

Music Scholarships

Musical ability may help admission to the school. Music scholarships (of a reduction in fees or for instrumental tuition) are awarded each year for entry to the school, and auditions are also offered for those who may not have yet reached the standard required for a scholarship.

When we audition for music awards, we are looking for promise as much as previous attainment. However, to give some sort of guide, those applying for a scholarship should be at a level equivalent to approximately Grade 4 for 11+ entry, and to Grade 5 for 12+ and 13+ entry. Grade 8 is expected for candidates for sixth-Form entry. Ability on a second instrument is an advantage but is not a requirement. Auditions for prospective music scholars are held in January each year and candidates are required to play two contrasting pieces on their chosen instrument (plus a further piece if a second instrument is offered), demonstrate their sight-reading ability and take aural tests. Potential scholars must also satisfy the school's academic entrance requirements. Scholars are expected to take a leading part in the flourishing musical life of the school and are encouraged to take music as an academic subject up to at least Year 11. All awards are reviewed annually and continue subject to satisfactory progress and involvement.

For those who might not yet have reached the standard required for a scholarship, a demonstration of musical ability may help admission to the school. This audition is less formal, and for it a candidate needs only play one piece of his or her choice. Any candidate with musical ability hoping to enter the school is encouraged to arrange an audition. These also take place in January.

Further details can be obtained from the Director of Music, who is happy to answer any questions relating to music and music awards at the school. An application form for music awards and auditions is included with the prospectus, but it can also be downloaded from the Leicester Grammar School website.

Musical children are also encouraged to apply for membership of the cathedral choirs (which cater for pupils of all ages and both genders). The school and cathedral have close musical links and promising young singers can apply for scholarships and exhibitions through the cathedral to support their musical education. Any interested parents should apply to the cathedral's director of music for details at St Martin's House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ (Tel: 2615374).