



LEICESTER
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Music Scholarship Information

For entry in September 2026



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Music Scholarships are open to all pupils who sit the entrance examination at 11+ and above (but not at 10+), irrespective of parental income. Scholarships are awarded annually and are worth up to 25% of fees. The value of most of the scholarships awarded is usually significantly less than this maximum.

Candidates for scholarships at any age are required to play two contrasting pieces on their chosen instrument, demonstrate their sight-reading and take aural tests. They will need to obtain a specialist reference from their current school music teacher as well as from their instrumental teacher(s). Auditions for prospective music scholars are arranged at a mutually convenient time as soon as possible after the Entrance Examination.

Those applying for awards at 11+ entry should be at a level equivalent to around Grade 4 standard; musical potential and proven commitment to music making are also taken into consideration. For Sixth Form entry, candidates performing at Grade 6 standard or above can expect to be considered for a scholarship, with a second instrument being an advantage.

Music scholars are expected to demonstrate enthusiasm for and commitment to music and will be expected to make a contribution to the musical life of the school throughout their time at LGS. They are strongly encouraged to take music GCSE.

We are always keen to encourage musical talent within LGS. Thus, co-curricular musical ability and interest may also assist with entry to the School. Any candidate with musical ability hoping to enter the school is encouraged to arrange an audition. For these pupils who might not have yet reached the standard required for scholarships, the audition is less formal than that for a scholarship, and for it a candidate needs only to play one or two piece(s) of his or her choice. These also take place around the date of the Entrance Examination.

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: barkerj@leicestergrammar.org.uk



How to apply for September 2026

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Entry:

The deadline for applications for music auditions is **Monday 8 December 2025**.

Sixth Form:

The deadline for sixth form applicants is **Friday 27 February 2026**.

The enclosed form should be used for those requesting a scholarship audition or an entrance audition.

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