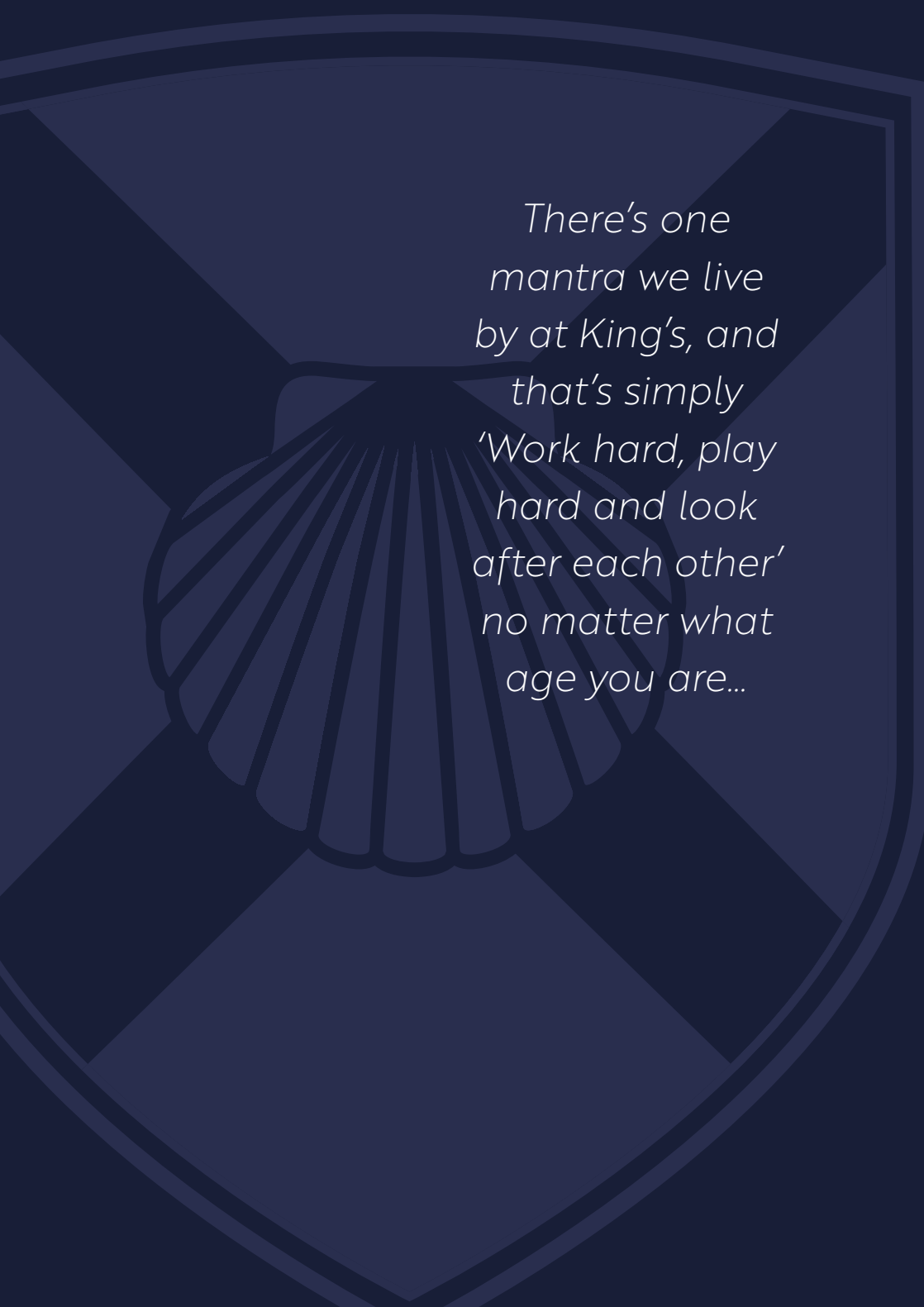




SINCE 604 AD

KING'S SCHOOL
ROCHESTER

SCHOLARSHIPS



*There's one
mantra we live
by at King's, and
that's simply
'Work hard, play
hard and look
after each other'
no matter what
age you are...*

Welcome from **THE PRINCIPAL**

Founded in 604AD, King's School Rochester is a school where the pursuit of excellence is a tradition that spans over 1,400 years. King's is not just a place of learning but a sanctuary for nurturing talent and ambition.

We believe in preparing our pupils for the 21st century through educating the whole child. It is the skills, experiences and opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that will enable them to thrive in, and make a difference to, a fast-changing and globalised world.

