



TERRA NOVA
SCHOOL



PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Performing Arts Scholarships can be awarded for Music and/or Drama

ASSESSMENT: MUSIC

1. Prepared Performance

Candidates will prepare either:

- A song that will demonstrate their vocal ability and the ability to communicate musically
- An instrument piece, grade 3 or above in standard

2. Unprepared Performance

Candidates will be given a short song or piece of music on their chosen instrument they have not seen before. They will be given 3 minutes to study the piece before performing it. During the performance they will be given direction.

In both performances we will be looking for:

- Vocal or instrumental skill and the potential to sing or play with musicality
- An ability to communicate when singing or playing
- Confidence when performing 'on stage'
- Musical potential

3. Aural Test

In addition, their general musicianship will be assessed through an aural test appropriate for their year group.

ASSESSMENT: DRAMA

1. Prepared Performance

All interested candidates will prepare one piece to perform from memory. The piece should last no longer than five minutes.

We will be looking for:

- Clear diction and use of tone
- Good projection
- Ability to perform with expression
- Confidence when performing 'on stage'

2. Unprepared Performance

Candidates will be given a short piece they have not seen before. They will be given 3 minutes to study the piece before performing it. During the performance they will be given direction.



General Guidance

Ideally across the disciplines exhibited there should be some contrast in performance offered, for example commanding and reflective characterisation.

In the interview we are looking for:

- Proven ability and skill in the different disciplines offered and the potential for development
- Enthusiasm and a genuine passion for music theatre
- An eagerness to contribute to the extracurricular life of the school
- Someone who will be an asset to the school's music and dramatic public performances individually and as a member of a group

PERFORMING ARTS: SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Choirs:

- Performing Arts Scholars will be expected to join The Senior Choir and attend all rehearsals and performances
- Performing Arts Scholars will be made a Choir Captain (Lead Chorister) of one of our three choirs with responsibilities such as; taking the register, setting up for performances and opportunities for solos
- Performing Arts Scholars will be invited to join The Chamber Choir

Performances in school:

- Performing Arts Scholars will have opportunities to perform in Friday morning assemblies
- Performing Arts Scholars will be expected to perform in our end of term recitals
- Performing Arts Scholars will have the opportunity to perform solos at prestigious school events, for example, Speech Day and The Carol Service

School Productions:

- Performing Arts Scholars will be given a more substantial role in Year 7 and a main part in Year 8 for our Year 7 & 8 Production

Performances out of school:

- Performing Arts Scholars will be entered into performing arts festivals.
- Performing Arts Scholars will accompany the Junior Choir on their choir trip at Christmas time, assisting the choir and also performing a solo.

Other opportunities out of school:

- Performing Arts Scholars will have the opportunity to visit one of our Future Schools' productions and to talk to staff and pupils from the school
- Performing Arts Scholars will have the opportunity to attend a professional production or concert at a prestigious venue
- Performing Arts Scholars will be encouraged to audition for National Youth Choirs, Orchestras and Ensembles and will be fully prepared for the auditions



**Future Schools:**

- Performing Arts Scholars will be encouraged to try for scholarships to their chosen future school
- Performing Arts Scholars will be prepared in advance to meet the criteria and perform to the best of their ability for their future school

Performing Arts Scholars: Previous Senior School Scholarships

- In recent years TN Performing Arts Scholars have gained scholarships at the following senior schools:
 - Shrewsbury School
 - Repton School
 - Denstone College
 - Wrekin College
 - Moreton Hall School
 - The King's School, Macclesfield
 - Newcastle Under Lyme

Please email admissions@tnschool.co.uk to register your interest in your child applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship at Terra Nova School.

