



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

There are Music Scholarships available for pupils applying to enter the school at 11+, 12+, 13+ and 16+. The maximum award is 50% of the fees, however, the number of awards and their value is at the discretion of the Director of Music and the Headmaster. In 2010, scholarships were awarded to three pupils. An organ scholarship is also available.

All those who hold music awards also receive lessons on one instrument free of charge at the School.

The School aims to provide a first class musical education. Music Scholars may take Music to GCSE, A Level and university entrance level if they so wish, though they need not. The School has an excellent record of choral, organ and music scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge, and of entry to other universities and conservatoires.

Good instrumentalists and singers are given time for practice at School, and if need be, the opportunity to attend lessons in London or elsewhere. Many pupils play in orchestras outside the School, such as the CBSO Youth Orchestra and the Solihull Youth Orchestra. There is a very wide range of opportunities for performance inside the school with twenty different music groups, including a Chapel Choir, Choral Society, Symphony Orchestra and Swing Band. In addition, there is an annual production of a musical in conjunction with the Drama Department. There are a number of major musical events in the year which take place in the Bushell Hall, an auditorium which seats 500.

Those who apply for Music Scholarships must, in addition to music tests, be successful in the appropriate entrance examination for their age range. In the case of Sixth Form entrants there is a requirement of six or more GCSEs at Grades A or B.

Music Scholarship Tests will be held on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 January for 11+, 12+ and 13+ candidates and Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March for Sixth Form candidates. Entries (see attached) must be received by the Admissions Secretary by the 15 December 2010 for 11+,12+ and 13+ candidates and 7 February 2011 for Sixth Form candidates.

In the music tests, candidates will be expected to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument (voice is acceptable as a main study). They may also perform one piece on an additional instrument. Aural tests and sight-reading are given. As a guide to the standard, it is hoped that candidates at 11+ will be of distinction quality at about Grade 4-5 level, at 13+ a distinction standard at Grade 6-7 will be hoped for, and Sixth Form candidates should be of Grade 8 standard. Promising musicians are encouraged to apply, even if they have not yet attained these grades. We are looking just as much for potential as well as achievement.

Music Scholars are expected to play a full part in the life of the School. Their musical education is under the guidance of the Director of Music and they are expected to join in such musical activities as the Director may require. The Director, Mr Stephen Perrins, is always glad to meet candidates and parents informally in advance of the examination. He can be reached on 0121 703 2908.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER FOR A MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP.

THE FOUNDATION MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP 2011

To the Admissions Secretary, Solihull School, Warwick Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3DJ

I wish to enter my son/daughter (name) _____

Date of Birth _____ Current School _____

He/She will offer as first instrument _____ Current Grade _____

Second instrument (if applicable) _____ Current Grade _____

Parents' Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No: _____

Signed _____

The closing date for applications at 11+, 12+ and 13+ is **Wednesday 15 December 2010.**

The closing date for applications at 16+ is **Monday 7 February 2011.**

All applicants must also complete a Registration Form to sit the appropriate written examination for their age range or at 16+ to attend for interview.