



THE BRITISH SCHOOL AL KHUBAIRAT

MUSIC SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

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HELEN KERR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The BSAK Scholars Programme nurtures the school's most talented music students, focusing exclusively on music scholars in Years 10 to 13. Unlike traditional 'gifted and talented' initiatives, our programme tailors support to help exceptional musicians thrive. Designed to challenge and inspire, the programme enhances the rich musical opportunities already available at BSAK.

Scholars develop leadership, excellence, and a deeper commitment to music, becoming role models within the school's vibrant music community. If you're passionate about excelling and eager to work with experienced teachers, this programme offers a unique opportunity to achieve your full potential. We look forward to receiving your application!

SCHOLARS APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applications open:
November

Applications close:
January

Auditions and Interviews from
February: By invitation only

AWARD TITLES



The BSAK Scholars Programme is open this year exclusively to students entering Years 10 to 13, with external applications accepted only for Years 10 and 12. Please note that this is not a financial scholarship providing free places but an opportunity to secure a place at BSAK, subject to availability. Students will also enjoy a host of additional benefits, as outlined in this booklet.

Application and Selection Process

All external Scholar offers will be subject to satisfactory document checks, school reports, and references, in line with the School's General Admissions Policy. Please note that an audition for the scholarship does not guarantee a place at BSAK and is subject to space being available.

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

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WHY JOIN OUR PROGRAMME?



Programme Overview

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

Music students at BSAK consistently achieve exceptional results in ABRSM and Trinity examinations across Classical, Music Theatre, and Rock & Pop. They also excel in competitions, with recent achievements including:

- Students winning a number of awards in the Young Musicians of the Gulf Competition annually.
- Multiple award winning ensembles.
- Overall winners and a great number of students in the final for the Abu Dhabi Young Musician of the Year Competition.

Expectations of Scholars

The Scholars Programme exists to support and enhance the education of the most gifted musicians while enriching the school's musical environment. Scholars are expected to:

- Take leading roles in school ensembles.
- Exhibit outstanding commitment to practice and self-improvement.
- Serve as capable and talented ambassadors for Music.
- Sing in at least one School Choir to enhance note and sight-reading skills.





Programme Benefits

Tuition and guidance from some of the best instrumental teachers in the Middle East and access to a wide range of co-curricular ensembles.

- A tailored programme of enrichment and regular Scholars Talks.
- A dedicated music mentor to oversee progress and commitments.
- Enhanced performance opportunities, including exclusive masterclasses and community events.
- 15 additional minutes of instrumental tuition weekly at no extra cost.

Eligibility Criteria Scholar Awards (Years 10-13):

- Years 10-11: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 7.
- Sixth Form: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 8+.



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Updated Scholar Structure (Years 10-13)

To uphold high standards, the programme will now select a maximum of 21 scholars (three per instrumental section). Scholars will:

- Demonstrate a passion for music and active participation in the Music Department.
- Show leadership through roles in stage management, front-of-house, and departmental events.
- Receive training in effective communication with audiences.
- Contribute to a student-led scholar committee to guide departmental initiatives.

Additional Expectations. Scholars must:

- Commit to at least one major all-school ensemble (Orchestra or Choir).
- Attend rehearsals punctually and supportively.
- Participate actively in solo and ensemble performance opportunities.
- Show evidence of dedicated weekly practice.
- Possess strong communication skills and ideally plan to study GCSE Music.
- Perform at or above Grade 7 level.

Application Requirements:

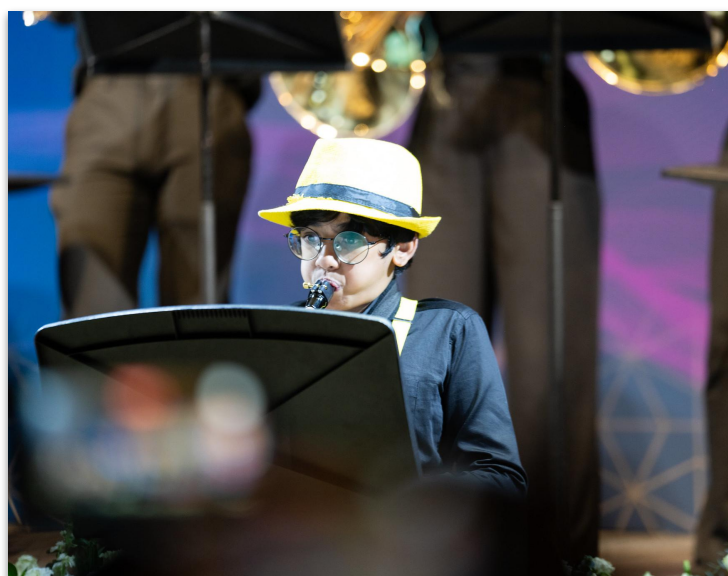
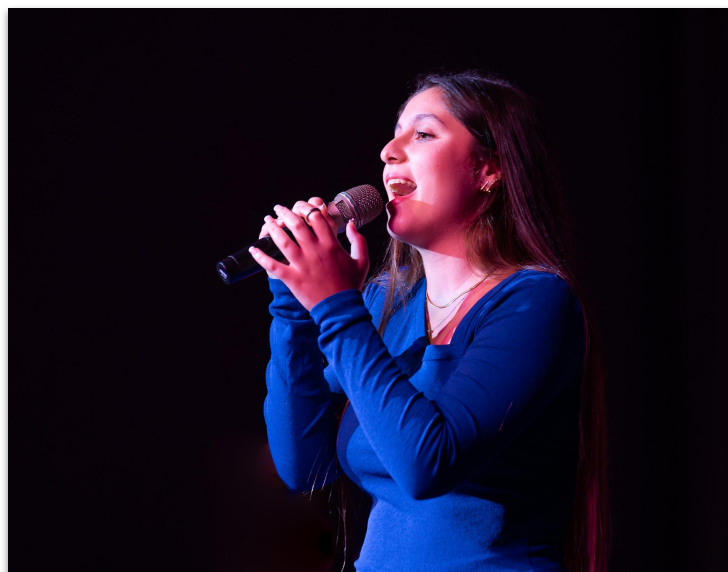
A written letter of application outlining musical involvement.

Audition and Viva Voce short-listed candidates will:

- Perform two contrasting pieces or one piece per instrument (5-minute limit).
- Present a viva voce discussing their pieces' musical features, styles, techniques, and historical context.
- Interview with Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Rawlings, and a member of the Scholar Team.

Commitment Contract:

Successful applicants will sign a written contract confirming their commitment to the programme's responsibilities and expectations.



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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 are frequent winners or runners up in the BSME Young Musicians of the Gulf (YMOG) competition.

Students typically achieve the highest grades in instrumental Grades



OUR SCHOOL

The British School Al Khubairat (BSAK) is the Embassy School in the UAE and Abu Dhabi's leading British, not-for-profit, co-educational day school. From Nursery to Sixth Form, our award-winning dynamic school culture offers students an enriching experience and outstanding results.

OUR PURPOSE

A community committed to inspiring our students to create an impactful legacy.

OUR MISSION

We nurture a genuine passion for learning. Providing the best teachers, leadership and support in a not-for-profit environment

OUR VALUES

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