



# WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL



## Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships are awarded to top performing candidates entering West Buckland. All applicants for music scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. The closing date for all applications is Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

### **Am I the right standard?**

For assessment for a Year 7 Music Scholarship, we are primarily looking for potential. As a guideline, you should be grade 2+ standard, although need not have taken the exam. We are looking for someone with a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

For assessment for a Year 9 Music Scholarship, we are looking for potential. As a guideline, you should be grade 4+ on your principal study instrument. A second study instrument/voice would be an advantage. You should have a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

For assessment for a 16+ Music Scholarship, we are again looking for potential. As a guideline, you should be at grade 6 / 7 and study a second instrument at grade 4+ or have a good vocal ability. You should have a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

We can offer a trial audition to those candidates who are not sure if they are of the required standard. If you would like to arrange a convenient time, please contact the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at [nxs@westbuckland.com](mailto:nxs@westbuckland.com)



## Expectations of Music Scholars

Music scholarships are offered to those pupils who show ability, commitment and potential in their chosen instrument at audition. In addition to grade achievement, a fundamental passion and musical ambition will be looked for, along with a willingness to participate and contribute to the rich musical life of the school.

### Enrichment:

- Free music lessons
- Participating in external music workshops and tutorials
- Encouraged to attend external concerts
- Access to music department facilities and rehearsal rooms

### What to do next:

Return your fully completed Achievements Form and letter of reference to [scholarships@westbuckland.com](mailto:scholarships@westbuckland.com)

Your child's application will be reviewed by the Director of Music and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship process which will consist of an audition and an interview with the Director of Music.

### At Audition:

The audition date for Year 7 & 9 applications is **Thursday 14 November**, and for Sixth form applications **Thursday 21 November**. The requirement for all auditions is as follows:

- If offering one instrument, candidates are required to play two contrasting pieces. Candidates offering only one instrument will be asked to prepare something to sing; a verse from a hymn or carol, or a verse/chorus from a pop song or folk song is fine.
- If offering two instruments (including singing), candidates are required to play two contrasting pieces, one on each instrument.
- If offering more than two instruments, candidates may play one piece per instrument.
- Sight-reading appropriate to grade of first choice instrument.
- Aural tests appropriate to grade of first choice instrument.
- An informal interview with the Director of Music (approx. 10 mins). Candidates will likely be asked what their musical interests are, ensembles they perform in (both



in and out of school), music they like to listen to (both live and recorded), why they like music, what other interests and hobbies they have, etc. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions so have some prepared!

An accompanist will be provided, and you will need to send your music to the Director of Music, at least a week before your audition.

### **Important Information:**

Please find Achievements Form, for completion, [here](#). All documents should be sent to [scholarships@westbuckland.com](mailto:scholarships@westbuckland.com)

### **Application deadline**

Entry to Year 7, 9 & Sixth Form – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **Audition date**

Year 7 & 9- Thursday 14 November 2024

Sixth form – Thursday 21 November 2024

