



PALMERS GREEN HIGH SCHOOL

PGHS 11+ Music Scholarship

The Music Department

The Music Department at PGHS offers a broad range of performance opportunities both in and out of lessons. It works in collaboration with the Drama department to deliver high quality performances throughout the year.

The Music Department is made up of one main classroom and two individual teaching rooms for visiting music teachers. We have ten visiting teachers per week who offer a huge range of instrumental lessons for our pupils. In the Music classroom, we have a computer suite connected to MIDI keyboards for composition.

Our group sizes are small. KS3 are a maximum of 16 pupils. GCSE classes are smaller, with approximately 6 pupils per group. The small groupings allow for a closer teacher-learner experience and all pupils receive individual feedback and support throughout their lessons. This enables pupils to develop their own personal creative journey.

The department takes full advantage of being able to take pupils to live performances at concert venues and theatres in London to support the work they are doing in class.

What are we looking for in a Music Scholar?

Music Scholarships are offered to candidates who demonstrate a natural talent, enthusiasm and potential for Music. Candidates should have reached at least Grade 4 Associated Board standard on their instrument(s). They should be confident performers who are reliable and committed to achieving at a high level in Music. It is hoped that they are already making a good contribution to Music at their current school and/or in the local community.

It is expected that Music Scholars will act as ambassadors for Music within the School, displaying high quality performance skills and demonstrating their potential for further development. They will make an outstanding contribution to PGHS through Music. It is hoped that they will take Music for GCSE and apply to become the Performing Arts Prefect in their final year.

Music Scholars are expected to take part in the wide range of extra-curricular Music activities that are available which include choirs, orchestras and ensembles. They will be expected to take a lead in these activities as they progress through the School, offering guidance and direction to younger pupils. They will be given opportunities to be involved in external trips to concerts and musical theatre productions.

Application Process

Stage 1

Applicants are required to submit a supporting statement, of no more than 500 words, outlining why they should be considered for a Music Scholarship. This should be submitted with their 11+ Music Scholarship Application Form by email to admissions@pghs.co.uk for the attention of the Head of Music by **1st November** in the year of application.

Stage 2

After the 11+ Entrance Examination, the Head of Music will select candidates, from those who have reached the required academic standard, to be invited for an interview and audition, which will be held in addition to the usual pupil interview. They will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one piece on their second/third instrument (if applicable). The assessment will include aural tests and sight reading. The Head of Music will also talk to the candidates about their musical experiences.