

Inspiring Future Musicians

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The next generation of musicians were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the new state-of-the-art Bramall Music Building last week as part of a competition prize where they designed musical instruments of the future.

Pupils from local primary schools were invited to submit their designs as part of the building's official time capsule burying ceremony and the two winning entries were buried alongside a host of musical and university memorabilia during the University's Community Open Day in 2010.

Kian Kumar from Hallfield School's winning design of an iPad-inspired instrument earned his class an exclusive tour of the new music venue which saw 14 eight-year-olds playing their own instruments on the main stage in the Elgar Concert Hall.



Competition organiser, Mohammed Ansar, Outreach Officer at the University said, 'It was a fantastic day for the students to be on campus. Not only did they get to see a state-of-the-art concert hall and play their instruments on stage, but they also witnessed students graduating which they were really excited about.'

During the tour, the students also sang carols in one of the music practice rooms with their teacher accompanying them on the piano took part in a singing workshop. The students were inspired by the surroundings, as for many it was their first time on a university campus, with one boy telling his teacher, 'This has been the best trip ever and I can't wait to study here!'

For more information about the Bramall Music Building, please visit: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/bramall/index.aspx>
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