



CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE

MUSIC AWARD SCHEME

GENERAL

1. The Children's Services Directorate offers a limited number of Awards for individual tuition to pupils who show and continue to show evidence of substantial musical ability and commitment. This scheme is intended as a natural extension of arrangements for instrumental tuition in schools given by the Isle of Wight Music Service Staff.
2. There are two categories of award :
 - (a) **Senior County Music Award** – entitles the holder to five hours of free tuition each term outside school time at a fixed rate and subject to annual review. In appropriate cases the Award may be used to provide equivalent assistance towards tuition where greater costs are involved. Lessons are usually divided into half hour periods, but teachers and parents are free to agree the allocation of teaching time. Limited travelling expenses may be claimed by either parents or teachers. The appropriate claim form together with details of the current rate can be obtained from the Head of Music Service, Guildhall, Newport, Isle of Wight.
 - (b) **Bursary** – entitles the holder to claim up to £25 per term towards the cost of music lessons either in school or privately.
3. Whilst parents are free to state a preference, the appointment of teachers rests with the Authority. It is understood that no additional tuition will be given by another teacher on the same instrument.
4. Awards are confined to pupils and students attending maintained schools on the Island.
5. Recommendations for Awards are made by the Head of the pupil's school, but pupils may be brought to the Head's notice by school or Isle of Wight Music Service Staff, private instrumental teachers or parents.

6. Award teachers are required to present termly reports on pupils; review auditions could be required and awards may be terminated if work is unsatisfactory.
7. All holders of the Award are expected to complement their individual instruction by making a contribution to the musical life of their school and taking part in the activities of school and Isle of Wight Music Centre orchestras and bands where appropriate opportunity exists.
8. Awards cease when the pupils reach the end of their sixth form course.

PROCEDURES

1. Application Forms

These are obtainable from Heads of Schools, Isle of Wight Music Service staff and from The Guildhall. Heads are asked to include details of the pupil's contribution to the musical life of the school. The forms should be submitted by the following closing dates :

- 31 May for June auditions (awards effective from 1 September)
- 31 October for November auditions (awards effective from 1 January)

2. Auditions

These will consist of two pieces of the candidate's own choice, sight-reading, tests of aural perception and musicianship and a short interview.

3. The outcome of the auditions will be notified to candidates, their teachers and Head of School.

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