



HEADTEACHER'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC



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Excellence

Highcliffe School benefits from a strong and dynamic performing arts provision that fosters collaboration, creativity and individual expression whilst making a sizeable contribution to the school community and to student well-being. As part of this provision we have invested in a scholarship scheme for those that wish to specialise in the study of a musical instrument.

The Headteacher's Scholarship for Music pays 60% towards the cost of weekly instrumental lessons for one year. The scheme seeks to encourage and support those wishing to continue their instrumental lessons into secondary school; eligible applicants will already be learning an instrument, typically in lessons provided by the primary school. The scholarship offer will be available for a limited number of students who are signing up to learn the flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon or saxophone; trumpet, French horn, trombone or tuba; violin, viola, cello or double bass at Highcliffe School in Year 7 from September 2024.

Selection

Applicants will need to attend an audition/interview at Highcliffe School at 9am on the morning of Thursday 18th July 2024. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate their potential, commitment and enthusiasm by preparing a short piece of their choosing and answering questions about their involvement and interest in music. Auditions are carried out by the Headteacher alongside members of the Music Department and successful candidates will be informed by letter before the end of this academic school year.

Expectations

Scholarship students will need to maintain a minimum attendance of 90% at their weekly instrumental lesson throughout the year and at the weekly rehearsals of their scholarship ensemble. This will allow each student to experience regular performance opportunities in our school concerts and performances in the wider community. Scholarship students are also required to practice their instrument daily and keep a record of their practice in a logbook issued by their instrumental teacher and signed weekly by parents. Under the guidance of the instrumental teacher, scholarship students will work towards a graded exam suited to their ability and when ready can take their exam in one of the windows available during the autumn, spring and summer terms.

Benefits

Each student on the scheme will gain valuable performance experience which will in turn build confidence and help boost attainment at GCSE and A level. As part of the scholarship all students will have the opportunity to work alongside professional working musicians and take part in master classes lead by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Achieving a successful pass for the graded exam and continuing to meet the expectations for the year as outlined above will qualify a student to apply for the scholarship in subsequent years; each student has the potential to gain funding through to Year 11 and beyond, ensuring all scholarship students can access the top grades at GCSE and A level Music.

How to apply

Please complete the Headteacher's Scholarship for Music application form found on the Year 7 Transition Portal and return to the front office by email. Alternatively, please bring the completed application form to the auditions that are taking place Thursday 18th July 2024 at 9am at Highcliffe School. If you have any immediate questions, please contact office@highcliffeschool.com