

# HIGHGATE

## MUSIC AWARDS AT HIGHGATE SCHOOL: 2022 ENTRY

The Governors offer Music Awards to pupils who have gained a place through the normal entry process (tests and interviews). The scale of the award is made at the discretion of the Head and Governors, depending on the strength of the field (maximum 10%), and this has been combined with means-tested bursarial support with successful candidates where appropriate. Music Exhibitions and Music Potential Awards are also offered without fee remission. All Music Scholars Exhibitioners and Potential Award Holders are offered free tuition on either one or two of the instruments auditioned (including voice) with the school's music teachers during school time. Music Awards are normally tenable throughout a pupil's time at the School, provided progress and conduct remain satisfactory.

Award holders are expected to contribute regularly and fully to the musical life of the school throughout their career and their progress is monitored by the Director of Music.

There are regular concerts during term-time and many opportunities for solo performances. The House Music Competitions, solo instrumental and vocal competitions and masterclasses provide opportunities for pupils to work with distinguished visiting professionals.

### Music at Highgate

Highgate music has a long and distinguished tradition, and many former pupils are now leading musicians. They include John Tavener (composer), John Rutter (composer and conductor), Howard Shelley (pianist and conductor), Jan Latham-Koenig (conductor), and Daniel Hope (violinist). Pupils are offered a wide range of musical opportunities with participation and excellence central to the ethos of the department.

School activities in recent years have included:

- Performances of Duruflé Requiem and Bach's *St Matthew Passion* at Southwark Cathedral; Tippett's *Child of Our Time* and Tchaikovsky's *Romeo & Juliet Overture* at the Royal Festival Hall for our 450 Anniversary Celebration. Bach's *St John Passion* and *Missa in F*; Fauré's Requiem; Handel's *Messiah* and *Zadok the Priest*; Haydn's "*Nelson*" Mass; Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 2, "*Lobgesang*"; Mozart's "*Coronation*" Mass; Rutter's Requiem; and Vivaldi's *Gloria* in Southwark Cathedral and St John's, Smith Square
- Regular orchestral concerts; highlights include: Beethoven's Symphony No. 5; Elgar's Introduction and Allegro and *Serenade for Strings*; Holst's Suite in F; Ravel's *Bolero*; Schubert's Unfinished Symphony; and Schumann's Symphony No. 4 performed by the Chamber Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra
- Regular chamber and solo concerts and music competitions
- Performances of the musicals *Sweeney Todd*, *Les Misérables*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Oklahoma*, *West Side Story* at RADA and *Guys and Dolls* at the Arts Depot.
- Choirs singing services at St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, St Peter's Rome, Southwark, St Albans, Llandaff and Chichester cathedrals
- Past music tours include Northern France, Belgium, Venice, Rome, Czech Republic, Paris and Vienna

## MUSIC AWARDS: SCHOLARSHIP, EXHIBITION AND POTENTIAL AWARDS 11+

- **11+ Awards: Music Scholarship and Exhibition Award Assessment Process (in two rounds)** - For candidates of grade 5-8 on first instrument and grade 3+ on second instrument

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday 10 November 12 noon

**First Round:** Tuesday 11 January 2022

**Second Round:** Monday 17 January 2022

**Requirements:** Grade 5-8 standard on 1st instrument, grade 3+ on second instrument

**Musical Discovery Day (First Round):** Tuesday 11 January 2022

Candidates who are invited for an academic interview after our 11+ entrance tests, and who wish to be considered for a music scholarship or exhibition award are invited to spend a morning at Highgate School where they will be involved in a wide variety of musical activities. Candidates will arrive at the school at **9.00am** with their instruments (if appropriate) and will spend the morning with the Music Department.

The morning will include a whole group session that includes singing in a choir rehearsal, some musical games and a rhythmic percussion composition. After a short break, there will be an orchestra and a music lesson in which there will be some further singing, theory and aural activities. The morning will conclude with candidates performing the music they have learnt during the morning in a short concert. Parents are invited to collect their children at **12.00pm**.

Subsequent to the Musical Discovery Day, around 10-20 candidates will be invited back to audition.

**Second Round:** Monday 17 January 2022

### **The Audition:**

- will take around 20 minutes
- no more than 10 minutes of music should be offered.
- candidates are encouraged to perform two short contrasting pieces/extracts on their principal instrument/voice and one piece on their second instrument/voice.
- will include sight-reading & aural tests (**we do not ask for scales**)
- candidates will be asked by the Director of Music about their musical experiences and knowledge to discover how much interest the candidate has in music.

**Please note that candidates should be of Grade 5+ standard on 1st instrument and Grade 3+ standard on 2nd instrument.** We understand that not all candidates will have taken ABRSM/Trinity examinations but for candidates to have a worthwhile experience please ensure candidates have a similar standard of repertoire for the audition process.

Accompanist will be provided by Highgate School.

- **11+ Awards: Music Potential Award (For candidates grade 3-5)** - For candidates who show exceptional musical ability on an orchestral instrument at grade 3-5 standard.

Free tuition on one instrument, (the auditioned instrument), with the school's music teachers during school time. Applicants will be asked to send in a recorded recital showcasing two contrasting pieces as part of a performance audition. Applicants who pass the first round will be invited back to interview with the Director of Music.

<b>Music Potential Award Audition/Interview Date:</b>	<b>Requirements:</b>
Wednesday 17 January 2022	Grade 3+ standard on 1 <sup>st</sup> instrument

- **16+ Awards: Music Scholarship Auditions**

**Application Deadline:** Friday 22 October 2021

<b>16+ Audition Date:</b>	<b>Requirements:</b>
Thursday 4 November 2021	Grade 8+ standard on 1 <sup>st</sup> instrument Grade 5+ standard on 2 <sup>nd</sup> instrument in a 12-minute recital <i>(Accompanist will be provided by Highgate School).</i>

### **How to Apply for 11+ and 16+:**

Music Award application forms are available from the school website and can be downloaded through the following link:

<https://www.highgateschool.org.uk/senior-school/the-arts/>

Completed forms should be sent to: [admissions@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions@highgateschool.org.uk)

If you would like a copy of the form mailed to you then please let us know.

**If you would like to discuss the music audition process further or would like any advice, please feel free to contact the Music Department Manager, Ms Natasha Creed, at [musicoffice@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:musicoffice@highgateschool.org.uk)**

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