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Music Scholarship

Supporting Evidence Guidance

We would like candidates to supply the following evidence in support of their application:

1. Videoed performance(s) of their playing on:
 - a) **Required:** Their strongest instrument/voice- can be accompanied 'live' by their teacher or a backing track. If they require a backing track, please let us know. Videos can be taken during a lesson with their teacher or at home. No special equipment is needed, a phone will do. Please do a sound test and experiment where best to position the camera so the student can be seen clearly. Drums, brass and wind instruments should not play too closely to the microphone as the volume can overload the microphone and cause distortion.
 - b) **Required** (if applicable): Their second instrument/voice - as above.
 - c) **Optional:** any further evidence that they would like to share. This might include pieces they have written or performances of them in a group – videoed from a school concert or other event.

2. **Required: Scan of the music** of the piece(s) played (above) for the solo performances only (a) and (b).

3. **Required:** Scan of the exam mark sheet (examiner comments) if a recent music examination has been taken (within the last year). Applicants will not be disadvantaged if they have not taken an exam. They may wish to include mark sheets for any second instrument(s) or music theory examinations if these have also been taken recently.

4. **Optional:** Scan of any other supporting material, which demonstrates their love of making music – e.g. relevant pages from the programmes from recent concerts or similar.

5. **A personal statement (written by the pupil), 400 words max.** A few paragraphs outlining why they want to be considered for the scholarship. They may want to refer to music activities they have already done as well as their aspirations.

If you have any questions with regard to the guidance provided, please email Mr Bond (Director of Performing Arts Development) at music@berkhamsted.com. He can also be reached during the day on 01442 358046.

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