



Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for those parents in the Colchester Borough Area (see map on Admissions Policy 2024-2025) applying for a place on behalf of their child under Criteria B (music aptitude) of the Admissions Policy 2024-2025.

This Supplementary Information Form is to be completed by parents/carers who wish their child to be considered for a place at the school based on an aptitude test in music. This form should be returned to The Gilberd School Admissions Officer, e-mail to admissions@gilberd.com by Thursday 21st September 2023. You must also complete a Common Application Form online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

You will be contacted after we receive this form to inform you of the time and date of the aptitude test. We will inform you of the results before the 31st October 2023 application deadline to allow you to prioritise your school choices.

Forename(s) of student:	
Surname of student:	
Date of Birth of student:	
Address:	

I confirm that I have applied on behalf of my child for a place in Year 7 in September 2024 at The Gilberd School through the co-ordinated Secondary Admission Scheme arranged by School Admissions, Essex County Council Learning Services, PO Box 4621, Chelmsford, CM1 1GS. Please note: the last date by which Essex County Council must receive your application is 31st October 2023.

I wish to apply for a place at The Gilberd School under Criteria B – music aptitude, and understand that the Admissions Officer of The Gilberd School will contact me to invite my child to the school to assess their aptitude in music.

I understand that I will be responsible for all travelling arrangements and any expenses incurred as a result of my child attending the aptitude test.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

Please print your name: _____

Home Contact Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email address: _____

Musical aptitude involves:

- A flair for music as demonstrated by practical performance and listening skills. Applicants may have had no formal training but would like to pursue the subject and have clear potential for doing so.

The Gilberd School Music Aptitude will assess the following:

- An aural (listening) test with multiple choice answers, followed by an improvisation workshop that will assess aptitude in rhythm, pitch, shaping of musical phrases and coordination.

Candidates will be rank ordered by aggregate scores of the aural test and workshop.

NB. Supplementary evidence cannot be considered as a part of the aptitude selection so please do not send us this.

All tests and aptitude workshops will be held at the school in October 2023 and students will be ranked according to their aggregated score in the criteria above. Applicants successful in gaining a place would be expected to pursue the subject through the curriculum and/or pursue instrumental and/or vocal lessons through the school in addition to participation in ensembles and other performances.