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## Year 5 Christ Church Student Wins International Music Prize

Tian Liang – a Year 5 student at Christ Church Grammar School – was announced as one of the winners in the *21<sup>st</sup> Valsesia Musica Juniores International Competition 2020* on Monday 5 October.

Tian received an extraordinary score of 97/100 for his performance of Chopin's *Nocturne Op. 27 No. 2*, winning First Prize in his category in the Italian music competition.

Tian competed in the 'Piano Solo' section of the competition in the Category B group, which includes only musicians who were born on or after 1 January 2009.

In response to Covid-19 restrictions, the candidates in Tian's category were required to submit a video recording of a solo piano piece of their choosing that was no longer than 7 minutes in length.

Tian stated that he practiced up to three-and-a-half hours a day in preparation for the competition "which is 30 minutes more than the three hours of practice I usually do every day". When asked what his aspirations were for the piano, he said "My goal is to become a concert pianist in the future".

The *Valsesia Musica Competition* is organised by the Associazione Culturale Valsesia Musica, a non-profit association whose mission is to promote music and to improve the cultural life of Valsesia, a remote region of northern Italy.

The competition is open to candidates of all nationalities and is judged by a jury comprised of renowned Italian and foreign artists and critics.

Tian has frequently performed in various local and international music competitions. Prior to winning the *Valsesia Musica Juniores* competition he was awarded first place in the *2019 ABRSM Piano Competition* in the 10 years old and under category.

Tian also enjoys playing the cello.

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