

Music

Music is a key part of life at Dunottar. Music Scholars are our most able musicians and they benefit from the inspiring facilities provided by our £4.5 million state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre, including dedicated music practice rooms and classrooms, along with a 500-seat theatre performance space, equipped with the latest lighting and acoustic technology.

Music Scholars play an integral role in school productions, concerts within school and at local venues. Supported by expert teaching, Scholars benefit from a portfolio of enriching activities, including masterclasses with professional musicians, composition workshops, solo recitals and informal lunchtime concerts. Mentoring from our peripatetic teachers develops musicianship, a creative approach and technical ability.

Music Scholars are involved in annual Scholars' events, which are designed to stretch and challenge them, including:

- **Scholars' Composing Weekend**
Working with a professional composer to create a group performance which is then showcased at concerts throughout the year.
- **Scholars' Masterclass**
A performance and 'mini lesson' with an established visiting performer to explore different approaches to performance and interpretation.
- **Performing Arts and Music Scholars' Showcase**
A chance for the Scholars to perform solo items in a concert setting alongside a wonderful production from the Performing Arts Scholars.
- **Lunchtime Concerts**
A chance for Scholars to perform in a series of lunchtime concerts at school. These concerts provide the perfect opportunity to develop their performance skills and share their musical talents with audiences.
- **Concert Trips to London**
Visits to top London concert venues with artists such as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and world-renowned solo artists.

Music Scholarships are awarded to exceptional musicians in any instrument.



Millie

"Being a Music Scholar at Dunottar has provided me with some truly unforgettable experiences. Playing the violin at Grade 6, I was invited to join the Chamber Ensemble and now lead the violin section, performing at a variety of school and community events, including the Summer Showcase and Dunottar Choral Society Concerts.

The many ensemble and solo performance opportunities I have been offered since joining Dunottar have

been pivotal in my development as a musician. As well as playing the violin, I also play the piano and achieved my Grade 8 at the beginning of Year 12. Over the years, I have used my piano playing skills within the music department, playing as part of the band for school musicals, supporting vocalists at live music sessions, playing music in assemblies and performing at community events for local elderly residents have been particular highlights of my musical career.

As part of the Scholarship Programme, I have been able to participate in composition workshops and musical masterclasses led by professional composers and musicians. This has enhanced my appreciation of different musical genres and styles and developed my musical literacy."



Lily

"I joined Dunottar in Year 7 as a Music Scholar in both piano and singing. As part of the Scholarship Programme, I have been given a wide variety of group and solo performance opportunities, from singing and playing the piano in the Scholars' Showcase, to taking part in school productions of well-known, vocally challenging musicals. The experience of performing in Dunottar's regular recitals, live music events and termly concerts has been instrumental in building my confidence and stage presence. One particular highlight, that I will never forget, was my solo performance of "I'll Be Home" at the local, community Christmas fair. I am looking forward to continuing my musical studies at Dunottar and to seeing what the future holds for my musical endeavours."

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