



Wakefield Girls' High School  
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# Sixth Form Music Scholarships



## Introduction to Sixth Form Scholarships

In addition to the usual means-tested Foundation Awards and Bursaries that are available for girls in the Senior School, we have several Scholarships already in existence for WGHS girls progressing to the Sixth Form and for girls new to us at 16+.

As can be seen from the website and prospectus, our current pupils continue to qualify for Edith Blair Music, PE and Art Scholarships, the Isobel Fowler Textiles Scholarship and the Mary Smith Classics Scholarship in the Sixth Form.

In addition to this, all Year 11 WGHS girls who attain eight grade 8s or above at GCSE become Sixth Form Scholars and are awarded £500 in both Year 12 and Year 13.

However, we also offer highly prestigious Art, Music and Sport Scholarships.

### Music scholarships are available for musically talented pupils entering the school's Sixth Form

#### 1. Music Scholarship (internal)

This will be awarded by competitive audition to an outstanding vocal or instrumental performer going into Y12. The successful candidate is likely to be at or above ABRSM Grade 7 (distinction) standard and will show excellent levels of technical control and musicianship. Financially the scholarship amounts to £1000 remission of the current academic school fees in each of Years 12 and 13.

#### 2. Instrumental Scholarship (internal)

This will be awarded by competitive audition to a WGHS instrumentalist going into Y12. The successful candidate is likely to be at or above ABRSM Grade 6 standard and will show a high level of technical proficiency and interpretive ability on their instrument. The candidate will already have a proven track record of contributing to school music making. Financially the scholarship will cover the candidate's individual music lessons on their main instrument throughout the Sixth Form.

#### 3. Instrumental Scholarship (external)

This will be awarded by competitive audition to an external candidate for Sixth Form entry to WGHS. The successful candidate is likely to be at or above ABRSM Grade 6 standard and will show a high level of technical proficiency and interpretive control on their instrument. The candidate's application should be accompanied by proof of qualification and a letter of recommendation from their current Head of Music, detailing the candidate's contribution to their current school's musical life. Financially the scholarship will cover the candidate's individual music lessons on their main instrument throughout the Sixth Form. If no suitable external candidate is found, it is possible that a third scholarship may be awarded internally, should a suitably qualified candidate emerge.

#### Notes

The successful candidates for all three scholarships will be expected to maintain a satisfactory rate of progress and take a full part in any extra-curricular music groups deemed appropriate by the Director of Music.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship should the pupil fail to maintain reasonable progress or be unwilling to participate in designated extra-curricular groups.

Individual music lessons would normally be expected to take place in school with our own visiting instrumental musicians (VIMs), but in exceptional circumstances pupils who show a genuine need to have lessons from an external teacher would be considered.

Payments to external teachers could not however exceed the rate currently paid to WGHS VIMs (£26.21 per hour) assuming 30 half hour lessons in a year (or £200 per 10 half hour lessons if administered through school).

External teachers would be required to produce a written report on the pupils' progress at the end of the autumn and summer terms.

#### Timetable

Letters of application, detailing reasons why candidates consider themselves suitable and of no more than 300 words, should be sent to Mr N Meredith, Director of Music at WGHS by Monday 24 February 2020. A closed audition will take place at the beginning of March 2020.

Candidates will be expected to play a programme of music chosen to demonstrate both their technical mastery and musical maturity on a single instrument or voice\* of between 8 and 10 minutes duration. (\*voice if applying for 1. Music Scholarship only).

A copy of the music to be performed should be sent to the Director of Music no later than a week before the date of the audition. Candidates should make it clear at this stage whether they will require an accompanist from WGHS or whether they will be using their own accompanist.

Following the audition, candidates will have a short viva where they will have the opportunity to discuss the music they have performed and talk about how they would benefit from, and contribute to, musical life at WGHS.

Candidates should be prepared to take some basic aural tests if required though these should not involve any extra preparation.

Awards will be made entirely at the discretion of the school.

