can apply?**

- **Anyone** with piano skills roughly equivalent to Grade 4 or above
- Children and students aged under 18 should be accompanied by an adult at all times

### **What is the objective for the student?**

Each student will have their own objectives. For example, you might wish:

- to try out the organ and help you decide whether it is an instrument you wish to study further
- to learn to play hymns, or improve your hymn playing, in order to play for church services
- to improve your performance of selected pieces
- to have an organ playing 'health check' after an extended period when you have had no organ lessons

### **What is the objective for the Berkshire Organists' Association?**

The charitable purpose of the Association as stated in its Constitution is to "Advance the education of the public in the study of church and organ

music". The new Scheme is an authentic expression of the Association's purpose, alongside its established activities including organ recitals, visits, publications and social events.

### **What will the lessons cost?**

- Students will be asked to make a donation to the Berkshire Organists' Association for the course of lessons, according to their means.

### **Where and when will the lessons be?**

- The Introduction & Assessment session and lessons will be arranged at times and places to suit the student and teacher. The BOA will try to arrange the lessons close to where you live, but some travel is likely to be required

### **Selection of students for the Scheme**

- Selection will be on the basis of completed Application form (overleaf) with a follow-up telephone call for further information or clarification if required
- Selection will be by a small group of the Association's trustees (for names of trustees, see the Association's website)
- Students will be asked to sign an Agreement at the Introduction & Assessment session, setting out the commitments on both sides

### **Practice and progress**

- Students will need to arrange access to an organ to practise between lessons; assistance will be offered to help with this, but it will be the responsibility of the student to find an organ for practice
- Students should complete at least three hours of practice between each lesson, so a minimum of 15 hours of practice in total

## How to apply

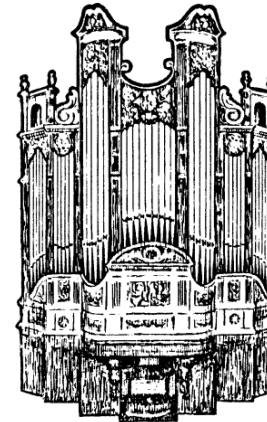
Complete the following application form and send to

[krdukes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:krdukes@yahoo.co.uk)

or post to BOA, 7 Forest End Road, Sandhurst, GU47 8JT

Name	Address
Telephone number(s)	
Email Address	Date of Birth (if aged under 18)
Approximate ABRSM/Trinity grade on Piano	School/College/University <b>currently</b> attended (if applicable)
What experience (if any) do you have of playing the organ?	
What would your objectives be if selected for the Berkshire Organists' Association Education Scheme?	
Do you have access to an organ for practice, or would you need help to arrange this?	

## Berkshire Organists' Association



Honorary Patron:  
Dame Gillian Weir

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Dr William McVicker

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## Information Leaflet and Application Form