Our commitment to your growth is embodied in the HEART of King's: Happiness, Endeavour, Aspiration, Roundedness and Teamwork. These core values provide a framework around which each individual pupil is guided and empowered to explore their passions, whilst developing an inner confidence and a deep sense of community.

Here at King's, we have a proud history of nurturing talent, and our scholars often find themselves on a path to some of the world's finest universities and

conservatoires. We are dedicated to helping you realise your full potential, just as countless King's alumni have done before you.

We understand the life-changing potential of education. We believe that King's School Rochester should be a destination for talented children irrespective of parental income or background, and we warmly welcome all applications. Bursaries offer means-tested financial support to pupils who otherwise would be unable to attend. These may be offered in addition to the award of a scholarship to increase the value of the award. To learn more about bursaries, please get in touch with our Admissions department.

With over a thousand years of heritage and a world of potential ahead, you'll discover that King's School Rochester is truly a community which enables our pupils to flourish.

Ben Charles Principal





SCHOLARSHIPS OVERVIEW

At King's School Rochester, we believe that being talented and motivated is something to be proud of.

Consequently, we offer scholarships in both the Preparatory School and the Senior School to acknowledge outstanding achievement and commitment in the following areas: Academic, Music, Sport, Drama and Art. These scholarships are available for 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry.

- The value of our scholarship awards is usually worth a percentage of the tuition fees, determined without regard to parental income. Typically, the awards represent 10 per cent of day fees, but they can be up to 30 per cent at the discretion of the Principal, and up to 50 per cent for outstanding scholars.
- Means-tested financial support can be awarded in addition to scholarships.
- Though rare, it is possible for applicants to be awarded multiple scholarships.

In order to retain their scholarships, pupils are required to maintain the expected standards detailed in the 'Duties of Scholars' terms and conditions, for details of these please contact our Head of Admissions at **01634 888590** or email **admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk**

Additionally, we provide the following specific music scholarships and choristerships, each with generous fee remissions:

- **Cathedral Choristership:** Open to Prep boys and girls entering into Years 4 to 7.
- **Chesterfield Organ Scholarships:** Offered for 13+ and 16+ entry levels.
- **The Peter Rogers' Music Scholarship:** Available for Senior School pupils.

For the scope, benefits and eligibility criteria for each award, please refer to the specific sections in this booklet.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

We host a Scholarships Information Evening during the Michaelmas (Autumn) Term, where you can learn more about all our available scholarships and the application process.

All scholarship assessments take place in the Lent (Spring) Term. External candidates should contact the Head of Admissions for details of our entry assessment and the scholarship process. Internal candidates should always consult with the relevant Head of the Preparatory or Senior School before submitting their applications. We encourage all interested applicants to discuss their eligibility with the following staff before applying:

- Preparatory School Academic Scholarships: Headmaster of the Preparatory School
- Senior School Academic Scholarships: Principal
- Preparatory Music Scholarships: Director of Music or Head of the Preparatory School
- Senior School Music Scholarships: Director of Music or the Principal
- Sports Scholarships: Director of Sport
- Drama Scholarships: Director of Drama
- Art and Design Scholarships: Head of Art and Design

Dates for our Scholarships Information Evening and the scholarship application deadline can be found on our website at kings-rochester.co.uk/admissions/scholarships. For specific dates and further details of these assessments and awards, please contact our Head of Admissions at **01634 888590** or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk





ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

With a heritage dating back to 1541, King's School Rochester has a rich tradition of King's Scholars.

Academic Scholars who receive Major King's Scholarships are granted membership of the Rochester Cathedral Foundation, an honour that ensures that their names are enshrined for generations to come in the Foundation Register.

Preparatory School Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholars in the Preparatory School are offered a King's Exhibition.

BENEFITS OF ACADEMIC KING'S EXHIBITIONS

- King's Exhibitions offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal.
- Exhibition holders are anticipated to progress to become either King's Scholars or recipients of a Minor King's Scholarship upon entry to the Senior School at age 13.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

King's Exhibitions are available to applicants entering Year 7. Candidates are expected to meet high academic standards and demonstrate the potential to excel in and contribute to the School's wide array of co-curricular activities.

ASSESSMENT

The assessment consists of two parts:

Part 1: Achieving a mean average score of 125 or higher in the preliminary entrance test.

Part 2: The King's Exhibition assessment comprises scholarship papers in English comprehension, creative writing, mathematics and logic. Applicants will also undergo an interview with the Head and Deputy Head (Academic) of the Preparatory School.



