

Music Scholarship Information
Year 12 Entry



TONBRIDGE
SCHOOL

FROM APPLICATION TO AWARD



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2027

Our Sixth Form Scholarship Programme celebrates exceptional talent within academic, music and sporting domains and has been designed to attract, nurture and support new Sixth Form students in their areas of strength.

Sixth Form Scholars are encouraged to participate actively in all aspects of School life, embodying the values and spirit of our School community.

All Sixth Form Scholarships can be held in conjunction with means-tested financial support.

Introducing the Music Scholarship

A limited number of Music Scholarships are available for entry to the School at Sixth Form to serious musicians of suitable quality.

Music Scholarships are determined by both recommendation and assessment. Candidates must be recommended by a musician of standing, such as a professional musician or teacher of music. A letter of recommendation must be uploaded when the Music Scholarship application form is completed.

Standards and expectations for Sixth Form Music Scholar applicants are as follows:

- Grade 8 Distinction and/or Diploma on first instrument.
- Must play an orchestral instrumental and/or sing.
- Taking A Level Music is desirable but not a necessity.
- Must demonstrate a willingness to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the School, as well as to expand their musical horizons.
- The best candidates will be active as solo performers, chamber musicians and members of larger ensembles.

The Music Scholars' Programme

The Music Scholars' Programme has been designed to support and inspire serious musicians with opportunities that are rarely found outside specialist music schools. This comprises:

- Free tuition in up to two instruments and/or voice
- Lower Sixth Scholars' Concert in October
- Mentoring by a senior member of the Music Department throughout your time at the School
- Regular year group scholars' meetings
- Invitation to participate in a range of small ensembles, chamber groups and bands, in addition to larger orchestras
- Weekly performance opportunities through our Octagon Concert Series, in addition to larger events and recitals, including Symphony Orchestra Performances, Chamber Concerts, Community Concerts and our Jazz and Acoustic Night.
- Collaborating and mentoring mixed-age group entries in our annual House Music competition
- Masterclasses with external specialists
- Opportunity to perform concerto movements with the orchestra

Music Scholars are expected to be ambassadors for Tonbridge School Music and to make a positive contribution both within and outside the School.

Remission amount

Music Scholars will be awarded 20% fee remission for the two years of the Sixth Form. Free tuition in up to two instruments and/or voice (only available for learning at the School).

How to apply

- Indicate your intention to apply for a Music Scholarship when you complete your application for a Sixth Form place.
- You will then be invited to follow the standard entry assessment process comprising examinations and an interview, as detailed on our website.

- In addition, you will be invited to a Music Scholarship assessment comprising:
- An audition in which up to two instruments may be offered as well as singing, although candidates who play one instrument will also be considered. A minimum standard of Distinction, Grade VIII (Associated Board grading) will be required for a candidate's first instrument.
- 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.
- An interview with Mark Forkgen, Director of Music.

Age limit

Candidates for Music Awards must be under 17.0 on 1 September 2027.

Multiple awards

A Music Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship awards and/or means-tested bursary.

Dates for 2027 entry

- **1 October 2026:** deadline for Sixth Form applications (and indication of intention to apply for a Scholarship)
- **31 October:** entrance examination at Tonbridge School
- **September – November:** International Music Scholar Assessments
- **October/November:** UK Music Scholar Assessments
- **1 December:** entrance examination and Scholarship outcomes communicated

Further information

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

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