

Sawston Arts Bursary Policy

The College is committed to the support of the Arts. To that end it has established a bursary to support young people between the ages of 11 – 21, who are current or former pupils of the College. Additionally, they should have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the arts in and / or out of school.

Purposes of the grants

The fund, initially £3,000, is intended to support those whose family financial circumstances make it difficult for young people to pursue approved arts activity either in or beyond school. It is envisaged that grants of up to £200 will be awarded to support the following, if they fall outside the remit of support from other agencies:

- ❑ the cost of musical instruments or equipment;
- ❑ hire of instruments from College-related organisations;
- ❑ hire of rare instruments from commercial organisations, if unavailable via CIMA or Duxford Workshop;
- ❑ tuition fees for lessons given by tutors approved by College staff;
- ❑ membership or course fees for groups, workshops, orchestras, summer schools etc. if such opportunities are not already offered by organisations affiliated to the College;
- ❑ support for participation in prestigious national events;
- ❑ art materials;
- ❑ specialist clothing (e.g. for Dance);
- ❑ specialist technical equipment or computer programmes.

Applications

These will be invited once a year via the College's newsletter. The College's Arts staff will consider all applications and attend a meeting of the Governors' Finance Committee to make their recommendations. The Committee's decision is final.

Additionally, the College's arts staff may make mid-year recommendations to be considered by the Governors' Finance Committee.

Sustainability

The initial start-up fund for the Bursary was provided through the College's Arts Appeal. Some £3,000 has been allocated initially. This will be sustained via gift-aided collections at College concerts and performances each year. It is envisaged also that once a year, the Principal will make an appeal to parents to support the Bursary Fund. In the event that funds be exhausted, the continuation of the Bursary Fund will be considered carefully by the Trustees of the Arts Appeal and the Governors of the College.

The Sawston and District Rotary Award

Annually, the Sawston and District Rotary awards a prize of £100 to a young person who has shown not only talent and enthusiasm in an area of arts endeavour, but also exceptional commitment to the arts in and, possibly, out of school. The recipient is chosen by the College's Arts staff. The prize is presented at the College's annual prize giving or at a school assembly, depending on the age of the recipient.

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