

Music

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Throughout its history, St George's has championed girls to be confident in their ambitions and has always placed great emphasis on strong female role models. It is with this well-established ethos that we launch our new Music scholarship programme.

By recognising and stretching girls with musical aptitude and potential, we embrace our responsibility as a leader in girls' education. We prize creativity, innovation, and problem-solving, and our empowering scholarship programme challenges you to excel beyond the taught curriculum. This programme aims to provide you with the confidence to use your voice to advocate for yourself and make a positive contribution to the wider community in and beyond school.

Music at St George's is extremely important, with several concert series, competitions and larger scale performances in each section of the school. Both academic and performance disciplines are valued and students can access a diverse range of co-curricular ensembles, including jazz, rock, classical and folk.





Why Apply for a Music Scholarship?

Mentorship: Scholars receive mentorship throughout their secondary school career. This mentor will guide you in musical endeavours, provide advice on balancing schoolwork with musical activities, and support your personal growth and development.

Tailored Programme: An academic and co-curricular programme will be created for you based on your instrument and strengths. This personalised programme will be designed to deepen your understanding of subjects you are passionate about and to encourage expertise in your musical discipline. You will also attend Scholar meetings to discuss areas of interest and ideas for the Music department.



External Opportunities: A supported pathway for external orchestral competitions and other musical commitments and opportunities alongside school studies. These experiences help build your portfolio and prepare you for future musical careers or further education.

Specialist Tuition: Access to additional courses and specialist tuition. This ensures you receive top-quality instruction to hone your skills.

Performance Opportunities: The opportunity to perform in a range of concerts, including an annual Scholars' concert. These performances help you gain confidence and experience in front of audiences.

Free Instrumental Tuition: Free tuition on one instrument (or voice), fostering continuous development without financial burden.

Tuition Discount: An annual discount on tuition fees*, making high-quality education more accessible.



Scholarship Entry Points

S1 and S2 Music scholarships are offered to new and existing students entering S1 and to new students entering S2. Applicants are expected to be playing at Grade 4 level for S1 entry and playing at Grade 5 level for S2 entry in their chosen instrument. This ensures that students have a solid foundation in musical skills and are prepared for the rigorous demands of the scholarship programme.

Sixth Form Scholarships are offered to new and existing students with musical ability. You will receive a financial award* when you leave at the end of S6 which can be used for future educational expenses, such as university tuition or living costs. Applicants should have reached at least Grade 6 standard. This higher level of proficiency demonstrates a significant commitment to music and readiness for advanced musical challenges.

What we are looking for

Our Music Scholars are expected to demonstrate a commitment to music and a passion for developing their skills through performance, listening and appraising.

We expect our Music scholars to:

Demonstrate Commitment: Show self-motivation and regular practice with tangible progress each year.

Engage in Ensembles: Commit to at least two ensembles and participate regularly in concerts and events, including lunchtime concerts.

Achieve Excellence: Maintain excellent behaviour records and consistent academic effort, demonstrating your commitment to

both music and academics.

Lead by Example: Act as role models, assist in musical clubs and ensembles, and participate actively in school life, including representing the Music department at Open Days and other events.

Representation: Representation of the School at external competitions and/or orchestras or bands.

Application Process

1. Online Application: Submit an application form detailing your musical achievements, clubs, and activities you are involved in.

2. Audition: If you are shortlisted you will be invited to attend an audition where you will perform at least two pieces, complete sight-reading, and aural tests, and attend an interview.

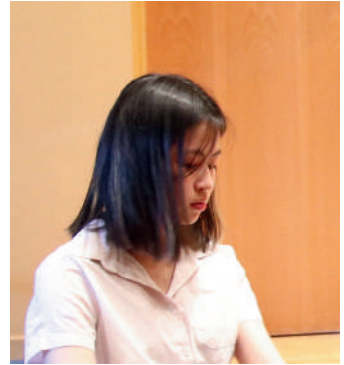
3. Supporting Documents: Provide previous school reports and records of musical achievements. These documents help to paint a comprehensive picture of your musical journey and potential as a scholar.

*See website www.stge.org.uk for details on the value of awards, closing dates for entries and assessment dates.



Christine - My Story

"Music is an integral part of my life. I play both the violin and piano. I've passed my Grade 8 and ATCL first-grade diploma with distinction for piano. I've also passed my Grade 8 with distinction for violin and am working towards my diploma. I already have my Advanced Higher in Music.



Our weekly rehearsals are a highlight for me. I'm in the senior orchestra, senior strings, and other chamber ensembles like a string quartet and a piano duet. With around 40 members, the senior orchestra is vibrant and fun and where teamwork and camaraderie are always present. Playing music with my peers is genuinely fun and enriching, and these sessions are both enjoyable and incredibly useful.

The musical facilities are top-notch. The Robertson Music Centre is a warm and welcoming place with numerous practice rooms available before and after school. The auditorium hosts weekly lunchtime concerts, providing regular opportunities to perform. We also have high-quality recording equipment, which has been incredibly helpful for my online auditions for NYCOS and EYO. We are also an exam centre for both Trinity and ABRSM, so we don't have to miss school or loads of lessons for exams and practice.

The flexible curriculum and the fact that the music teachers know me very well help me to balance my Advanced Higher Studies in Modern Studies, Maths, Statistics, and Spanish, alongside my passion for Music. When academic pressures mount, music offers a perfect balance, allowing me to relax and express my emotions.

When I go to university, I aim to study PPE but music will always

be a huge part of my life.

Music means everything to me. It's a universal language that has helped me form numerous friendships inside and outside of school through ensembles and orchestras. The high standards and supportive environment here have played a huge role in my achievements."

Rachel - My Story

"Music at St George's means expressing myself in a way that's different from normal lessons and helps me connect with others. It allows me to de-stress and enjoy something outside of academics.



I play the violin and the piano, and I've passed my grade 8 piano exam. The support we get here is incredible. The staff know all of us really well so they can tailor support to your specific needs. They're always willing to push and guide you, and they offer great opportunities.

We have one-to-one aural training before exams, which means we get a lot of additional practice. Music teachers also accompany exams. You can schedule to use the practice rooms in the RMC (Robertson Music Centre) whenever you want, and the teachers are always willing to help you practise offering good advice so we feel well prepared for external exams and school music events.

Senior Orchestra is a fantastic opportunity for me to play repertoire that I wouldn't be able to tackle by myself without a full orchestra. It's about friendships too. I often find myself talking to people outside of my year group during music activities. It's great, every week at orchestra, I get to know people I wouldn't

normally talk to if it weren't for music.

I love participating in competitions like our Young Musician and Young Singer events. Every year, I take part in Young Musician, and even just viewing the performances is an amazing opportunity to showcase talent and enjoy the music.

Singing in the choir at St Giles and playing strings at the Carol Concert are always events I look forward to. These formal events allow us to play more traditional pieces. St Giles Cathedral is a great venue and opportunity for all the musicians at school to come together as a team. These events are real highlights in the school calendar and you can feel the warmth of the whole school community."



Terms and conditions

All examinations, practical tests and interviews take place at St George's School. Parents seeking means-tested financial assistance should complete a bursary application.

Once in receipt of a scholarship, a student is expected to retain the award for as long as they remain at St George's, provided they continue to meet the requirements. Any issues with scholars not complying with the expectations will be communicated to them and their families with ample time to resolve them, however the school does retain the right to withdraw a scholarship award if issues are not resolved. Candidates wishing to be considered for a place, even if a scholarship is not awarded, must also be registered for the school in the usual way. A minimum of two years of studying at St George's is required to apply for a scholarship.

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