

COBIS Music Festival 2025 – Online Competition Terms and Conditions

The COBIS Music Festival 2025 (online competition) will be hosted by Park House English School, Doha, Qatar.

Registration

- The Music Festival (online competition) is open to COBIS member schools, including Applicant and Provisional schools. Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school.
- Attendees must register for the competition via the online form on the COBIS website.
- The closing date for registration is Thursday 24 October 2024.
- The online Music Festival is open to students in Years 6-13.
- Those in Years 6-9 must enter the 'Lower School' categories and those in Years 10-13 must enter the 'Upper School' categories.

Submitting Entries

- Submissions will be open from the 4 November 2024 – 9 December 2024.
- Students should enter their category with a recording (audio or video) of the composition (either of someone playing it or from score writing software) and a score/commentary.
- Entries should not be longer than 4 minutes. If an entry exceeds 4 minutes, only the first 4 minutes will be judged.
- Schools should take responsibility for the filming of entries where possible.
- Entries must be submitted by a teacher on behalf of the student to a form on the Music Festival website. More information on the submission process will be published in November 2024.
- All teachers should have the correct permissions from parents/guardians to share their pupils' names, ages and video footage as part of this competition. COBIS may request evidence of these permissions.
- Each student may enter a maximum of one category. COBIS and Park House English School reserve the right to remove subsequent submissions from the judging process.
- Please note, schools must pay their invoice in a timely manner, otherwise their entries will be disqualified.
- The competition categories include:

Upper School

- Free Composition
- Film Composition – clip provided by Park House English School
- Electronic Music
- Songwriting

Lower School

- Free Composition
- Film Composition – clip provided by Park House English School
- Electronic Music
- Songwriting

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- Please ensure entries are submitted to the correct category. Entries will not be accepted if they are submitted to the wrong category.
- The following timeline will be adhered to:

4 November 2024	Submissions open
9 December 2024	Submissions close
9 February 2025	Winners announced

- A winner will be selected from each category, along with an overall Young Composer of the Year.

Finance

- The cost to enter the competition is £45 per student (each student can enter one category only).
- Invoices will be issued by Park House English School during the week commencing 28 October 2024.
- Schools must pay the participation fee by 22 November 2024. If a school does not pay their fee by this date, their place in the competition will be revoked.

Cancellation

- COBIS and Park House English School reserve the right to cancel this competition if insufficient registrations are received, or if circumstances do not allow a virtual competition to take place.

COBIS Code of Conduct

By participating in a COBIS Student Event, individuals agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined below. Participants who exhibit any behaviour that contravenes this may be immediately removed from the event in question and may be suspended from future COBIS events. Please review the [COBIS Student Events Code of Conduct](#), relating to students and staff, in full.

Students:

- Demonstrate empathy, tolerance, respect, and kindness towards others.
- Be respectful of differing opinions, viewpoints, experiences, and cultural sensitivities.
- Be considerate and respectful to all participants, attendees, hosts, officials and COBIS staff.
- Do not engage in unacceptable behaviour, including but not limited to demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behaviour, materials, or speech, whether in-person or online.
- Take part for enjoyment and strive for personal excellence.
- Graciously accept constructive feedback
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Accept responsibility and apologising to those affected by our mistakes, and learning from the experience
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Cooperate with the officials, teachers, and teammates (if applicable).
- Do not argue with the officials' decisions.

Data Processing

- In order to administer this event, COBIS and Park House English School will collect the following information:
 - **Students:** name, school, age, year group, and entry
 - **Teacher:** Head teacher name, booking coordinator name, email and job title, finance contact name and email
- This data will be shared between COBIS and Park House English School for the administration and delivery of the event. COBIS and Park House English School will have a data sharing agreement in place to protect the transfer of this information. Competition entries will be shared with the judges.
- The full name, age, school name and entries of participants may be published on the COBIS and Park House English School websites and social media. This information may also be published and promoted at the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2025 and in other COBIS-related publications. By entering the competition, the teacher confirms that the necessary permissions have been sought from students and/or their parents to publish this information for such purposes.
- COBIS will process data in line with their [Privacy Policy](#). The host school will process data in line with their [Privacy Policy](#).
- Data will be retained in line with COBIS's and Park House English School's respective Data Retention Policies.
- In line with the applicable Data Protection Laws, the data subject or legal guardian (if the data subject is under 18) may request the removal of their name at any time. Please contact students@cobis.org.uk to make this request.

These event Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions (with specific reference to Schedule 14), which is linked [here](#). By agreeing to these event Terms and Conditions, you agree to also be bound by the relevant sections of the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions. Should your school not adhere to the Membership Terms and Conditions, your membership with COBIS may be subject to review as determined by the COBIS Board. COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and terms and conditions regarding this competition.

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