



# Cranleigh Music Awards

## Guidance for candidates

Music lies at the very heart of Cranleigh and Award Holders are highly respected members of the school community. An award recognises talent, achievement and potential for substantial further development. It is expected that scholars will take full advantage of the considerable opportunities to fulfil their potential and that musical commitment will remain a very high priority throughout their time in the school.

A range of Music Scholarships and Exhibitions are awarded each year for entry into Cranleigh Prep School at 11+ and Cranleigh School at 13+ and 16+. Scholarships carry a 5% fee remission and include free tuition on two instruments plus individual vocal tuition if appropriate. Exhibitions consist of free individual lessons on one or more instruments and/or voice. Award holders may also apply for additional bursary funding.

Prior to applying for an award it is extremely useful to arrange an informal pre-audition with Mrs Williams (Head of Prep School Music) for 11+ candidates or Mr Richard Saxel (Director of Cranleigh Music) for 13+ and 16+ entry. They will be able to give guidance as to suitability to compete for an award. It also gives an opportunity to help potential candidates feel at ease and perform in familiar surroundings, which helps them to play more confidently on the audition day. This pre-audition has no specific requirements; it is usually good for the candidate to bring along pieces they enjoy playing and be prepared to chat informally.

### Scholarship audition requirements at all levels

- Two contrasting pieces on the principal instrument, plus scales and arpeggios and sight-reading of appropriate standard.
- One piece on the second and subsequent instrument(s); voice especially encouraged.
- Aural/musicianship tests plus a general interview.

### Guidelines to approximate minimum standards

This is a guide only; the particular aptitude and musical experience of individual candidates are fully considered.

- At 11+ Grade 4/5 on principal instrument
- At 13+ Grade 5/6 on principal instrument, plus supporting instrument(s)/voice
- At 16+ Grade 8 on principal instrument, plus supporting instrument(s)/voice

### Application details

- Application forms are available on the website
- The closing date for 11+ applications is **Friday 13 October 2023**
- The closing date for 13+ applications is **Friday 10 November 2023**
- The closing date for 16+ applications is **Friday 20 October 2023**

## Audition dates

- 11+ Awards **Wednesday 15 November 2023**
- 13+ Awards **Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 January 2024**
- 16+ Awards **Tuesday 7 November 2023**

## Additional Information regarding Music Scholarships at 13+

The following procedures for Music Scholarships at 13+ are common to all Independent Senior Schools as outlined in the IAPS Music Scholarships Supplement.

**Entries:** Parents may wish to enter their sons or daughters for Music awards at more than one school. It is strongly recommended that a candidate should not be entered for more than three schools in all. Should there be a clash of examination dates, the candidate's Head should contact the Directors of Music concerned, who may offer an alternative day within their published week.

**Preferences:** Should a candidate be entered for Music Scholarship audition at more than one school, parents must state their order of preference which will be verified. *This information is essential and without it entries will not be accepted.* No entry should be made unless parents are ready to accept an offer during the week of the examination.

**Procedure for offering awards:** Offers may be made only in the order shown on the entry form. Thus, if Cranleigh is placed first choice, an award may be made within a few days of the examination. If Cranleigh is placed second or third in the order of preference on the entry form we will **not** make an offer until we have first ascertained that the candidate is not being elected by the school(s) placed above it in order of preference.

**Procedure for accepting awards:** Parents must accept an award offered to them by their first choice school provided that it is not of lower value than that indicated on the entry form. If the offer is less than the amount stated, parents may accept or decline it, but this must be done immediately; it is not permissible to wait to see how a candidate gets on at another school lower down on the list. Doubts concerning the possibility of covering fees should have been settled by parents before completing the entry form. Awards must be taken up within three terms.

**General:** Parents are strongly advised to seek the advice of the Head and Director of Music of the candidate's present school and they should visit any school for which they consider making an entry. The school welcomes enquiries at any time in the eighteen months preceding the scholarship examinations.

**Application Forms:** The declaration to be signed by parents is common to all Independent Senior Schools offering Music Awards and must be completed in all respects before an entry can be accepted.

For further information about any aspects of the Music Award procedure please Cranleigh Music Administrator on 01483 542009 who will be able to put you in touch with the relevant people to resolve your query.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cranleigh!

Richard Saxel  
Director of Cranleigh Music