

# Jenna Liang

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## About Me

Hello! My name is Jenna Liang and I am currently an 8th grader at Wycombe Abbey School in the UK.

I was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. There, I studied at York House School until Grade 5. At 11, in search of adventure, I made the exciting decision to move to the UK.

I am a determined and hard working student, who is passionate about music, dance, public speaking, and writing. I take pride in supporting others, and have been a mentor in my house as well as a school council member for two years, as year group representative in 7th Grade, and house representative in 8th Grade. A fun fact about me: I am currently studying 6 languages!

I have played piano for the past 9 years, and viola for the past 3 years. I study at the Royal College of Music in London every Saturday afternoon. I successfully completed my ARCT piano exams in the summer of 2021 and my ARCT music theory in 2022.

I am also a passionate athlete: I divide my time between squash, basketball, lacrosse, and soccer. I am on the school squash team. I also enjoy dance, and practice Ballet and K-Pop every day.

I write in my spare time, and have currently written two short novels. The second of these is available on Amazon: Draught of the Undead. Look out for the third!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the UK, but am excited to take the next step. I believe that culturally the US better suits my personality and interests. I'm excited to meet my new peers, and to learn from them, while sharing my academic, artistic, and musical interests and abilities!

## Why Me

Why me? I am a caring and hard working student. I thrive in communities that value mutual respect and support. Moving to the UK and experiencing the differences between Canadian and British schooling have taught me to adapt and respond to challenges. By joining Wycombe Abbey, I have become more independent, gaining experience and maturity. These are characteristics that I would never have discovered without such a challenging new environment.

Studying more subjects than ever before was at first difficult, and then thrilling. It required me to develop my skills of time management and self control. Being at boarding school requires a tough mindset, you must be prepared and ready to face whatever challenges and arise. Sometimes, you have to face these obstacles alone; other times, you need to be prepared to ask for help. In my first year, I reached out to my peers and my teachers, who provided me with additional guidance, including introducing me to the pomodoro method. They helped me to learn from my initial failures, and to develop a strong mindset to pursue my goals efficiently and successfully. This year I have used those skills to help others struggling with the same difficulty.

I value mutual support and respect. From helping my peers and teachers whenever I can, to taking on roles to display and help others, I am excited to contribute to maintaining a flourishing and supportive community.

Leadership	Date	Organization	Location
School Council House Representative	2022	Wycombe Abbey School	High Wycombe, UK
School Council Grade Representative	2021	Wycombe Abbey School	High Wycombe, UK

Piano	Date	Organization	Location
Assessment	2022	Royal College of Music	London, UK
First Class Honours with Distinction - Level ARCT Piano	2022	Royal Conservatory of Music	Canada
Honours - ARCT History and Theory	2022	Royal Conservatory of Music	Canada
First Solo Piano Recital	2021	Steinway Young Artist Club - Jenna Liang Piano Recital	Vancouver, Canada
2nd Prize - North American Regional Final Round	2021	Pacific Rim International Music Festival	Canada
3rd Prize - Amateur Group	2019	2019 USA Musical & Art Exchange International Piano Festival and Competition	USA
Certificate of Award - Completing all Masterclasses	2019	2019 USA Musical & Art Exchange International Piano Festival and Competition	USA
Standards of Excellence Award	2019	2018 Canadian Young Artist	Vancouver, Canada
Performer	2019	Talent Music Master Concerts Summer Festival	Brescia, Italy
Distinction - 1st Group	2018	The 26th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition for Children and Youth in Szafarnia	Szafarnia, Poland
Diploma - Participation	2018	The 26th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition for Children and Youth in Szafarnia	Szafarnia, Poland
1st Place - Bach Group	2018	OYMI Music Festival	Canada
1st Place - Concert Group - Age 9 and under	2018	OYMI Music Festival	Canada
Most Gifted - Concert Group - Age 9 and under	2018	OYMI Music Festival	Canada
Diploma - Participation	2018	IX International Piano Course in Katowice	Katowice, Poland
Performer	2018	22nd International Music Festival	Italy
3rd Place - Piano 7 years old	2017	Canadian Music Competition - Canimex	Vancouver, Canada
Certificate - Participant	2017	International Summer School of Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory	Moscow, Russia
1st Place	2016	Crescendo International Music Competition, Carnegie Hall	New York, USA
1st Place - 7 Years & Under	2016	Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festivals	Vancouver, Canada
Excellence - Grade 7: Baroque	2016	Canada International Multi-Culture Art Festival	Canada
Excellence - 7 Years & Under	2016	Canada International Multi-Culture Art Festival	Canada
1st Place - Duet	2014	BC Registered Music Teachers' Association - Student Performers' Guild Festival	Vancouver, Canada
1st Place - Own Choice	2014	BC Registered Music Teachers' Association - Student Performers' Guild Festival	Vancouver, Canada
1st Place - Quartet	2014	BC Registered Music Teachers' Association - Student Performers' Guild Festival	Vancouver, Canada
1st Place - Baroque Grade 1	2014	The Clef Society of Burnaby - 2014 Annual Scholarship Festival	Burnaby, Canada
1st Place - Classical Grade 1	2014	The Clef Society of Burnaby - 2014 Annual Scholarship Festival	Burnaby, Canada

Mathematics	Date	Organization	Location
Honor Roll of Distinction - Top 1%	2022	American Mathematics Competition 8	USA
Silver Certificate	2022	United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge 2022	UK
Bronze Certificate	2021	United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge 2021	UK

Public Speaking	Date	Organization	Location
First Class Honours - Level 6 Speech Arts and Drama	2021	Royal Conservatory of Music	Canada
1st Place - Elementary Basis	2021	Canadian Royal Commonwealth Society French Oratory Competition	Canada
3rd Place	2020	Optimist International District Regional Oratorical Contest	Canada
Gold Certificate - Dramatic Prose Recital - 8 Years and Under	2018	Kiwanis International Vancouver Speech Arts & Drama Festival	Vancouver, Canada
First Class Honours - Level 3 Speech Arts and Drama	2018	Royal Conservatory of Music	Canada
Gold Award	2017	Global Cultural Foundation - Global Chinese Recitation Contest	Vancouver, Canada

Community	Date	Organization	Location
House Mother	2022	Wycombe Abbey School	High Wycombe, UK
Lower School Mentor	2021	Wycombe Abbey School	High Wycombe, UK
Guest Speaker	2022	Hillhouse Education	Vancouver, Canada
Supporter	2022	BC Children's Hospital	Vancouver, Canada
Volunteer	2021	GUM Education	Vancouver, Canada
Member	2019	Girl Guides	Vancouver, Canada
Athletics	Date	Organization	Location
Squash Team	2022	Wycombe Abbey School	High Wycombe, UK
Cross Country	2019	York House School	Vancouver, Canada
Certificate of Excellence - Grade 5 Volleyball	2019	York House Tigers: Volleyball	Vancouver, Canada
Outstanding Effort and Participation	2018	York House Tigers: Track and Field Award	Vancouver, Canada
Certificate - Examination	2017	Cecchetti Society of Canada - Classical Ballet	Vancouver, Canada