



SIXTH FORM PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Leweston Performing Arts Department aims to foster interest and encourage excitement in all aspects of Performing Arts through high-quality teaching, high-profile performance opportunities and an excellent foundation in academic music and drama through to University or Conservatoire level. Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded to those pupils who exhibit exceptional talent in drama, dance or musical theatre.

One award is available offering a fixed price remission of £1000 per annum. In addition to this Performing Arts Scholars benefit from:

- Access to individual tuition in singing and/or LAMDA
- Participation in relevant choirs, concerts, ensembles and musical and drama productions, both at Leweston as well as other local and national venues
- Input from the Music, Drama and Boarding staff to establish practice routines, and reasonable adjustments to the academic timetable to help manage the commitments of the scholarship
- A 'Mentor' from within the Performing Arts staff, with whom they can discuss their immediate academic and performance needs, as well as plan for further and higher musical education
- The opportunity to be involved in masterclasses and lectures from visiting professionals, both at Leweston and outside the school, and to attend regular concert and theatre trips organised by the department



Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded to celebrate talent and nurture potential, as well as create a body of skilled performers who will be at the heart of school life. The scholarships are designed promote and demonstrate a healthy and inclusive attitude towards Performing Arts at Leweston School.

Scholars are expected to demonstrate exceptional talent in at least two of the three main performance disciplines: Musical Theatre, Singing, Drama, Dance. They must provide active and enthusiastic leadership in all areas of performance and practise their disciplines regularly. Scholars are expected to prioritise their Performing Arts commitments, whilst also participating in the academic, sporting and extra-curricular life of the school. Scholars should take either A Level Music or Drama as one of their options and undertake relevant LAMDA / ABRSM / Trinity / Dance exams which demonstrate progress in, and commitment to, their craft. They must be punctual and well-prepared for individual lessons, rehearsals and performances as well as maintain the highest standards of conduct in rehearsal and performance. They will be expected to support productions and concerts as required, including help in setting up and clearing away.

Candidates should be involved in performing arts at their current school and/or local clubs. They must demonstrate a passion and talent for performing and show their potential to develop. They must have a genuine interest and enthusiasm for drama, dance and/or singing, and show a positive attitude, creative approach and commitment to performing.





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Candidates will attend an interview with the Director of Music and Performing Arts where they will deliver two pre-prepared performances from the following options:

- A drama monologue that provides the opportunity to show a range of emotion
- A musical theatre song that demonstrates their vocal and acting ability
- A dance that demonstrates their technical and performance ability

Hard copies of the scripts and/or music should be brought to the audition.

In addition, candidates will be given a short-study piece (a script or song) with time to prepare on the day. Candidates should also be able to talk about the relevant experience they have, what they would like to achieve, and why they would like to receive the scholarship.

In addition, there is a short interview with the Headmaster and the school will request a reference from your current school prior to assessment.

Please note that all Sixth Form applicants are expected to achieve 6 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above with a Grade 7 or above in the subjects they wish to pursue at A Level or BTEC.

As the award of a scholarship requires a positive commitment to the life of the school, scholars are expected to make a significant contribution to their department. For this reason, candidates may apply for and hold a scholarship in **one** discipline only. Typically only one award is made. If no candidate demonstrates the required standard a scholarship may not be awarded.

Scholarships are not means tested and the awards given represent the honour rather than a significant monetary value. If you require financial assistance beyond the value of the award you may apply for a bursary.

Scholarship application forms are available on the website at

www.leweston.co.uk/admissions/scholarships

If you have any questions please contact Mrs June Smith on 01963 211015 or

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