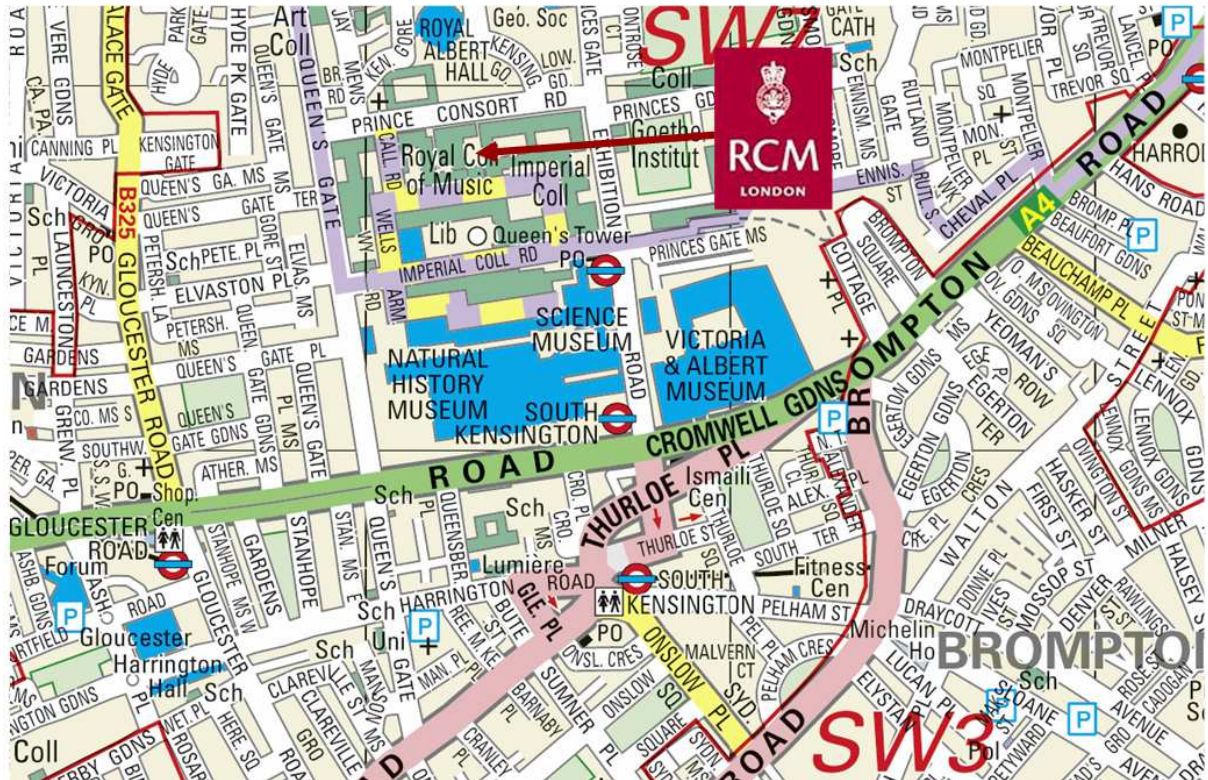




# City of Westminster

## The Royal College of Music



The **Royal College of Music (RCM)** is one of the world's great conservatoires, training gifted musicians from all over the world for international careers as performers, conductors and composers.

Founded in **1882** by the then Prince of Wales (later Edward VII), the RCM has trained some of the most important figures in British and international music life, including composers such as **Holst, Vaughan Williams** and **Britten**; conductors such as **Leopold Stokowski, Sir Colin Davis** and **Sir Roger Norrington**; singers such as **Dame Joan Sutherland, Sir Thomas Allen** and **Alfie Boe**; instrumentalists such as **James Galway, John Lill** and **Natalie Clein**.

With **750 students** from more than **60 countries** studying at undergraduate, masters or doctoral level, the RCM of the 21st century is a vibrant community of talented and open-minded musicians. RCM professors are musicians with worldwide reputations, accustomed to working with the most talented students of each generation to unlock their artistic potential.

Regular visitors include the likes of **Lang Lang, Dame Kiri te Kanawa** and **Bernard Haitink**. The RCM's many performing groups – including five orchestras, two jazz bands and the RCM International Opera School – are celebrated for the vitality and excellence of their performances, and are regularly invited to perform at significant venues both in the UK and overseas.

The RCM's buildings, facilities and location are the envy of the world. The RCM is situated directly opposite the **Royal Albert Hall** in the cultural heart of London, one of the world's great musical cities. Our iconic building, our **concert hall, opera theatre, state-of-the-art studios, library** and **museum** all provide inspiration for RCM students.