

Viewers will see the sixth-year Broughton High pupil, who has been playing the harp since she was nine and practises roughly two hours a day, attempt to wow Black Eyed Peas rapper Will.i.am, Welsh crooner Tom Jones, and new judges Kylie Minogue and Kaiser Chiefs singer Ricky Wilson, with her unique rendition of the Daft Punk hit Get Lucky.

Anna, who also plays piano and has been offered a place to study at the prestigious Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester when she leaves school, said: "It's a really popular song, so I'm sure some people will think it's a bit of a strange choice for a harpist, but after listening to lots of different versions of it I felt it had the potential to be a much slower, more emotional song."

Anna is already well known within her home city for her musical skills, having performed at official council events including the Lord Provost's first garden party in September last year.

While the Stockbridge teenager is sworn to secrecy over the result of her audition for The Voice, which took place in Manchester in October, she will reveal that she felt it went "quite well" – despite some nerves.

"I've played the harp at big events before but I've not done a lot of singing in public, so I was quite nervous about that. The show is called The Voice after all!

"Thankfully while we were all waiting for our turn to audition I and a few of the other contestants ended up having a bit of a jam, so that got me warmed up and once I was on stage really enjoyed myself."

Anna's mum, Fiona, and a group of her friends travelled down with her to cheer her on from backstage, where they got to hang out with new presenters, ex-model Emma Willis and former JLS member Marvin Humes.

"We're all getting together to watch the show on Saturday so they can laugh at themselves as well as me," said Anna.

Tudor Morris, the director of The City of Edinburgh Music School, where Anna has also been studying since 2005, said: "We wish Anna all the best for The Voice and are confident that she will do us proud. Anna has always been an exceptional student and will get tremendous support from all her friends and teachers at the music school and Broughton.

"She is down-to-earth and hard-working, so I do not think the attention she will get will change her."

The show airs at 7pm on Saturday.

### **New judges get their voices heard**

BBC bosses are hoping the addition of new judges Kylie Minogue and Kaiser Chiefs' Ricky Wilson will give the talent show a new lease of life, after audiences accused the show of taking itself too seriously.

The pair will replace singers Jessie J and The Script frontman Danny O'Donoghue for the show's third series, which will reportedly focus more on the people auditioning than the interaction between the judges.

A show insider reportedly said: "The feeling was the show took itself way too seriously. Bosses decided it needed to lighten up, be more fun and, most of all, entertain the viewers.