



# STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## **Music Scholarships Information**

Music Scholarships to Stockport Grammar School are offered at 11+ and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 in 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 6<sup>th</sup> form entry have usually been in the region of grades 6 to 8.

Applicants should download the Music Scholarship form from the school website and submit this together with the school application form. The application will detail instruments and standard and will include two references. Applicants will be shortlisted for audition based on their written application.

The audition will be held shortly after the entrance exam and will last for approximately 15 minutes. 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 you would like to discuss anything regarding the application process or audition please contact me at

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Kind regards

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