



## My Audition for NCO

On the 21st October 2011 I travelled, with my family, to Dulwich College to attend an audition for the National Children's Orchestra. Children throughout Great Britain have been auditioning to join the NCO. I auditioned to play either my French Horn or cello.

Fortunately, I was considered to be one of the top 'Under 11' horn players in the country and so I was given a place!

I played two pieces on my horn, Arioso by Ronald Hanmer and March of the Gimps by Richard Bissel. These are Grade 4 and 5 pieces. I was asked to perform a piece of prepared sight reading and a piece of unprepared sight reading. The NCO had over 1000 applicants this year so as you can imagine I am very pleased to have gained this place! As this was one of my first auditions for any orchestra, I was very nervous, but since I have been attending Avenue House School I realise that I don't need to be nervous, but should just try my best. I love playing my instruments, and I hope there will be many more opportunities like this to come!



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