

## **Music Scholarship Information**

Music Scholarships are awarded in Year 7 to those pupils who are successful in the entrance exam and additionally reflect a level of musical achievement, enthusiasm and potential.

If pupils are offered a Music Scholarship, music will become a major part of school life. Music Scholars are expected to take a full and active role in the musical life of the school and will find themselves participating in a musical activity several times during a typical school week, in addition to their private instrumental tuition and practice, with an expectation that they will be asked to perform solo pieces at various concerts and recitals.

In return, Music Scholars will receive free instrumental tuition for the duration of their time at Bradford Grammar School, termly personal guidance from the Director of Music and will be fully immersed in the school's music programme. Music Scholars will also receive bespoke coaching from external experts on performance, practice, resilience, rehearsal techniques, amongst other things. Please note these scholarships do not offer a remission in fees.

BGS has a rich and exciting musical life with emphasis on excellence and participation and Music Scholars will join an extensive family of musicians at the school. There are 26 Senior Ensembles that rehearse weekly as well as recitals and major concerts in school and at external venues for example Bradford Cathedral. As a musician at BGS, scholars will have the opportunity to participate in the following ensembles: Senior Orchestra, Junior Orchestra, Concert Band, Senior Choir, Senior Chamber Choir, Close Harmony Group, Junior Choir, Soul Band, The Dixieland Crackerjacks, The Wickermen, Intermediate and Senior Guitar Group, String Quartets and Trios, Junior and Senior Saxophone Groups, Clarinet Group, Senior and Junior Flute Groups, Junior and Senior Brass Groups, Cello Choir, Samba Band, Senior Strings.

There is a biannual musical held jointly with the Drama Department. Recent shows have included Cabaret, Grease, Little Shop of Horrors, My Fair Lady and The Addams Family. Music accompaniment for these musicals is provided by a student band and is of an exceptionally high standard.

In Years 7 and 8, academic Music is taught in small classes, enabling pupils to have individual attention in lessons on performance and composition. Music is taken as an option in Year 9 and is a very popular subject, with many pupils going on to study GCSE Music. At A Level, we offer both Music and Music Technology.

## **Year 7 Music Scholarship Interview Process**

Candidates are asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their first instrument. Chosen pieces should be ones that candidates can play well and musically. A slightly easier piece played well with attention to detail will impress us more than a difficult piece played less accurately.

We will provide a piano accompanist for your audition if needed. If the piece you would like to perform has a piano part or a backing-track, candidates must remember to bring it on the day.

As part of the scholarship process, candidates will be asked about their musical experiences and the music they enjoy. The whole audition will last no more than 20-30 minutes, and it is hoped that candidates will find the audition a friendly testing of ability and knowledge but also a positive experience.