Senior School Academic Scholarships

Senior School Academic Scholarships are awarded to academically gifted pupils from the start of Remove (Year 9) or Lower Sixth (Year 12). These scholarships are available for all pupils entering the Senior School on the basis of outstanding academic performance.

BENEFITS OF SENIOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal.

Our Academic Scholars excel academically and set the standard for intellectual engagement within their year group. All Academic Scholars become members of the Zetountes Society, attending weekly meetings where a range of learning activities and a variety of texts and podcasts promote critical thinking and debate. These sessions also feature guest presentations from staff and external speakers. Older pupils are encouraged and supported to participate in national academic competitions.

The aim of the Zetountes Society is to inspire pupils to question and reflect; broadening their academic horizons in order to establish links across subjects, space and time. The programme complements our curriculum, which is firmly rooted in 'strength and challenge', providing enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. It nurtures essential skills for those aspiring to competitive universities, including Oxbridge and Russell Group institutions, while equipping pupils to be leaders and innovators in tomorrow's society.



Remove (Year 9) Entry

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Successful applicants will be expected to demonstrate exceptional academic ability which will be gauged at their King's assessment.

ASSESSMENT

All candidates will take an assessment at King's School Rochester comprising examinations in English and Mathematics, a Cognitive Ability Test and a General Paper, in addition to an informal interview.

The parents of internal applicants should speak with the Headmaster of the Preparatory School prior to application and successful candidates would expect to score in excess of 125 points in a Cognitive Ability Test.

Sixth Form (Year 12) Entry

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Major King's Scholars are expected to achieve Grades 8 and 9 in their GCSE subjects.
- Minor King's Scholars are expected to achieve a minimum of Grade 7 in their GCSE subjects.

ASSESSMENT

Sixth Form (Year 12) Academic Scholarships are based on GCSE results.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The inspirational environment of King's celebrated Art and Design department allows pupils the space to create exceptional and bold pieces. The calibre of work produced increases in scope and quality year on year.

Art Scholarships at King's recognise and reward exceptional creative potential. Successful candidates will showcase evidence of creativity, passion, skill, imagination, and the ability to work independently across a variety of forms and media. It's crucial that candidates exhibit a genuine and profound passion for art that is central to their lives.

BENEFITS OF ART SCHOLARSHIPS

All Art Scholarships offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All candidates will be evaluated based on specified criteria and background information. Invitations to audition will be extended to candidates who meet the requirements and expectations of an Art Scholar. There is an expectation that candidates take Art at GCSE or Art and Design at A Level as part of their studies.

PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION

Candidates are required to submit a portfolio that may consist of various forms of artistic work, including drawings, paintings, photography, animation, graphic design, and three-dimensional pieces. The Art and Design department welcomes work in any medium, although it is recommended that candidates refrain from bringing in large canvases and three-dimensional works (high-quality photographs suffice for these pieces). Candidates are advised to submit no more than 20 pieces of work, accompanied by high-quality sketchbooks.

Candidates must also provide a brief personal written statement about their work, artistic interests, and recent exhibitions they have attended. The department highly values work that is derived from first hand references, drawn from life rather than from photographs. This should be reflected in the work submitted.

ASSESSMENT

- A sustained observational drawing exercise.
- Interview in which the portfolio that has been submitted and the adjoining statement will be a focal point for discussion.



DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Drama Scholarships at King's School Rochester offer a dynamic opportunity for pupils who are passionate about drama and theatre.

These scholarships aim to cultivate a rich theatrical experience and foster excellence in the dramatic arts. Drama Scholars are expected to fully engage in the co-curricular Drama and Theatre programme, becoming outstanding ambassadors for the Drama department. Their active involvement will encompass participation in many major productions throughout their time at the School.

Drama Scholars may find themselves in diverse roles within the theatre world as they progress through their education. While some may primarily serve as performers, others may explore roles as directors, technicians or stage managers. Regardless of their roles, Drama Scholars are expected to demonstrate reliability, unwavering commitment, effective teamwork and a high level of skill.





BENEFITS OF DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

All Drama Scholarships offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal.

Drama Scholars have the opportunity to engage in a comprehensive Drama Scholars programme, which includes:

- attending theatre trips.
- supporting younger Drama pupils in co-curricular projects.
- actively participating in workshops led by professional theatre practitioners.
- enrolling in acting training to prepare for acting examinations, which may include LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) Acting Medals and Trinity Acting Examinations.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All candidates will be assessed based on specific eligibility criteria and background information. Candidates are required to submit a Performing Arts CV. Invitations to audition will be extended to candidates who meet the stipulated requirements and expectations of a Drama Scholar.

