Graveney Music Scholars Programme

GENERAL PREMISE

- Scholars are students who demonstrate an aptitude for and interest in music. Some scholars will be very good musicians already, some will be students with potential that we wish to cultivate.
- Scholars are music ambassadors. They are given a badge and recognised as those who give their time and efforts to the music department and participate in ensembles etc.
- Scholars can apply for a bursary to subsidise instrumental/vocal lesson fees. This should be for a second instrument or theory lessons.

CONDITIONS

All scholars (both with and without bursaries) are expected to:

- Pursue academic music, including the twilight scholars course in Year 8, GCSE (early in Year 9 or mainstream in Year 10) and the A Level Bridging Course (if GCSE was taken early).
- Participate in vocal and instrumental ensembles with regular attendance (all scholars should be in Junior/Senior Choir, as a minimum)
- Regularly perform in Chamber Concerts
- Be actively and enthusiastically involved with the musical life of the school

If these conditions are not met, then the student will be removed from the scholars programme and any bursary (if applicable) will be removed, i.e. the student must remain engaged with music in both an academic and extra-curricular capacity. If students do not take GCSE early, then the programme can continue through Year 9, on the understanding that GCSE will be chosen as a mainstream option for Year 10.

There is no scholars programme in the sixth form, and all bursaries end at the end of Year 11. Separate subsidies are offered to A Level students (see below).

AUDITION PROCESS

- Teaching staff will recommend students based on their engagement in music lessons, but all students are welcome to apply.
- Applications are submitted via a Google Form where parents will indicate if they would like to apply for a bursary.
- All potential applicants take a musical aptitude test. This test is designed to require no former knowledge but does require good aural skills.
- From this, a second round of students must either perform on their instrument or sing one of the songs from the Big Sing.
- Existing involvement in current extracurricular activities will be considered, but there may be some students for whom the scholars programme is their gateway to further engagement with the music department.

SUBSIDIES ON INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL LESSONS

<u>Year 7, 8 (and 9 if not taking early GCSE)</u>
Scholars with bursary: 50% subsidy on one instrument (30 mins)
<u>GCSE and A Level Bridging students</u>
Scholars without bursary/non-scholars: 50% subsidy on one instrument (30 mins)
Scholars with bursary: 50% subsidy on two instruments (30 mins)
<u>A Level students</u>
50% subsidy on first study instrument (1 hour) and second study instrument (30 mins)