



THE BRITISH SCHOOL AL KHUBAIRAT

# MUSIC SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

2022/2023

**RATED OUTSTANDING BY ADEK AND BRITISH SCHOOLS OVERSEAS**

## OUR SCHOOL

The British School Al Khubairat (BSAK) is the leading and most established British Curriculum School in Abu Dhabi, with a proven track record of 50 years of academic excellence and exceptional achievements in sports, music, drama and the arts.

Our mission is to provide the best teachers, leadership and support in a not-for-profit environment and to nurture a genuine passion for learning. Our purpose is to ensure that every one of our students is supported academically, physically, emotionally, culturally and socially. We provide a warm, inclusive community with strong values and a unique British School ethos, encompassing the dynamic culture and customs of the UAE.

BSAK offers the highest quality academic programme, widest ranging co-curricular opportunities and an amazingly supportive community spirit. This truly holistic rounded education prepares our students well for life after school.

We believe that school should be a place where each student gains memories that will be cherished forever, friendships that will last a lifetime, and knowledge and experiences that will prepare them for their adventurous life ahead.

## OUR VISION

Building on our unique local heritage, we will provide a world class British education, inspiring all our students to exceed expectation.

## OUR VALUES

Empathy and Care  
Respect and Inclusivity  
Honesty and Integrity  
Endeavour and Resilience



## WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER

As a school, BSAK's success comes from a balanced and holistic drive to provide the very best education to each and every one of our students. Our high academic standards coupled with an extensive co-curricular programme clearly testify to this.

The opportunities and possibilities open to all BSAK students, inside and out of the classroom are diverse and founded on a full regard for our students' wellbeing and personal development. The BSAK Scholars Programme is our way of putting in place a provision to support our most talented students. In many schools, this is referred to as the 'gifted and talented programme', but at BSAK this is an augmentation of the exceptional education that we provide to every student and it runs alongside the academic, sporting and music opportunities that are open to all.

It is simply a way of making sure that we offer opportunities to challenge our most capable students, to enable them to exceed expectations and achieve their best. Are you excited by the idea of working with highly experienced teachers and of challenging yourself to excel at your talent? If you are, then the BSAK Scholars Programme could be for you. We hope that you find this brochure helpful and very much look forward to receiving your Application.

**Mark Leppard MBE**  
**Headmaster**

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

●  
Applications open:  
**22 April 2022**

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Applications close:  
**16 May 2022**

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Auditions and Interviews  
**from 27 May - by invitation only**





# AWARD TITLES

**The BSAK Scholars Programme this year includes a Talent Development Programme for those entering Years 5 - 9 and Scholar Awards for those entering Year 10 and above.**

All external Scholars offers made will be subject to satisfactory document checks, school reports and references, in line with the School's General Admissions Policy.

All students should apply the year before the required year of entry. For example, apply in Year 4 for entry into Year 5.



## TALENT DEVELOPMENT

TITLE OF AWARD	YEAR OF ENTRY	APPLICATION GUIDE
Music	Year 5 - 9	All: Apply the year before your required year of entry

## SCHOLAR AWARDS

TITLE OF AWARD	YEAR OF ENTRY	APPLICATION GUIDE
Music	Year 10 and above	All: Apply the year before your required year of entry





# WHY JOIN OUR PROGRAMME?

## **BSAK has the only Music Department in Abu Dhabi offering tuition across the complete range of orchestral instruments from a dedicated full-time music staff.**

Music students excel at BSAK, typically achieving high marks in both the ABRSM music examinations and in Trinity Classical, Music Theatre and Rock & Pop. The average BSAK scores far exceed the global average. In 2020 three BSAK students were crowned the winner of their category in the BSME Young Musician of the Gulf competition. Our Funky Brass Group also reached the final of the large ensemble category. In 2021, a BSAK student won the plucked strings award for a 4th consecutive year. BSAK musicians also made up one third of the finalists in the recent Abu Dhabi Young Musician competition held at the school.

## **Expectations**

The BSAK Scholars Programme exists not only to support and enhance the education of the most gifted, but also so that the scholars may enrich the learning environment at BSAK for the benefit of others. For a Music Scholar this might mean taking a leading role in a number of school ensembles, or setting a good example of attitude and showing outstanding commitment to instrumental practice and self-improvement. In other words, we are looking for capable and talented ambassadors of Music. Scholars will be expected to sing in at least one of the School Choirs to enhance their note and sight-reading ability.

