



# Music Scholarships



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Gresham's School (Registered Charity No. 1105500)



Gresham's is offering generous scholarships for talented and ambitious young musicians, reflecting a strong desire to keep musical excellence at the heart of the Gresham's community. The new Britten Building is an award-winning architectural gem, a state-of-the-art facility that has been built to reflect the school's aim to grow its already famous and thriving Music Department. The department boasts a full fleet of new Steinway pianos, a fabulous recital hall, recording studio and high level teaching. Gresham's has always nurtured artists and musicians and counts among its alumni towering figures of British music such as Benjamin Britten, and Sir Lennox Berkeley.

## Britten Instrumental Scholarships

These scholarships are worth up to 50% of the school fee for entry to Year 7 and Year 9, plus the possibility of further means-tested assistance for capable and advanced musicians. For entry to Year 12, up to 60% of the school fee is available, in addition to the possibility of further means-tested assistance.

### Britten Instrumental Exhibitions

Up to 35% of the school fee is available, plus the possibility of further means-tested assistance.

### Britten Scholarships Levels

Year 7 Grade V  
Year 9 Grade VII  
Year 12 Grade VIII+

## Vocal, Organ and Instrumental Scholarships

In addition, the school offers a generous number of Vocal, Organ and Instrumental Scholarships, every year, up to 20% of the school fee to pupils for entry in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11. Scholarships are awarded in light of musical merit and potential.

### Vocal, Organ and Instrumental Scholarships Levels

Year 7 Grade IV  
Year 9 Grade V  
Year 12 Grade VII



## The Process

The selection of Music Scholars is by audition and interview with a panel of music staff. At the audition candidates will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument, and one on another instrument. The minimum grades required are listed above for each scholarship.

These grades should be seen as a guide, but candidates are expected to play at

these levels. An experienced accompanist will be available. Ability on a second instrument (or voice) is usual but not mandatory. Candidates are to supply a CV with their application. In selecting music for performance it is worth bearing in mind that a virtuoso or ostentatious piece is not always the best way for candidates to display their skill; candidates should play pieces that they play well and confidently.

It is expected that candidates will play on two instruments (the voice may count as one) and credit will be given if a third is offered. Candidates should prepare two contrasting pieces to present on their first study and one on each of their other instruments. Each candidate will be given sight-reading tests, a short series of aural tests and a viva voce. It is anticipated that applicants will have a working knowledge

of music theory. The school would be interested to see any compositions or special musical projects candidates may be working on and these should be brought on the day. There is no requirement for candidates to bring these.

Award holders are expected to play an active and positive leading role in the musical life of the School and play in ensembles as advised by the Director of Music.



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*'We are delighted to offer this generous set of scholarships and exhibitions, which supports the music at Gresham's and the musical progress of our talented boys and girls. With the wonderful new Britten Building and through the range of performance opportunities and excellent teaching here, we are well placed to support the talents and ambitions of our pupils in all fields of music, including classical, jazz and contemporary.'*

*I am happy to meet potential candidates and their parents informally prior to the audition to give guidance towards preparation for music awards and to discuss the opportunities for musicians at Gresham's.'*

**John Bowley**, Director of Music





Gresham's, a historic and vibrant co-educational school, was founded in 1555. Gresham's is set in 200 acres and enviably located between the award-winning coast and countryside of north Norfolk in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where we are inspired to bring out the best in each other. We offer a fully rounded education to boys and girls from the age of two in our Nursery and Pre-Prep to Sixth Form students, from across the UK and overseas.

In 2016, Gresham's was awarded an 'Excellent' rating across all nine

categories in all three schools following an Independent Schools Inspectorate visit, which is testament to our progressive academic curriculum, high quality teaching and excellent pastoral care. At Gresham's, pupils are prepared for rewarding personal and professional lives with the intellectual, personal and social qualities and skills needed to make a positive difference to the communities in which they live. We are immensely proud of their enthusiasm, commitment and generosity towards each other.

*"Hard to think who would not thrive in this happy, well-run school."*

#### THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

Our progressive academic curriculum, high quality teaching and excellent facilities support every pupil's learning journey throughout the school. Classroom learning is complemented by a variety of academic societies and clubs as well as our ever-popular field trips that engender a wider, outward focus. Our Sixth Formers can opt to study A levels or the widely respected International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Outside the classroom, pupils enjoy seemingly unlimited opportunities to participate in an exciting range of co-curricular sports, arts and music activities along with adventurous expeditions and community-based service. Whilst we can boast first-class academic achievements, the academic success and personal development of all pupils at all levels gives us the greatest sense of fulfilment and reward.

Musicians have a busy schedule of informal and formal concerts and masterclasses, and regular internal and external performances of all sorts of musical styles. There are ensembles

for all instrumentalists, and five choirs. Gresham's performs a whole-school musical every year, holds annual music competitions for individuals and by house, and has a wonderful subscription concert series, hosting international artists throughout the school year.

A Gresham's education enables our pupils to develop in a wide range of areas and we have a tradition of producing outstanding achievers in all walks of life, including architects, diplomats, engineers, musicians, sports men and women and many more. We are very fortunate to have seen many of our Old Greshamians achieve musical success from composers Benjamin Britten and Sir Lennox Berkeley, composer of stage musicals, George Stiles, conductor, singer, and organ recitalist, Christopher Monckton and more recently, Humphrey Berney, a member of Brit-Award winning vocal group BLAKE.

For those unfamiliar with our location in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in north Norfolk, the best advice we can offer is to come and see it for yourselves.

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