

Instrumental and/or Choral Music Scholarship Guidelines



At Christ's College, we place a high value on music and, whether instrumental or choral, it is a significant part of school life. If you wish to apply for a Music Scholarship for 2025 your application needs to be received by Friday 26 April 2024. Successful applicants will be asked to attend auditions on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May 2024.

The audition will last for up to 30 minutes and will include the following elements:

- 1) PERFORMANCE** - You will be expected to perform up to TWO pieces on your chosen instrument or voice.
 - The selected pieces should have a combined performance time of no more than 8 minutes
 - The pieces should show your musical potential and do not necessarily have to be the most technically demanding works. We are looking for the level of innate musicianship and how you communicate on your chosen instrument or voice
 - The pieces do not have to be performed from memory
- 2) We strongly recommend the pieces presented are accompanied on the piano or with a backing track. An accompanist is available and should be engaged well before the day.**
- 3) EAR TESTS** - The ear tests are designed to assess how you respond to sound and will include any of the following:
 - Recalling a melodic line
 - Recalling a rhythmic line
 - Listening to a MAJOR or MINOR chord and picking out the third of the chord
 - A short extemporisation from a given melodic opening
- 4) SIGHT READING EXTRACT**
- 5) QUESTIONS ON THE PERFORMANCE PIECES** - This may include any of the following:
 - Composer or musical period
 - Stylistic features of the music
 - Features of the work(s) performed

All auditions will take place at the Christ's College Music School, Rolleston Avenue, opposite Flower's House. Auditions will be on 16 and 17 May 2024.

Any further questions, please contact Director of Music, Robert Aburn at raburn@christcollege.com.