



# Music Scholarships



WHITGIFT

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## MUSIC AT WHITGIFT

Music at Whitgift is offered in an eclectic and enriching environment, in which all young musicians can develop and thrive. The School is fortunate to work with professional organisations, tutors and musicians, including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, with whom we share a close partnership, enabling Whitgift pupils to learn from, and perform with, an exceptionally high level of instrumentalists in concerts throughout the school year.

With an impressive number of musical initiatives and co-curricular activities currently on offer to boys, and many exciting projects planned for the future, it is no surprise that we have unprecedented National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain membership and regular success with entry to the four leading music colleges in London. Whitgift musicians regularly win scholarships to Oxbridge and music conservatoires, with many going on to become professional musicians or composers.

## WHITGIFT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Whitgift offers a number of Music Scholarships, with a fee remission of between 5% and 50%. Boys in receipt of a Music Scholarship are automatically entitled to at least one Music Award to cover the cost of music lessons, whether taken in school, or with an outside teacher, to the value of the Whitgift music lesson scale.

Scholarships may be awarded at any age on admission to the School, to boys who have been successful in the entrance examination and have demonstrated musical talent in an audition. Candidates would be expected to be of a standard

equivalent to at least Grade 3 (10+/11+), Grade 5 (12+/13+), Grade 6/7 (14+/15+) and Grade 8 (16+). These scholarships will run throughout a pupil's time at Whitgift, subject to good behaviour, an annual review, and sustained commitment to Whitgift music.

Boys not offered a Music Scholarship after audition may be offered a Music Award to cover the cost of music lessons, whether taken in school or with an outside teacher, to the value of the Whitgift music lesson scale.

The number and value of the Awards in any one year will be at the discretion of the Director of Music, who will make recommendations to the Headmaster for allocating the funds available, in accordance with the specific needs and talents of pupils selected.

## MINSTER CHORISTERSHIPS

Whitgift provides choristers of the highest calibre for the Choir of Croydon Minster. The English choral tradition is unique, and being a Minster chorister at Whitgift offers boys an all-round education in a school with outstanding facilities.

Key facts:

- For boys aged 10-13
- 10% remission of day fees (can be held in conjunction with other awards)
- Free flexi-boarding on Tuesdays (optional)

### Internal Awards

Boys who enter Whitgift without a Music Scholarship, and make significant progress, may apply for an Internal Award after being in the School for two years. These Awards will run throughout a pupil's time at Whitgift, subject to annual review. They are conditional on the award

holder making good progress with his music, and contributing, as appropriate, to school musical ensembles. Auditions will be held in January. The pupil's teacher should make a recommendation to the Director of Music.

### On the Audition Day

Candidates should try to relax and enjoy their performance. At the audition, candidates will be expected to:

- Play one piece on their principal instrument (two contrasting pieces if they do not play a second instrument)
- Play one piece on a second instrument
- Play, at sight, a short piece of music
- Sing a melodic phrase, undertake elementary sight-singing and other aural tests

Candidates are not required to provide accompanists at their audition, but may do so if they wish. **If a piece is written with piano accompaniment, it must be played as such.**

Please note that candidates are only considered for audition if they have achieved the minimum grade requirement (or an equivalent standard) for their age group, and if they have reached a suitable standard in the Whitgift entrance examination. Should there be a high number of applications above the level recommended for your son's age group, your son may not be called for audition.

Music auditions for those selected will be held on Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 January 2018.

If selected, Minster Choristership applicants must also attend the "Be a Chorister for a Day" audition on Sunday 21 January 2018.

## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

We would be grateful if the Scholarship Application Form could be completed and returned to the Admissions Office as soon as possible, and by Thursday 30 November 2017 at the latest. Testimonials, detailing the student's musical ability, current standard and suitability for a scholarship, are required from instrumental teacher(s), and can be attached to the application form or emailed directly to [admissions@whitgift.co.uk](mailto:admissions@whitgift.co.uk). This form should accompany the main Whitgift Application Form.

Surname	<input type="text"/>	First Names	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>
Parental Email	<input type="text"/>	Parental Salutation	<input type="text"/>

Year of Entry to Whitgift (please circle)   6 (10+)   7 (11+)   8 (12+)   9 (13+)   10 (14+)   12 (16+)

Address

Current School

Are you applying for a Music Scholarship for your son?  Yes / No   and/or a Minster Choristership?  Yes / No

Principal Instrument

Number of years tuition

Date of last exam passed

Grade

Mark

Exam Board

Second Instrument

Number of years tuition

Date of last exam passed

Grade

Mark

Exam Board

Has your son attended a Prospective New Boys Music Course or any other instrumental day at Whitgift?  Yes / No

Please list membership of any ensembles



Please list any vocal or choral experience your son has

Please list any other relevant information relating to your son's Music Scholarship Application

Parent or Guardian (please print)

Signature

Date



**Please return with the main Application Form to:**

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