

# Careers Service

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## WHY EMPLOYERS WANT CAMBRIDGE MUSIC GRADUATES

*Cambridge musicians have a high success rate in the job market – why?*

*Because they have developed skills that make them attractive to employers – skills that employers want (and that not everyone has):*

*Through the Cambridge system the ability to*

- Work independently
- Absorb and retain complex information
- Be self-directing
- Balance multiple commitments
- Meet deadlines

*Through essay preparation the ability to*

- Keep a flexible, open mind
- Investigate & assimilate a lot of material rapidly
- Identify key issues
- Sift/select **relevant** material
- See the wood for the trees
- Analyse & evaluate critically
- Think logically
- Synthesise coherently
- Use imagination & creativity
- Structure an argument
- Write clearly, persuasively, concisely, to the point
- Produce on time

*Through classes & supervisions the ability to*

- Weigh & respond to opposing arguments
- Speak fluently, clearly, coherently
- Cope with direct challenge
- Sustain a point of view
- Think on your feet

*As a musician the ability to*

- Analyse non-verbal material
- Work in a team
- Lead and organise other people
- Listen
- Follow instructions
- Be self-critical
- Improve on your performance
- Present and communicate to an audience
- Be creative
- Sustain physical energy