



The Music Scholarship auditions are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 3rd of November 2026.

1st Year Music Scholarship Information 2027/2028

- Each year St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School awards **up to four** music scholarships to incoming 1st year students.
- Places at the school are offered to these students on the basis of audition only and the normal points system for admission does not apply.
- Up to **two** of these students will receive a bursary of €500 per year for music lessons in an instrument of their choice or voice lessons.
- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted along with the general admission application form and within the same window for applications from 1st October to the 25th October 2026.
- All those whom apply for the music scholarship will be notified by Tuesday 27th of October if they have been shortlisted for audition on Tuesday the 3rd of November 2026. The successful candidates will be notified by 13th November 2026.
- The bursary can be used to continue lessons with a current music teacher or to avail of lessons from our instrumental music teachers at the school.
- Scholarship students will be expected to contribute to the musical activities of the school.
- Pupils of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir School who are already in receipt of free music lessons provided by St. Patrick's Cathedral are not eligible for the bursary.
- In applying for the Music Scholarship Incoming 1st year applicants are expected to have achieved at least Grade 2 or the equivalent on their main instrument, with evidence of wider musical involvement.
- For the audition, students must present 1 piece on their own instrument of choice and a short song (with or without accompaniment/backing track). If offering more than one instrument, candidates are strongly advised to present a piece on each instrument.
- If you have any questions or would like more information about the school please feel free to contact Claire McCarthy at admissions@spcgs.ie

“Please note that all auditions will be held on a single day with the same judging panel for all candidates. It will not possible to reschedule individual auditions for any reason or to hold auditions online.”

St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School Music Department

St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School is a coeducational school in the heart of Dublin 8. Music plays a fundamental role in the day to day running of our school. Our award-winning school choir is open to students in all years. The choir are regular prize-winners having won the SATB competition at Wesley Interschools Music Festival 2026 and the Post-Primary Choir of the year at Cork Choral festival. In addition, the choir has been selected for airplay in the RTÉ Lyric FM Choirs For Christmas competition on numerous occasions. The choir has performed at the National Concert Hall, Dublin and has travelled to Prague and Barcelona for their choir tours.

We have a team of vocal and instrumental teachers who provide individual lessons on voice, piano, classical guitar, violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet and saxophone. These lessons take place weekly, during school time and are rotational. Our school orchestra rehearses weekly to allow our musicians to play high quality music and perform at all school events. The school orchestra has completed the RIAM Orchestra Examination with distinction on multiple occasions. The Orchestra was Very Highly Commended at Feis Ceoil 2025, placed 2nd in the Kilcoole Music festival 2025 and won the Chamber Orchestra Competition at Wesley Interschools Music festival 2026.

All students have the option to study music for Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate. They can perform on their instrument/voice for 30% at Junior Cycle and 50% for Leaving Certificate. All music students have regular opportunities to perform at school events including school services, weekly assemblies, open day, and the annual spring concert in St. Patrick's Cathedral.