



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AT DBS

Entry Points and Criteria

Music scholarships are available at the entry points in the table below. To apply, students should be at the equivalent Grade (ABRSM/Trinity) shown in the table below, though the exam need not have been taken. If the required grade exam has not been passed, candidates will need to provide a written reference from their instrumental teacher confirming they are of the required grade. Students in between these entry points are welcome to apply as long as they meet the requirements and in exceptional circumstances, students younger than Year 5 may be accepted based on their performance at audition.

A candidate may offer one or two instruments, in which they are currently receiving tuition. First study pianists/singers would be expected to study another instrument - even if it is not offered at audition. This is not necessary at the time of audition, but would be expected once the student starts at DBS.

Year Group	Equivalent Level (ABRSM/Trinity) 1st instrument	Equivalent Level (ABRSM/Trinity) 2nd instrument
Year 5	Grade 2	No grade expected, but reasonable level of performance
Year 8	Grade 5	Grade 1
Year 12	Grade 7	Grade 3

Application Process

To apply for a music scholarship, please complete the Music Scholarship Application Form. This is available from admissions@dbsbangkok.ac.th The application will then be considered by the Music Department and if successful, students will be invited for an audition.

Audition Requirements

- Candidates should prepare two contrasting pieces. If offering two instruments they should play one piece for each instrument.
- Aural tests and sight reading equivalent to the grade they have achieved.
- Short improvisation/creative task

Candidate should also bring a musical portfolio to audition and be prepared to discuss this, as well as their musical interests, and what they can offer to the department at DBS. We are looking for musical potential and commitment to the musical life of the school. The portfolio should contain the following:

- Certificates and mark sheets of any Grade exams taken.
- Details of concert performances/recitals etc.
- Information regarding participation in competitions, music festivals etc.

Award of Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded based on performance at audition and on analysis of a student's potential. Decisions regarding scholarships will be made by the audition panel in consultation with the Senior Management Team and Principal. The audition panel will comprise of the Head of Music, a member of the Music Department and a member of the Senior Management Team.

Music Scholar Expectations

- To maintain good progress on their instrument, ideally a grade per year.
- To participate fully in the musical life of DBS including instrumental lessons, co-curricular activities, concerts and performances.
- To be a positive role model and ambassador for Music throughout the school.

Music Scholarship Benefits

- Reduction in termly school fees (amount to be decided on performance at audition).
- Regular performance opportunities (at least once a term).
- Opportunities to work with/observe professional musicians through masterclasses/workshops/concerts.
- Extra support for aural/sight-reading tests in run-up to grade exams.
- Annual music scholars' concert trip.
- Access to music practice facilities before school and other mutually agreed times.