## **Benefits**

- Tuition and guidance from some of the best instrumental teachers in the Middle East
- Access to a wide range of co-curricular ensembles
- A tailored programme of enrichment and development and regular Scholars Talks
- A dedicated music mentor to oversee each individual's progress and musical commitments
- A wide variety of regular performance opportunities

## **Criteria and Assessment**

Current Years 4-6: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 4-5 on main instrument

Current Years 7-9: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 5-6 on main instrument

Current Years 10-11: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 6-7 on main instrument

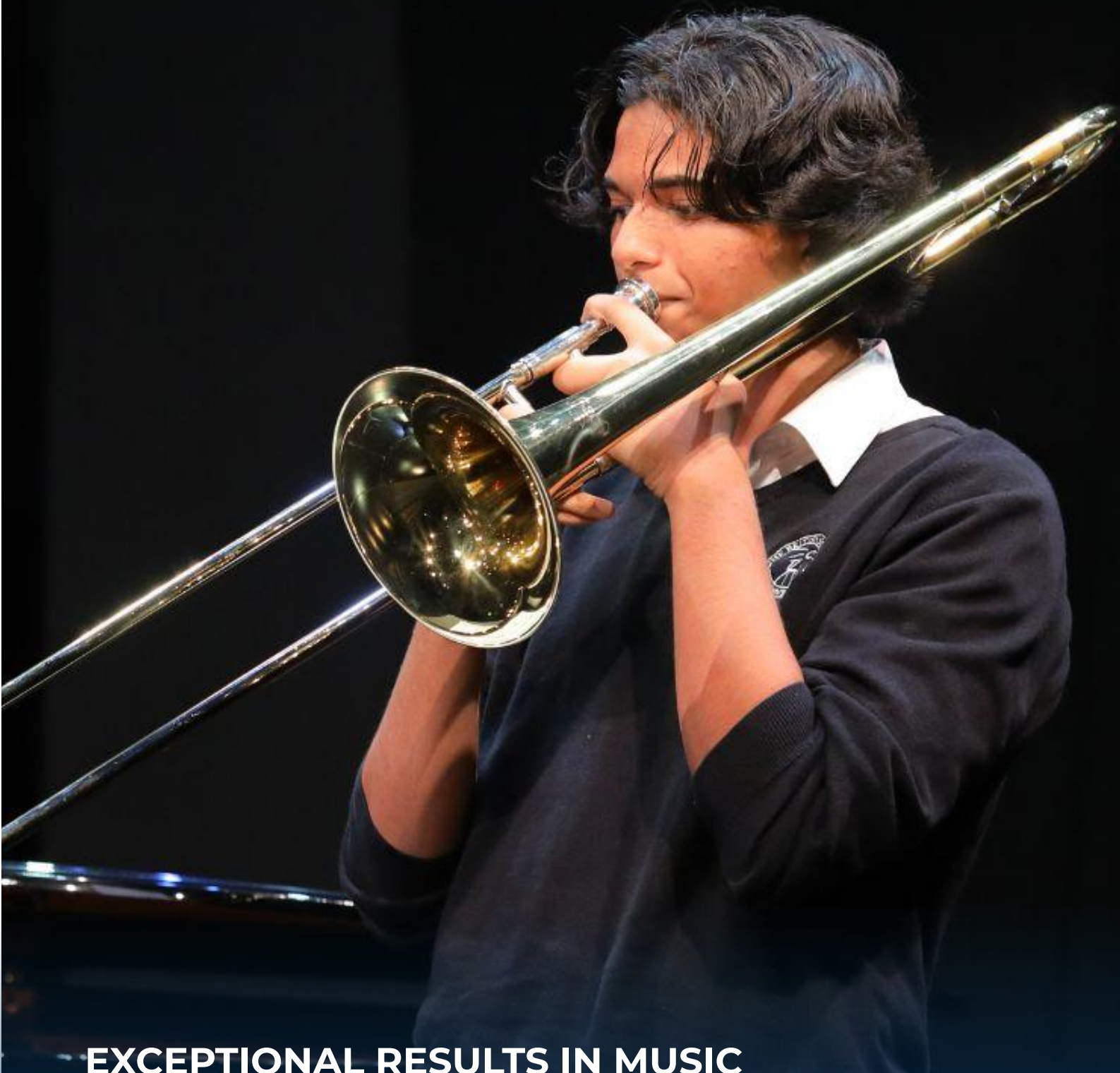
Current Sixth Form: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 8+ on main instrument

## **Selection**

Students who show outstanding potential on one or more instruments are encouraged to apply. External applicants must submit an application form which includes an academic report and a reference from their current instrumental teacher(s), together with a video recording of a performance on their first instrument (up to 5 mins duration). Internal candidates taught by a member of the Music Staff should submit an application form only. Current BSAK students receiving instrumental tuition outside of school must also submit a video recording on their first instrument.

Short-listed candidates will be given an audition including a further performance on their instrument(s) and sight-reading on their main instrument. They should offer two contrasting pieces if offering one instrument, or one piece on each instrument if offering two instruments. Students will also have an interview with the Director of Music or Head of Secondary Academic Music. Successful applicants who enrol on the Scholars' Programme will be required to have their instrumental lessons exclusively with a member of the BSAK Instrumental team.

**REGISTER NOW**  
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## EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS IN MUSIC

BSAK is the only school in Abu Dhabi to offer tuition across the complete range of orchestral instruments.

Our dedicated full-time music professionals have experience in some of the most prestigious orchestras and choirs across the world.

Students frequently perform well in the BSME Young Musicians of the Gulf (YMOG) competition and a large number reached the Final in the inaugural Abu Dhabi Young Musician 2022.

Students typically achieve the highest grades at ABRSM music examinations with an average score of 124/150, exceeding the global average of 118/150.





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# EXCEEDING **EXPECTATIONS**

Become part of our outstanding  
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