There is an expectation that candidates will choose to study Drama at GCSE or Drama and Theatre at A Level as part of their academic studies.

ASSESSMENT

At the audition candidates will be expected to:

- perform two monologues (of the applicant's choice), each lasting between one and two minutes. These monologues should demonstrate a contrast in characters and theatre styles, with one being a classical monologue and the other a more contemporary piece.
- participate in a brief, informal interview with the Director of Drama, during which they will discuss the work they have presented and their dramatic interests and experience as outlined in the Performing Arts CV.
- engage in collaborative workshop activities alongside other potential scholars and King's Drama pupils, providing an opportunity to showcase their dramatic abilities in a workshop environment.



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sport plays a central role in the life of King's School Rochester and our Sports Scholarship programme is designed to identify and develop our most talented athletes.

These scholarships enable our scholars to thrive and not only represent the School but also their county, region or even their country in their chosen sport.



BENEFITS FOR SPORTS SCHOLARS

All Sports Scholarships offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal.

All sports at King's are taught by experienced coaches, several of whom play for or coach professional teams across Kent. We prioritise the development of physical and mental stamina, precision, confidence and teamwork skills to help our athletes achieve sporting success.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR SENIOR SPORTS SCHOLARS

The Senior Sports Scholarship programme provides individualised support to our most talented athletes. This includes weekly Strength and Conditioning sessions, where athletes work closely with qualified coaches to enhance physical performance and reduce the risk of injury. Our athletes also benefit from mentorship by sports staff, who assist with profiling, target setting and balancing their academic commitments.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must demonstrate outstanding performance in one of King's core sports, which include cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, swimming (and rowing for Senior scholarships). As a guideline, candidates should typically compete at least at the county level in their primary sport or demonstrate an equivalent standard.

Candidates are expected to participate in King's core sports, not just their area of specialism.

Academically, external candidates are expected to meet the standard of the King's entrance examination for their age group or take the Common Entrance examination (typically in June of the proposed year of entry) if they are aged 13. If a candidate is over 15 years of age, it is expected that he or she will enter directly into the Sixth Form and must therefore satisfy the entry criteria for the Sixth Form.

Preparatory School Sports Scholarships

Preparatory School Sports Scholarships are usually awarded at the start of Year 7 and both external and internal candidates are considered. Scholars will contribute fully to the Sports programme at King's and should commit themselves to as many sports as possible, not just in their area of specialism.

Senior School Sport Scholarships

Senior School Sport Scholarships are usually awarded at the start of Remove (Year 9) or Lower Sixth (Year 12) and both external and internal candidates are considered. Scholars will contribute fully to the Sports programme at King's and should commit themselves to as many sports as possible, not just in their area of specialism.





ASSESSMENT

All applications will be evaluated based on a portfolio of sporting achievements submitted by the candidates. Invitations to a practical assessment session will be extended to those applicants meeting the criteria and expectations of a Sports Scholar. The Director of Sport may also attend a club fixture to observe a candidate in action.



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Music department at King's School is renowned for its diversity, vibrancy, and exceptional success.

Every encouragement is given to our musicians and a high standard is attained in choral and instrumental spheres. As the world's oldest Cathedral Choir School, we have the unique privilege of being able to use Rochester Cathedral as our chapel as well as hosting regular concerts in the Cathedral.

- **Preparatory School Music Scholarships** are awarded at entry into Year 7 and both external and internal candidates are eligible.
- **Senior School Music Scholarships** are typically awarded at the start of Remove (Year 9) or Lower Sixth (Year 12) and both external and internal candidates are considered.

Music Scholars actively participate in the School's musical life, including membership of choirs, orchestras and chamber ensembles as appropriate.

BENEFITS OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music Scholarships offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal.

In addition, all Music Scholars receive FREE tuition for TWO instruments taught by King's staff, as well as Music Theory.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

King's has a long-standing tradition of excellence in classical music but candidates who demonstrate outstanding achievement in other musical genres will be considered and are expected to provide clear evidence of being at a comparable level.

Academically, candidates will be expected to reach the standard of the King's entrance examination for the appropriate age group or may sit the Common Entrance examination (taken in the June of the proposed year of entry) if they are aged 13. If a candidate is over 15 years of age, it is expected that he or she will enter directly into the Sixth Form and must therefore satisfy the entry criteria for the Sixth Form.

Preparatory School Music Scholarships:

As a guide, candidates will be expected to be Grade IV standard or higher on an orchestral instrument upon entering Year 7, and they should offer a second instrument.

