

FIND OUT MORE... composing a fanfare

Your school has a special day in July when it is going to be visited by a Brass Band. We think you'll love it! One thing that brass instruments are great at doing is playing fanfares and today, it's your turn to compose and play your own.

Let's watch some fanfares being played!

Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion | Composed by Arthur Bliss | Performed by the London Fanfare Trumpets

Bugler's Dream Olympic Fanfare | Composed by John Williams | Performed by the Bands of HM Royal Marines

Fanfare from the Overture to William Tell | Composed by Giachino Rossini | Performed by the Cory Band

What is a fanfare?

A fanfare is usually played on brass instruments.

A fanfare announces the arrival of someone important or tells you that something is going to start.

Composing your own fanfare

Use glockenspiels or xylophones to compose your own fanfare using the steps below. You might like to play it to announce the start of your Proms in the Playground event.

You could do this by yourself, with a partner or in a group.

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First

Choose three or four notes to use in your fanfare.



Next

Play the notes you have chosen and work out how your fanfare will sound.

You can use each note more than once.



Then

Practice it until it is ready to share with the rest of your class.

Make sure it sounds like someone important is arriving!



Finally

Perform your fanfare and listen to others in your class play theirs

Try it out!

Choose someone in your class to act like a famous person. Perhaps a king or queen, or pop star. Get them to walk into your classroom while you are playing your fanfare. Does it sound like someone important is arriving?

Play it again...

Practice it and play it at your Proms in the Playground concert. When else could you play it?