

Music Scholarships



ST MARY'S
SHAFTESBURY

St Mary's offers extensive and diverse musical opportunities throughout the school. Our musical offerings are varied and include everything from ensembles to the much-admired school band. The Chapel Choir, which is at the heart of the liturgical life of the school, frequently travels abroad and the girls are regularly invited to perform in places such as Vienna, Rome, Venice and Budapest.

We have exemplary specialist teachers who strive to support their pupils in reaching the very highest musical standards.

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(for entry into Years 5, 7, 9 and 12)

Scholarships are offered at 9+, 11+, 13+ and 16+. As well as the standard 10% fee reduction, our music scholars receive free tuition fees for two instruments which equates to 10 x 35 minute lessons per term.

We ask that candidates play two instruments to the standard stated in the following guidelines. It would be an advantage if one of those instruments is the piano. However, potential as a musician is more important than actual grades, so not having reached the indicated levels should not prevent a scholarship application being made.

9+	Main Instrument	Grade 1/2
11+	Main Instrument	Grade 3
	Second Instrument	Grade 1/2

13+	Main Instrument	Grade 5
	Second Instrument	Grade 2/3
16+	Main Instrument	Grade 7/8
	Second Instrument	Grade 4/5

Candidates are required to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument/voice and one piece on their second instrument/voice.

Sight reading is expected on the main study only.

Documentary evidence of examinations passed in both practice and theoretical grades must accompany an application.

Tests in general aural awareness will also be given. This may take the form of studying an unseen piece of music for 20 minutes and then performing it. Candidates will take part in other musical activities on the day of their audition.

The successful candidates must have passed the school's entrance examination.

Our Music Scholars would be expected to study Music at GCSE and A Level.

Prospective Music Scholars are invited to meet informally with the Director of Music in advance of the scholarship day, to discuss the process and to ensure that they are fully prepared.



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