

SIXTH FORM MUSIC AWARD

Music at Eton

An Exceptional Music Education

The music department at Eton College is the largest in the school, with a team of seven full-time music teachers and 76 visiting music teachers.

Inspirational Teaching

Our instrumental teachers, many of whom balance teaching with successful performing careers, teach over 1250 individual instrument lessons a week within the department. Boys achieve outstanding results in their academic music studies, and have a huge range of options for music-making outside the classroom.

World Class Facilities

The Music Schools house a modern concert hall, orchestral rehearsal hall, recording studio, rock studio, three music technology suites, numerous teaching and practice rooms and a music library. The school is home to no fewer than eight pipe organs, and all four performance halls in the school have Steinway or Fazioli concert grand pianos.

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Numerous Music-Making Opportunities

There are currently 48 instrumental ensembles, including three orchestras and several chamber music ensembles, which rehearse each week. The Symphony Orchestra has in recent years toured Poland, the Czech Republic and Spain. Jazz is particularly popular at Eton, with recent concerts taking place in venues such as Ronnie Scott's and Pizza Express Dean Street. Senior boys regularly put on their own concerts through the Eton College Music Society.

There are seven choirs and choral groups ranging from a 200-strong chorus to close harmony groups and a pop choir. Eton's singers enjoy a wide range of solo singing opportunities as well as musical theatre productions and workshops.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

The Sixth Form Music Award is a scholarship available to a boy currently studying in a maintained school, who shows great musical potential and has the personality to adapt successfully to the life of a boarding community.

We welcome applications from boys with a strong commitment to their music making, who would make the most from the extraordinary musical opportunities on offer at Eton and contribute to ensembles or choirs. As a guide, past award holders have been of roughly grade 7 level and above.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate their musical ability as well as financial need. Those wishing to be considered should apply through the normal Orwell Award application process, completing the Sixth Form Music Award section as part of their application. They will also submit a short video performance of a piece on their first instrument.