

Guildhall Young Artists Access Bursary Parent and student agreement September 2022 – July 2023

We are delighted that your child has been selected as a recipient of a Guildhall Young Artists (GYA) Access Bursary. The following outlines the purpose of the award, and the responsibilities that students and their families have when they choose to accept it.

Guildhall School of Music & Drama is committed to the training and development of talented young musicians. The GYA Access Bursary offers financial support to students living in low-income households for training at Junior Guildhall, CYMs London, Peterborough and Saffron Walden, and GYAs Norwich, Taunton and Online. It is funded by our Access and Participation Plan, which sets out our commitment to improve access to - and success at – Guildhall School, for those currently underrepresented at the School and in Higher Education. This funding is subject to robust evaluation and annual outcomes reporting to the Office for Students, the government’s regulatory body for Higher Education.

It is essential that GYA Access Bursary holders demonstrate continued commitment to their musical learning, and that they have the aspiration to continue their musical journey for many years.

In accepting the GYA Access Bursary for your child, you consent to:

- Supporting your child’s continuation of training and ensuring attendance at all lessons and other enrichment activities (unless authorised by the Head of Centre).
- Supporting regular instrumental and vocal practice beyond their regular lessons.
- Sharing your contact details with the Access and Participation Team at Guildhall School, so that new opportunities can be shared.
- Completing all evaluation activity relevant to the Bursary.
- The Head of Centre sharing details of your child’s progress with the Access & Participation team over the course of the year, e.g. new ABRSM grades (or equivalent) attained, so that we understand the short-term outcomes of the Bursary.
- Guildhall School retaining data about your child*, and tracking their music education progress. This will help us to understand the long-term outcomes of Bursary recipients, and whether the Bursary supports progression to Guildhall School or other conservatoires.
- Submitting relevant information if your child is in a school year which undertakes formal assessment.
 - Recipients in year 11 must share the results of their GCSE or equivalent;
 - Recipients in year 13 must share the results of their A-Levels or equivalent and their plans for the following year (e.g. university, gap year etc.).
 - Surveys to collect this information will be shared in September 2023. *This information will help Guildhall School meet the commitments in the Access and Participation Plan related to progression to higher education and the link between musical education and attainment in other subjects.*

**Data will be held until the September after their 19th birthday, to enable us to understand the impact of the bursaries on progression to the School. Individual data will not be shared with third parties, however collective, anonymised data will be published and shared with the Office for Students and other bodies, annually.*

As a recipient of a GYA Access Bursary, your child will also benefit from:

- Free tickets for concerts at Guildhall School, and/or links to view concerts online.
- Invitations to join other Access and Participation activity, including bursaries for our established summer school and short course programme (application necessary).
- Referral to the Transitions Programme and associated Supported Application Scheme should they apply to an undergraduate programme at Guildhall School.

The GYA Access Bursary is awarded for one year, and reassessment of eligibility, as well as ongoing commitment and attainment, will take place annually. You will be asked to confirm termly that your child intends to continue their training.

We look forward to working with your child over the next 12 months, and hope that the GYA Access Bursary has a positive impact on their musical journey.

I agree to the terms set out in this agreement.

Centre:

Name of child:

Signature of child:

Name of parent:

Signature of parent:

Date:

If you have any queries about this contract, please contact your Head of Centre, or the Access and Participation Team on wp@gsmd.ac.uk.