

# PANGBOURNE

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## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

### YEAR 9



Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our Scholarship provision here at Pangbourne College. Pangbourne College is a NACE Challenge accredited school, one of only a few independent senior schools with a Sixth Form to have this accolade in the United Kingdom. This award is only given to schools that demonstrate excellence in teaching and learning, leadership, and challenge across the board, and our scholarship programmes are at the very heart of that.

Holders of scholarships can expect recognition across the College. Each one of your child's teachers will know that they are talented within a particular aspect of the curriculum or, in the case of Academic Scholars, exceptionally able across the board. It is this individualised care for every child, every lesson, that makes our able provision so impactful. Every one of the Scholarship pathways has their own programme, expertly designed to help your child flourish in that area, and eventually lead in it, as they progress through the College.

Each scholar is recognised as a leader in our community and is expected to take full ownership and accountability for their role, judged against our Flag Values and Academic Standards. In exchange, we offer the finest level of enhancement of their skillset to help them pursue their passion. This year in particular is even more exciting as we launch our *Devitt and Moore Award*, which all Scholars in Years 9-11 will complete to build a suite of skills to prepare them for further study and life outside of our community.

I invite you to read through this booklet and see for yourself the fantastic diversity of opportunity that every prospective scholar can expect at Pangbourne College. Our small size and award-winning more able provision means that we can assure you that your child will indeed flourish as a scholar in our special community.

I hope to meet you soon.

Best wishes,

Jack Sims, MSci, PGCE  
Head of Scholarship and Challenge



Pangbourne College offers a limited number of scholarships to pupils who demonstrate superb potential in academic ability or in a major co-curricular specialism. The following pages describe the entry criteria, scholarship programme benefits, and expectations.

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

Holding a Scholarship at Pangbourne College is recognition of a pupil's potential in their specialism, as well as to participate actively in the life of the College. Scholars are College leaders, and their contribution as a positive role model in their specialism allows for positive growth to happen. As such, while the College does not provide automatic fee remission for Scholarship holders, we do recognise award holders with a dedicated scholarship programme.

All Scholars can expect additional opportunities depending on the type and specialism of the award they are holding. We want Scholars to dive into their area and show their passion, whilst also upholding all of our Flag Values in all that they do. Most importantly, all Scholars work closely together throughout the College and help to carry out positive contributions to support their peers.

Scholars will regularly meet during ensembles and meetings. There is also an annual and prestigious Scholars' Dinner, which is a significant date in the College calendar.

## **APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE**

The scholarship award does not carry automatic fee reduction. Pupils who are awarded a scholarship or exhibition may be eligible for additional assistance with payment of school fees in the form of means-tested financial assistance. This is traditionally known as a 'bursary', and the bursary application process is run in tandem with an application to Pangbourne College. The means-testing process is administered by the Bursar. Click here for the [Bursary Policy](#).

## **HOW SCHOLARSHIPS WORK**

Year 7 Scholarships last for two years and conclude at the end of Year 8. All of the programmes prepare pupils for entry into a Year 9 Scholarship, the assessments of which take place during Year 8.

Pupils may apply for One Scholarship only. However, if a pupil is applying for an Academic Scholarship, then they may choose another as well.

Upon confirmation of a Scholarship, a pupil will be asked to sign our Scholarship Agreement, which pledges to uphold the highest standards and to contribute fully to that discipline. This is constantly reviewed throughout their time at the College.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AS A MUSIC SCHOLAR?

The Music Department at Pangbourne is housed in an architect-designed, award-winning building which boasts a formal concert venue, the Nancye Harding Recital Hall.

In addition, there are seven soundproofed teaching/practice rooms, a drum and percussion studio, and a music technology suite as well as two teaching classrooms, one of which is fully equipped with a Mac suite for composition work.

Weekly instrumental lessons on piano and all orchestral instruments, as well as singing, drums, guitar, percussion, organ, and even bagpipes, are offered by a very experienced team of visiting music teachers. Results in both academic and practical exams are consistently excellent; during the current academic year, several pupils have gained high marks in Grade 7 and 8 exams and two pupils have achieved ARSM performer's diploma. Many pupils continue to pursue their music making at university, or conservatoire.

As a Steinway School, Pangbourne College is blessed with a full range of first-class Steinway pianos. The Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel is a major concert venue for both the College and many external ensembles and choirs in the wider community of West Berkshire and beyond. The Chapel houses a D Concert grand piano and an excellent 3 manual organ.

With an array of choirs, bands, and ensembles, as well as the Marching Band that features prominently on College Sundays throughout the year and at the annual Remembrance Parade in the village, there are numerous groups for young musicians to join and all are encouraged to participate in some form of music making during their time at Pangbourne.



## **WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A MUSIC SCHOLAR?**

Potential scholars should be able to demonstrate a real love for making music. Developing musical skills takes time, patience, and self-discipline and we are looking for that drive and determination in young musicians. We want to hear about their music making - why it is important to them, what drives them to play or sing as well as they can, and what and who inspires them.

## **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PANGBOURNE SCHOLAR?**

Music Scholarships receive free tuition on up to two instruments. In addition, Music Scholars also benefit from close supervision from music staff, regular opportunities to play in both formal and informal concerts, and an expectation to attend concerts, masterclasses, and other musical events in the Music Scholars Programme (Royal Festival Hall, Steinway Hall, the Royal Opera House etc.). Pupils will also be coached in Music theory by a member of departmental staff.

Like all Scholars, Music Scholars will complete a Devitt and Moore Senior Award each year. This prestigious project involves selecting a novel topic and demonstrating understanding through a way of choice. For more information, please see our Devitt and Moore booklet.

The Scholarship does not carry automatic fee reduction. Where appropriate, scholars may benefit from fee remission in the form of a means-tested bursary. Applications for bursaries may be submitted alongside the scholarship application.

## **WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF A MUSIC SCHOLAR?**

Music scholars are expected to make a full contribution to the musical life of the College. This will include participating in instrumental and vocal ensembles and opportunities for solo performances. Scholars will also be expected to take part in large scale College events such as shows, reviews, and recordings (two in the past academic year). Holders of music awards are expected to take Music GCSE and strongly encouraged to pursue the subject to A Level.

## WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

Pupils applying for a music award attend an audition and interview at the College. This will be with the Director of Music, the Head of Instrumental Music, and other department staff, as applicable.

The audition is quite relaxed - we want pupils to have the opportunity to showcase their musical and technical abilities. Pupils should prepare to perform on two instruments\*, respond to aural tests, and talk about their own music making and aspirations in a Viva (interview).

- Main instrument - perform two contrasting pieces
- Second instrument - perform one piece
- Aural tests - respond to tests of rhythm and pitch
- A viva voce where the pupil can talk about and share their musical aspirations

Candidates are encouraged to bring to the audition a portfolio of evidence (certificates, a list of recent performances, etc.) and any compositions they have written to support their application.



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To apply for a scholarship, please download our application form from our website and send this over to our admissions team or contact our admissions team for further details.

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