



Gulf British Academy

BSME Music Festival

12th-15th November 2026

June 2026

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to inform you that Gulf British Academy, Kuwait, will be hosting the BSME Music Festival for the 2026/27 academic year from 12th to 15th November 2026.

We would be thrilled to have your school participate in what promises to be an inspiring and collaborative musical weekend. With your support, we look forward to another successful event filled with creativity, talent, and shared musical experiences.

The festival is designed to be a fun, enriching event where students can forge new friendships, reconnect with familiar faces, and nurture the joy of making music together in a supportive and energetic environment.

We hope you will be able to join us and contribute to what we're sure will be a memorable celebration of music for those aged 7 and above.

Below is some information which will give you some idea about this very special weekend.

- In order to qualify to participate, your school must be: BSME registered, and all staff and children wishing to participate, must attend your school.
- The children must be ABRSM (Rock School also welcome) grade 1 equivalent or above, or sing in a school choir.
- **I am afraid that unfortunately we cannot accommodate pianists.**
- After the great success of past years, we will be booking places on a first come, first serve basis.
- The cost of the festival is KD50 per student. This includes transport within Kuwait as necessary, food, t-shirt and goodies, full time nurse and any costs for the non-musical events.
- However, it does not include costs for flights, visas and hotels for visiting schools.

The festival varies slightly from year to year, but essentially the weekend comprises of:

- Rehearsals with specialist tutoring
- Non-musical activities
- The Final Concert, which will include all the ensemble performances, ending with a massed ensemble piece, in which all will participate.



Alongside the rehearsals and the final concert, non-musical activities are provided to allow the children to enjoy a break from the concentration of playing. In past festivals, these have included swimming (supervised by a fully qualified lifeguard), arts and crafts, and a range of sports activities (provided by PE staff). A list of the activities for the November festival will be sent out prior to the event.

- Overseas schools will arrive the evening of Thursday 12th November and will be escorted to
- the hotel by the festival organisers.
- All schools arrive at Gulf British Academy ready to start work, Friday 13th at 8am and the weekend is divided into rehearsals and activities.
- The concert will take place on Sunday 15th Nov and will finish at approximately 12:30.
- There will be access to a nurse at all times over the weekend.
- The buses used to transport children all have seatbelts and are overseen by the GBA security team.

Overseas Schools

- We will contact you separately and give you more details if you wish for your students to participate. We will be using the Best Western Hotel in Salmiya who are experienced in hosting school groups.
- The hotel can complete the visa process for you at a charge, and in accordance with recent Kuwait law - check with hotel and visa requirements
- The hotel will also arrange the rooms for sharing in groups of 2 or 3. Staff will be on the same floor as the children.
- The bill for the hotel MUST be paid one month prior to travel.
- NB: In the unlikely event of extreme circumstances that cause cancellation, prior to the festival, e.g. weather, the festival cannot be held responsible and refunds cannot be given. Please see the BSME cancellation policy on their website.

If you would like to participate in this event, please complete the interest form [here](#).

Upon receiving your initial interest, we will then send you the detailed Registration Form.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

Val Berry
Gulf British Academy

v.berry@gulfbritishacademy.com