



## ROTARY CLUB OF MAIDENHEAD

### Maidenhead's Got Talent 2019 - Event overview

Maidenhead's Got Talent is an event run by the Rotary groups in Maidenhead. Rotary is a charitable organisation. All proceeds from the events run by Rotary are used to improve community services as well as help fund global initiatives such as prevention against Polio and provision of relief for victims of world disasters.

Maidenhead's Got Talent is a yearly show running a matinee and evening session. The event provides a platform for young people across Maidenhead to showcase their talents. It is not a competition. There is no judging panel. This year the event will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at Taplow Court.**

The matinee session starts at 3:30pm. The evening session starts at 7pm. Generally the matinee finishes at 6pm and the evening session at 10pm. Details of the venue and location can be found here:

Taplow Court's address is The Grand Culture Centre, Taplow, Berkshire, SL6 0ER and directions can be found at [www.windsor.gov.uk/things-to-do/taplow-court-p286311](http://www.windsor.gov.uk/things-to-do/taplow-court-p286311).

Schools, clubs and individuals who enter will be assigned a 10 minute slot in the session of their choice to perform whatever takes their fancy. In the past we've had pianists, choir singers, dancers, actors, musicians and street dance performers taking part.

Schools\clubs can enter soloists or larger groups of students. Our stage accommodates up to 60 performers. The amount of involvement from each school\club varies. Teachers will sometimes choose to work with students to put together performances. Sometimes schools will recommend students who will then turn up and perform pre-prepared pieces. Rotary will be happy to discuss ideas and options with individuals\schools\clubs who are interested in taking part.

On the event day itself, each individual and group performing is requested to arrive an hour before the session starts. Minors will need to be chaperoned by one or more teachers or responsible adults. Each individual and group is allocated a separate room so students can all relax. There will be volunteers at hand at Rotary to look after everyone and make sure they are where they need to be for the performance.

Each show (matinee and evening show) will be split into two acts. There will be an interval in between. Each performance will be introduced by a compere. The event is designed to be light hearted and fun for both the performers and audience. Rotary want every young person performing to leave feeling proud and brimming with confidence. We normally have a number of VIPs attending the event to make things feel that bit more special. At the end of each show there will be a prize raffle in aid of charity followed by a speech congratulating every one.

Maidenhead's Got Talent is a ticketed event as proceeds will go to charity. Information on how to purchase tickets will be provided on the run up to the event so that schools\clubs can notify parents. Teachers and performers do not need to buy tickets. Pre-school children also go free.



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### Maidenhead's Got Talent 2019 - What we supply

During the event the following will be provided:

- Auditorium, stage and lighting
- Grand piano (if needed)
- Microphones
- Playback facility for any backing tracks. There will be someone manning the decks and ensuring music is played in the right sequence. Backing tracks will need to be supplied by the performers in **WAV** or **MP3** format beforehand.
- Private room for each performing group
- Water supplies
- Website for ticket sales. Details will follow during the run up to the event.

Tickets are to be collected on the day, from the **Online Ticket Collection Point** in the main reception at Taplow Court.

- Signage & free car parking at the venue. Spaces are limited. Car sharing is encouraged if possible.
- Car parking attendants
- Volunteers providing assistance to answer any questions
- First aid provision. Our volunteers are all briefed on health & safety.
- Volunteers providing "front of house" assistance to answer any questions
- Prize raffle in aid of charity. The raffle is drawn at the end of each session.
- Fully serviced bar including soft drinks, wine, beer and snacks
- High quality limited edition souvenir programmes and t-shirts to purchase.