



McAuley Scholarship Programme Music Scholarship Information and Application Form OLA 6th

Music Scholarship

OLA offers Music Scholarships to help nurture young talent, reward excellence and recognise and support musical potential. **The award entitles the student to free individual tuition at school by one of the school's visiting music staff.**

Our Music Scholarship awards are open to students from any school. We are looking for students who meet the normal academic requirements of the school but who also demonstrate an aptitude and passion for music.

Music scholars will not be required to take A-Level Music. The award will remain in place until the end of OLA 6th subject to the award-holder's involvement in the musical life of the school.

Music at OLA

Music plays a vital role in daily life at OLA. The department is a vibrant hub at the heart of the school where musicians of all ages are encouraged to explore their potential to the full. A diverse music curriculum is complemented by a rich extra-curricular programme, a large number of individual music lessons on a wide range of disciplines, in addition to a wealth of performing opportunities, workshops and concert trips.

Requirements

We are looking principally for young instrumentalists and singers who can perform with control, and communicate a sense of enjoyment in their performance. Breadth of musical interest and participation in a range of musical activities (e.g. orchestras, choirs, shows, composition), will also be considered. As an approximate guide, OLA 6th candidates should be working towards or beyond ABRSM Grade 7, though there is no expectation that the candidate will have taken examinations.

Expectations

All applicants are expected to show a passion for performing music at a high level, and a strong desire to contribute fully to the musical life of the school, supporting the opportunities offered, participating in school ensembles, performing at and attending concerts, and acting as an ambassador for the Department. Music Scholars will be expected to give regular performances on the instrument(s) relating to their award, and attend all timetabled individual music lessons at school. Should an award holder miss an individual music lesson without good reason, the charge for that lesson will be made to the parent.

Additionally, Music Scholars are required to attend an annual review meeting with the Director of Music in September, perform at the annual Music Scholars' Concert in the Hilary Term, and are invited to a social event exclusively for them in the Summer Term, which may take the form of a concert trip or meal. Music Scholars will not be required to take Music at A-Level.

Auditions

The awards will be made as a result of an audition which will be held at OLA. Candidates will be required to:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on their instrument. An accompanist will be provided where necessary. Demonstration of ability on a second instrument, or as a singer, will be welcomed. A composition portfolio may be offered in lieu of a second instrument.
- Read music at sight and perform a short aural test
- Be interviewed by the Director of Music

Application Procedure

Candidates must apply through the Admissions Office. Please submit the scholarship application form, clearly marked, to the Admissions Office.

Please include with your application:

- Your latest school report (external candidates only)

The closing date for applications is Friday 24 September 2021

Auditions will be held on Monday 11 October 2021

The Head of the Music Department, Mr Farrow, is pleased to meet candidates informally at any stage and to answer any questions. Please call the Admissions Office if you would like to arrange this.



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Music Scholarship Application Form
OLA 6th**

To be completed by parent

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for an OLA 6th Music Scholarship

Surname _____ **Forename** _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Current School (if external candidate) _____

Home Address _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Telephone Number _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Declaration of Support by Head of Music*

I am happy to support this application and recommend this student for your consideration as a Music Scholar. *The Head of Music will be asked to provide a reference.

Head of Music Name _____

Head of Music Signature _____ **Date** _____

I attach (please tick) **My latest school report (external candidates only)**

Please state the instrument(s), including singing, to be offered for audition, and details of experience or standard on each instrument.

First instrument

Standard

e.g. number of years learned, examining body and most recent practical and theory grade, and dates taken (please include a copy of most recent mark sheet where possible) or equivalent if no exams have been taken.

Second instrument

Standard
