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Music Scholarship and Exhibitions

11+ Application Process:

If you are applying for a Music Scholarship for entry into the Third Form (Year 7) you should indicate on your main application form that you wish to apply for a Music Scholarship and complete the separate Music Scholarship application form. Both forms should be submitted by the application deadline.

Parents of girls moving from LEH Junior School to Senior School will receive a letter in the autumn term of Upper II asking if your daughter wishes to apply for a Music Scholarship. If so, you need to complete a Music scholarship application form which is available either on the LEH website or can be requested from the Registrar and should be submitted before the application deadline.

16+ Application Process:

If you are applying for a Music Scholarship for entry into the Sixth Form (Year 12) you should indicate on your main application form that you wish to apply for a Music Scholarship and complete the separate Music Scholarship application form. Both forms should be submitted by the deadline of 9th October.

If you are a parent of an existing LEH girl moving into the Sixth Form, you will receive a letter from Mrs Hanbury in the autumn term of UV asking if your daughter wishes to apply for any of the Sixth Form scholarships. If you would like your daughter to be considered for a Music Scholarship, you should complete and return the Sixth Form Scholarships form by the given deadline.

Open to:

To apply for a Music Scholarship at Third Form (11+), you should generally have a minimum of a Grade V Distinction or equivalent, although applicants with considerable potential who have been learning an instrument for only a short time should not be deterred from making an application. In addition, the Music Department is looking for talented young players with good aural and sight reading ability.

To apply for a Music Scholarship in the Sixth Form, you are expected to have the minimum of a Grade VII Distinction or equivalent. The school is looking for musicians who, although they may not be intending to study Music at A level, are able to make a serious commitment to the Music Department.

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What do I need to prepare for my Music Audition?

Entry in to the Third Form (Year 7): As a shortlisted candidate, you will be expected to play one or two contrasting pieces (not exceeding 5 minutes altogether) on your first instrument. If you are offering a second instrument, you should prepare a short piece of no more than 3 minutes on that instrument. If more than two instruments are offered, please prepare a short piece of a couple of minutes on all instruments. Auditions are held towards the end of January and should last no more than 20 minutes.

Entry into the Sixth Form (Year 12): As a shortlisted candidate, you should prepare one or two pieces of approximately 5 minutes duration in total on your first instrument and a short piece, no more than 3 minutes, for a second and third instrument if appropriate. Auditions are held towards the end of November and should last approximately 20 minutes.

What happens on the day?

The first ten minutes of your audition will be for warming-up and rehearsal purposes. There will be a room set aside for this. During your audition you will perform your prepared pieces (details above) and participate in sight-reading, some brief aural tests and a short interview. You may be asked to talk about the context of your pieces.

If you require an accompanist, you are welcome to bring your own. Alternatively, one of our professional accompanists is also available for the audition. They will rehearse with you immediately before your audition. The accompanist fee will be in the region of £20.00

Expectations of a Music Scholar

We expect a Music Scholar:

- To commit to the major school music groups relevant to their instrument, as agreed with the Director of Music
- To prioritise weekly music rehearsals and concerts for those groups at which they perform
- To be an ambassador for the Music Department and to lead by example with enthusiasm and commitment to the department.

Music Scholars enjoy

- Performing in a dedicated annual Chamber Concert, including a Scholars' Choir and Orchestra.
- The opportunity to play in assembly at least once a year.
- Participation in a chamber group with specialist coaching.
- Free tuition for one instrument from a teacher employed by the school.

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Music Exhibitions Application process:

Music Exhibitions are awarded to applicants at 11+ and 16+ to recognise musical achievement that falls just short of scholarship standard. You do not need to apply separately to be considered for a Music Exhibition. The expectations and benefits enjoyed by the holder of a Music Exhibition are similar to those of a Music Scholar.

The Mitchell Music Scholarship

The **Mitchell Music Scholarship** may be offered by the school to a candidate and can be awarded in addition to a standard Music scholarship. The percentage of the tuition fee offered will vary as the Mitchell Music Scholarship is means-tested. Applicants will be asked to provide some limited financial disclosure in support of their application, in addition to meeting the entry requirements applying to other Music Scholarships described above.