



DU CANE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Du Cane Music Scholarships will normally be awarded to instrumentalists entering the Senior School in Year 7. Girls may come from Wheathampstead House or from another school. A successful candidate will have reached a good standard in the Entrance Examination. The award will be to the value of a maximum of 50% of the tuition fees. Fees assistance to offset instrumental tuition taken at the High School is also often awarded as a result of the selection process. Candidates will automatically be asked if they wish to be considered for the Du Cane Scholarships as part of the Year 7 entrance examination correspondence sent out from the High School. If a Du Cane Scholarship is declined or if there is no suitable candidate, then it may be offered to another girl already at the school.

Requirements

Candidates should offer preferably two instruments (although an outstanding candidate with just one would be considered) and will be expected to perform one or two contrasting pieces on the principal instrument and one on the second and any other instrument offered. Normally candidates will have reached a minimum standard of Grade 5 on their principal instrument although the potential of the candidate is an important factor. The candidates will be required to sing a short prepared piece and will also be given a sight reading test on one of their instruments, as well as aural and musicianship tests.

It is a condition of the award that scholars should take an active role in the school musical activities and should support orchestras, chamber ensembles and choirs as relevant.

Procedure

Candidates may be asked to attend the music school for auditions. An accompanist is provided though candidates may bring their own accompanist if they so wish. **Please be sure to advise the High School BY THE CLOSING DATE (30 November 2011) if you wish to bring your own accompanist. In the absence of advising us that you wish to bring your own accompanist, the audition must be with the school accompanist.** Candidates are asked to bring a printed / hand-written programme of the pieces offered.

The results will be notified at the same time as the results of the Year 7 Entrance Examination (if the Scholarships are awarded to Year 7 candidates).

The Director of Music will be pleased to meet potential candidates and parents during the Autumn term to discuss arrangements and procedures and any aspect of music at the School.

Prospective students are very welcome to join us at the School's musical events.

Mrs R MARTIN
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