

Year 9 Music Scholarships – Overview

Available Awards

King's Ely Music Scholarships exist to offer awards to talented musicians aged 13 who can contribute to the life of the school community through high musical achievement. Candidates should be prepared at least to the standard equivalent of Grade 5/6 (ABRSM). Candidates offering one instrument only should have reached Grade 7 standard or equivalent. As part of the application process a musical reference from the child's current Director of Music or music teacher and a character reference from the Head must be provided. Potential scholars are required to pass the King's Ely entrance examinations. Music scholarships are awarded annually to candidates by audition and interview. Awards are valued up to 10% of school fees and may also include free tuition in up to three instruments at the discretion of the Director of Music. Music Exhibitions may also be awarded, enabling the holders to receive free tuition fees on up to two instruments, one of which must be an orchestral instrument. An honorary music exhibition may also be awarded, carrying no financial remission.

Dates and arrangements

Scholarship auditions will take place in the January before entry for internal and external candidates. Specific timings and final arrangements will be sent to candidates via the music department. Further information about music at King's Ely and advice on suitability for a music award may be obtained from the Director of Music Performance.

Application Procedure

The application form should be completed and returned no later than the end of the first week in January.

Part A should be completed by the candidate's parents/guardians. The form should then be passed on to the candidates' present school. Part B should be completed by the candidate's music teacher(s), giving an assessment of the candidate's musical ability. Potential and experience. Part C should be completed by the Head of the candidates' present school by providing a report on the candidate. Finally, the whole form should then be forwarded by the Head to King's Ely Admissions team (address at the end of this form).

King's Ely Senior's Director of Music, **Neil Porter-Thaw**, will be pleased to meet with prospective candidates and their parents, give advice on preparation for the assessment and/or provide any information about King's Ely. For more information, please call (01353) 660700 or email neilporter-thaw@kingsely.org