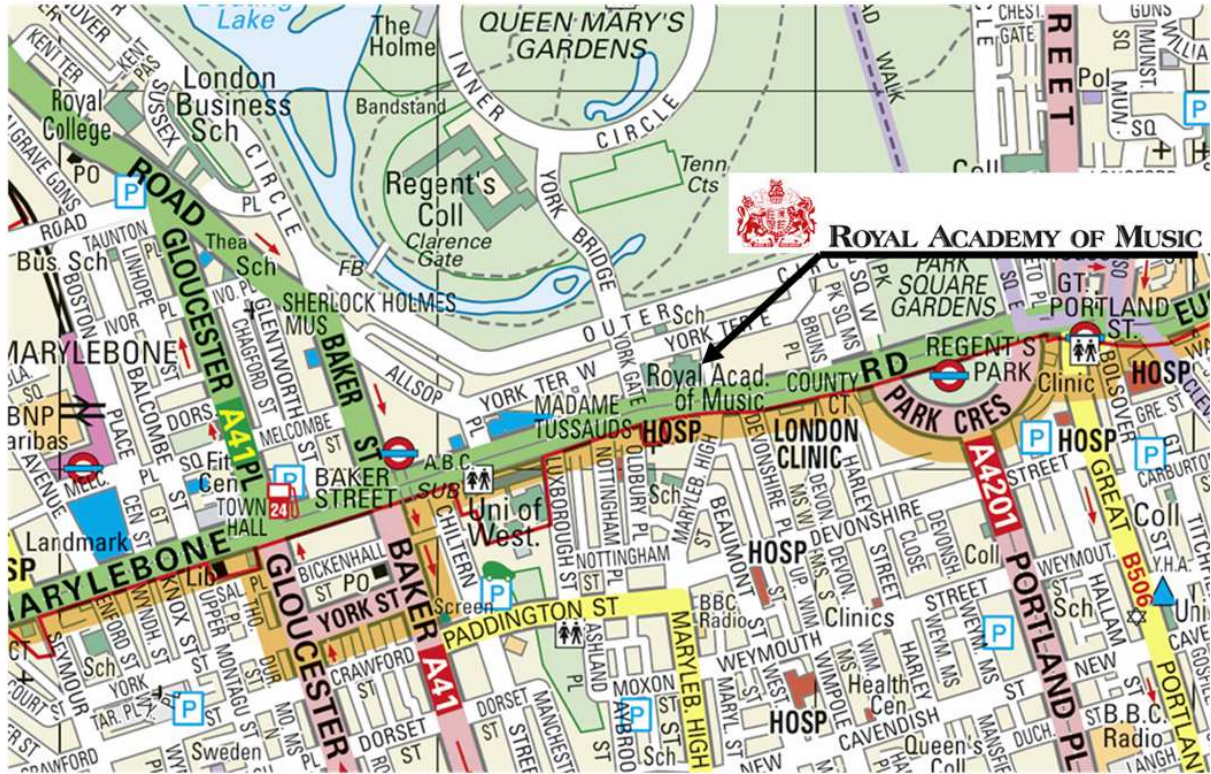




# City of Westminster Royal Academy of Music



The **Royal Academy of Music** is a conservatoire in London, England and a constituent college of the University of London. Founded by Lord Burghersh in 1822 with the help and ideas of the French harpist and composer Nicolas Bochsa, it is Britain's oldest degree-granting music school. The Academy was granted a Royal Charter by King George IV in 1830. It is a registered charity under English law.[

The Academy's public museum is situated in the York Gate building, which is connected to the Academy's building via a basement link. The museum houses the Academy's collections, including a major collection of Cremonese stringed instruments dated between 1650 and 1740, a selection of historical English pianos from 1790 to 1850, from the famous Mobbs Collection, original manuscripts by Purcell, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Brahms, Sullivan and Vaughan Williams, musical memorabilia and other exhibits.[24]

### **Visit the museum**



Opening hours:

11.30am-5.30pm Monday to Friday

12-4pm Saturday

Closed Sundays and public holidays

Free admission

For more information, read [Your Visit](#), which contains directions, access and facilities information.

The Museum displays material from the Academy's world-renowned collection of instruments, manuscripts, objects and images. An integral part of Academy life, the museum regularly hosts exhibitions and events including daily live demonstrations on our historic pianos. We welcome all members of the public, students and families.