

Music Scholarship
Guide & Application Form



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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026

A substantial number of Music Scholarships are offered for award in 2026 to serious musicians of suitable quality.

Candidates may offer up to two instruments as well as singing, although candidates who play one instrument will also be considered. For the main instrument, a minimum standard of about Grade V-VI (Associated Board grading) will be required. Greater importance is attached to overall musicianship and potential rather than the technical demands of the repertoire; a good voice or choral experience will also be taken into account.

Candidates will be required to perform two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one piece on any other instrument and/or voice. There will also be tests of sight-reading, aural awareness, musical initiative and a separate written test including theory and an essay question. Awards may be given for excellence in any instrument. Candidates are welcome to bring a composition if they wish this to be considered.

Remission Amount

Music scholars will be awarded a prize of £2,000, which will be deducted from the first term's fees and free tuition on two instruments or voice at the School.

Music Exhibitions, giving free instrumental tuition for up to two instruments at the School, can be awarded to candidates judged close to Scholarship standard.

Age Limit

Candidates for Music Awards must be under 14.0 on 1 September 2026.

Multiple Awards

A Music Award may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship awards at Tonbridge.

Key Dates

- The application form of an intending candidate must reach the Admissions Office by 1 December 2025.
- Examinations will take place in the week beginning 19 January.

Contacting the Music Department

The Director of Music, Mr Mark Forkgen will be glad to give further information or advice to the parents of any prospective candidate, and can be contacted at:

Music School: 01732 304288

Email: jane.marsh@tonbridge-school.org

Next steps

To apply for a Tonbridge School Music Scholarship for 2026, the candidate's parent or guardian should print and complete the application form at the end of this document. Please sign and return it by 1st December 2025 to:

Admissions Office, Tonbridge School,
Tonbridge, TN9 1JP.

For more information, please contact:

admissions@tonbridge-school.org
+44 (0) 1732 904400

APPLICATION FORM

Tonbridge School Music Scholarships 2026

The candidate's parent or guardian should print and complete this form and return it to their son's school for return to Tonbridge with full accompanying music and academic reports by 1st December 2025 to **Admissions Office**, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, TN9 1JP.



1. Candidate Details

Full Name:
(block letters, with surname underlined)

Age on 1st September 2026: Years Months Date of Birth:

2. Parent or Guardian Details

Name:

Address:

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Post code: Tel:

Email:

3. Details of current Head

Name:

Address:

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Post code: Tel:

Email:

4. Instrument Proficiency

Instrument(s) and grades passed, with marks and dates. If no examination has yet been taken, indicate for how long lessons have been taken, and approximate grade:

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Instrument Proficiency continued

Theory examinations taken, with grades and marks:

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5. Examination Details

Will the candidate offer singing? YES / NO

Will the candidate be taking Academic Scholarship entrance papers?

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I declare that it is my intention to accept a music scholarship if offered, at Tonbridge.

Signature of parent:

Date:

(For office administrative use. Please leave blank)

Entry Form received:

SCHOOL REPORT

Tonbridge School Music Scholarships 2026

This section should be completed at the preparatory or other junior school. The form should then be forwarded by 1st December 2025 to Admissions Office, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, TN9 1JP.



1. MUSIC REPORT

(an assessment of the candidate's musical ability and experience)

Signature of Music Teacher:

Date:

2. GENERAL REPORT

(assessment of candidate's academic ability, likely CE performance (if applicable), character & temperament)

Signature of Head Teacher:

Date:

Additional reports may be attached if so desired.