



STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Music Scholarships Information

Dear Parent,

Music Scholarships to Stockport Grammar School are offered at 11+ and 6th form entry. Successful applicants are typically awarded a 25% reduction of the school fees. Music Scholarships are not means tested but are awarded on the basis of the written application, references and audition. Music Scholarships are offered in order to attract a strong core of musicians in each year group of the school. We are looking to attract pupils that will enhance the musical life of the school and help promote advanced music-making. There is no specific instrument that we are looking for but we are primarily looking to recruit pupils that play instruments (including singing) that would be of obvious value to our choirs, bands and orchestras.

There is no specific grade requirement. We are looking for musicians with clear potential, and it is often possible to demonstrate this even if grade exams have not been taken. We have had successful applicants who have not completed music grades but who have shown musical flair through their written application, references and audition. However, it is often useful for applicants to have passed grade exams as these provide an objective measure of proven ability. Successful applicants at 11+ have tended to be around grade 4 distinction or higher on at least one instrument or the equivalent standard if these exams have not been taken. Successful applicants at 6th form entry have usually been in the region of grades 6 to 8.

How to apply:

1. Applicants should fill in the [Music Scholarship Application Form](#) which is available here and via the link on the school website before the deadline indicated on the Form. The application should detail all instruments and standards.

AND

2. Email the following to me at dowm@stockportgrammar.co.uk
 - (i) Two supporting references about the applicant's musical capabilities. These should typically be from one of the applicant's music teachers.
 - (ii) Any other documents or information that may support the application that you may wish us to see such as exam or festival mark sheets or certificates.

Applicants will be shortlisted for audition based on their written application. Please note that applicants only offering one instrument that is of limited value to our choirs, bands and orchestras may not be shortlisted for audition. The audition will typically be held shortly after the entrance exam in January and will last for approximately 15 minutes. Internal 6th-form applicants may be auditioned before the end of the Autumn Term. In the audition, applicants are expected to perform a solo on their main instrument/voice of choice. They can opt to play a solo on any additional instrument that they wish to demonstrate. They will be given a sight-reading task on their main instrument or voice, and there will be a short interview about their musical experience and interests.

Music Scholars are expected to continue their commitment to individual and collective music-making throughout their time at the school. If you would like any more information or wish to discuss anything regarding the application process or audition, please contact me at dowm@stockportgrammar.co.uk

Kind regards,

Michael Dow
Director of Music

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