



**Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for those parents in the Colchester and Tendring Borough Areas (see maps on Admissions Policy 2027-2028) applying for a place on behalf of their child under Priority C (music aptitude) of the Admissions Policy 2027-2028.**

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](mailto:admissions@gilberd.com) by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026. You must also complete a Common Application Form online at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026 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 2027 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026.

I wish to apply for a place at The Gilberd School under Priority C – 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Musical aptitude involves:**

A flair for music as demonstrated by an aural test which students will sit as a group. Applicants may have had no formal training but would like to pursue the subject and have clear potential for doing so. The assessment will test musical pitch, rhythm, melody and expressive intent and cannot be prepared for.

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 2026 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.