

Music Scholarship Information
Year 9 Entry



TONBRIDGE
SCHOOL

FROM APPLICATION TO AWARD



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2027

Scholarship criteria

Scholarships are awarded based on exceptional ability, passion and potential. Awards may be given for excellence in any instrument.

Number of scholarships available

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

When to apply

Boys in Year 8 who have accepted their place at Tonbridge School may apply for a Music Scholarship. Applications are not accepted before this stage.

How to apply

The application form will be available through each candidate's Tonbridge School applicant account when applications open.

What to expect next

After completing the application form, candidates will be invited to an assessment day at Tonbridge School, comprising:

- an audition on up to two instruments as well as singing. Please note: candidates who play one instrument will also be considered
- the minimum standard for a candidate's main instrument is equivalent to Grade V-VI (Associated Board grading)
- 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 considered.
- candidates will be asked to play two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one piece on any other instrument and/or voice;
- tests of sight-reading, aural awareness and musical initiative;
- a separate written test including theory and an essay question;
- candidates are welcome to bring a composition if they wish this to be considered;
- an interview with Mark Forkgen, Director of Music

Recommendation

The awards are determined by both recommendation and assessment. We will contact your son's current school for a supporting statement to be co-signed by the Head and relevant Head of Department, so please do inform your son's school that he is applying for a Music Scholarship.

Age Limit

Candidates for Music Scholarships must be under 14.0 on 1 September 2027.

Multiple Awards

A Music Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship awards.

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.

Key Dates for 2027 entry

- **3 September 2026:** applications open via your Tonbridge School applicant account
- **1 December 2026:** deadline for applications
- **Week commencing 18 January 2027:** Assessment at Tonbridge School. This is the same week as our other specialist scholarship assessments (DT&E, Art, Drama, Cowdrey - Sport).

Further information

Please contact Mark Forkgen, Director of Music for further information or advice:

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