Senior School Music Scholarships:

As a guide, candidates will be expected to be Grade V standard on an orchestral instrument or voice entering Remove (Year 9) and achieve at least Grade VII on their first instrument/voice entering Lower Sixth (Year 12).

ASSESSMENT

All candidates will be reviewed against the set eligibility criteria and background information. Invitations to audition will be sent to those candidates deemed to meet the requirements and expectations of a Music Scholar.

At the audition candidates will be expected to:

- play two contrasting pieces of their own choice on their principal instrument or voice.
- play/sing one piece on their second instrument/voice.
- perform aural tests and general musicianship tests appropriate to their standard.
- perform scales and arpeggios appropriate to their standard.
- sight-read and/or sight-sing.
- show good knowledge of their instrument(s) or voice and an interest in, and enthusiasm for, general music matters.



Preparatory School Cathedral Choristerships

Cathedral Choristerships are prestigious awards offered to those in Year 4 after a thorough evaluation process comprising voice trials conducted by the Cathedral Director of Music, academic assessment and interviews.

BENEFITS OF CATHEDRAL CHORISTERSHIPS

- Cathedral Choristerships offer a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal to pupils who will be 8 years old by the September they enter Year 4.
- Choristers receive FREE tuition fees for ONE orchestral instrument, as well as an additional THIRD remission on a further instrument; these lessons should be taken in school.
- Choristers receive FREE Music Theory coaching and vocal lessons.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Cathedral Choristers may also become eligible for a Music Scholarship in King's Senior School following their service as Choristers, provided they meet the criteria for this honour.

DURATION OF CHORISTERSHIPS

Under normal circumstances, Cathedral Choristerships conclude either when a Chorister leaves the Choir or when they transition to the Senior School at the age of 13.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR POTENTIAL CHORISTERS

Candidates who intend to leave King's at the end of Year 6 should not seek a Choristership.

ASSESSMENT

The voice trial for Cathedral Choristerships encompasses aural tests and the performance of a previously prepared song or hymn. During this process, the Cathedral's Director of Music assesses a candidate's potential rather than their current level of achievement. The Director is always open to having an informal discussion with parents and candidates before the actual voice trial.

If a candidate currently plays a musical instrument, it is advantageous to have it played during the voice trial.

Senior School Chesterfield Organ Scholarship

King's School Rochester proudly holds the distinction of being the world's oldest Cathedral Choir School. Nestled within the precincts of Rochester Cathedral, our School offers exceptional opportunities to King's Organ Scholars, who gain access to the outstanding four-manual organ crafted by Walker and Mander within the Cathedral. The School further enhances our pupils' abilities with three pipeless organs designated for practice.

BENEFITS OF THE CHESTERFIELD ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

- The Chesterfield Organ Scholarship offers a reduction in fees at the discretion of the Principal with the possibility of further means-tested remission.
- Organ Scholars receive FREE tuition on ALL instruments studied at King's and taught by King's staff.

Remove (Year 9) Entry

This scholarship presents a remarkable opportunity for passionate and talented organists, as well as pianists desiring to transition to the organ, to cultivate their musical talents under the expert guidance of a Cathedral Organist.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates should demonstrate at least a Grade 5 standard in organ or piano at the time of application.

Sixth Form (Year 12) Entry

This scholarship empowers scholars to play a prominent role in the School's musical community. They will perform regularly in Cathedral services, recitals and other significant events. Scholars will be guided in preparation for all aspects of Oxbridge Organ Scholarship applications, RCO (Royal College of Organists) diplomas and auditions for music conservatoires as appropriate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates are expected to have achieved at least Grade 7 on the organ with either a Merit or Distinction.







Senior School Peter Rogers’ Music Scholarship

This endowed scholarship represents a valuable opportunity for a pupil showcasing exceptional musical talent. The scholarship’s monetary value, up to £500 annually, is subject to the discretion of the Principal and the Director of Music and is bestowed each year. The award’s usage is versatile and can support various aspects of a scholar’s musical journey. This may encompass acquiring a suitable instrument, receiving vocal or instrumental lessons in preparation for auditions at conservatoires or universities, or any other endeavour that facilitates the recipient’s pursuit of a career in music.

Recipients of this scholarship will become active participants in the vibrant musical community at the School. This involvement includes joining choirs, orchestras and chamber ensembles as deemed appropriate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The same criteria applied for Music Scholarships are relevant to the Peter Rogers’ Music Scholarship. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a letter of application to the Director of Music for consideration.



*Unlock your potential
and a world of
opportunity at King's.*

*Meet our pupils, talk
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