



Prince's Gardens  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## PRINCE'S GARDENS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

**Prince's Gardens Preparatory School is delighted to offer music scholarships to children keen to join the school in Years 4 or 5 who show excellent potential and commitment to music. Scholarships are awarded by the Headmistress, following an audition with the Head of Music. Children are also required to pass the academic admissions assessments.**

Scholarships are offered to children who will be able to make a positive contribution to both the school orchestra and choir, and we encourage instruments offered by potential scholars to reflect this.

Priority will be given to children offering orchestral instruments, such as string, wind and brass. Scholarship candidates offering non-orchestral instruments, such as the piano, should demonstrate exceptional ability, well above the usual expectations for their age.

We do not necessarily expect children to have completed a large number of graded exams, instead, potential, commitment and evidence of a genuine interest in music is regarded as being of primary importance. However, at audition, children should be able to demonstrate sight reading and aural awareness skills.

Music scholars are expected to be members of both the school orchestra and choir. They are expected to take lessons with a music tutor at school, maintain good progress on their instruments and be a positive role model for music at Prince's Gardens; setting high standards of behaviour in rehearsals; attending concerts, recitals and events when requested.





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## MUSIC AT PRINCE'S GARDENS



Each year group has two specialist music lessons each week. The first includes learning an instrument in a whole class setting. Starting with chime bars and percussion instruments in Pre-Reception, the children cover the ukulele, the violin, the recorder, the saxophone and finally the trumpet by Year 6. The second weekly lesson focuses on singing and drumming to help develop musical awareness.

Children have the opportunity to perform regularly in a range of ensembles and music groups, from informal performances and tea-time music recitals in our beautiful music room, to large scale performances at external venues.

Private instrument lessons take place during the school day, on a rotating timetable. Our proximity to the nearby Royal College of Music enables us to attract a team of inspirational visiting instrument tutors to offer lessons to our pupils.

### **How to apply for a Prince's Gardens Music Scholarship**

- Complete the online application form for Prince's Gardens
- Submit a copy of your child's most recent school report and share any additional and relevant information
- Parents will be invited to tour the school and meet the Headmistress and the Head of Music
- Children are asked to submit a letter to the Head of Music sharing their musical background and why they are keen to join the school (max 200 words)
- Candidates will be invited to come to the school for an academic admissions assessment (online), a music assessment with the Head of Music and an opportunity to join a class
- Deadline for application: Monday 10 January 2022
- Offer letters will be sent out by Friday 11 February 2022

For further information please contact [admissions@princesgardensprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@princesgardensprep.co.uk)