



# Visual & Performing Arts Bursaries

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**Information for Parents**  
Autumn 2026  
for 2027 Admission

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## Important dates:

**Friday 9th October 2026** - Closing Date for Bursary  
Application Forms via school website

**Saturday 17th October 2026** - Bursary Auditions & Workshops

**Friday 30th October 2026** - Closing Date for Supplementary  
Information Form to sit banding test

**Saturday 31st October 2026** - Closing Date for Common  
Application Form to Local Authority

**Monday 16th November 2026** - Admission Test Day

## Useful Contacts:

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Check school website for further details and  
application forms - **Bursaries** - **About Us**

What does being awarded a Bursary mean to students at the Norwood School?

# Awarded a Bursary

The Norwood School are proud to offer bursaries to students who show a natural aptitude and passion for the Arts. Applicants are invited to attend a Performing Arts audition or a Visual Arts workshop, followed by a short formal interview.

A Visual or Performing Arts Bursary student will take part in a programme of exciting enrichment throughout their time at the Norwood School according to their specialism. This will include:

- One to one and / or group instrumental or singing lessons.
- Subject specific specialised tuition in Art, Dance, Drama & Music.
- A guaranteed place in The School Band/Ensembles/Orchestras whichever is most appropriate.
- Regular trips and visits to the theatres, museums and galleries.
- The use of specialised equipment and materials including state of the art music production technology, recording studios, theatre and design studios.
- Frequent opportunities to perform and exhibit in the wider public arena, both locally and nationally.
- Opportunities to take part in Summer, Saturday Schools and Master Classes for example at The Dulwich Picture Gallery, LAMDA, London Drama Festival & University of the Arts London - Camberwell Art College.
- The Opportunity to choose from a broad range of Specialist Arts GCSEs and A Levels.
- A bespoke programme with mentors who will guide them through GCSE Courses, A Levels and beyond to University and College.
- Subject specific careers guidance and advice.
- An outstanding range of Sixth Form opportunities in the arts including residentials and links to the Creative Industries and work experience programmes.

Bursaries will be awarded to those students who demonstrate the greatest potential, commitment and creative flair.

# Application Process

All parents / guardians / carers are asked to indicate, at the earliest opportunity, whether or not they are interested in their child being considered for a bursary place by completing the Bursary Application Form and returning it to the school no later than **Friday 9th October 2026**.

## **What will happen once I have applied for an 'Arts Bursary' at The Norwood School?**

Once you have completed the bursary application form and submitted it to the Norwood School we will be in contact with you and will invite you in for your workshop or audition. We will let you know the exact time, place and what to expect. You will be asked to confirm that you will be attending.

## **What will the students be doing on the 'Arts Bursary' Audition Day?**

We appreciate that Yr 6 students will have a wide variety of Art experiences at whatever primary school they currently attend. Some will have done a lot of work in Dance, Drama, Art or Music, some may well have done very little. If this is the case for you and your child, this will not necessarily put your child at a disadvantage. The auditions and workshops will be specially designed to give all students the opportunity to convey their natural aptitude for the arts.

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Children who are successfully awarded a Bursary place by Norwood School, will have their name placed, in rank order, on our Bursary Band list. Lambeth will award the top 18 students a place. All applicants to Norwood School are placed in one of 7 bands, bursary, five ability bands and a band for those who have not sat the banding test, Band Z. Please note that an offer of a Bursary by Norwood is NOT a guarantee of a place in Year 7.

## Performing Arts

Prospective students will be invited to take part in one or more practical workshops of their choice in Dance, Music or Acting. Musicians may request to perform a solo piece, if this is the case, please make sure that you have specified

your preferred instrument prior to the interview and that you have clearly indicated the need for any additional accompaniment, should you need it.

## Visual Arts

Prospective students are invited to bring a small portfolio of work with them, should they wish, and will be invited to take part in a short practical workshop which will give them the opportunity to demonstrate their artistic abilities. Subject Specialist Staff will be leading all aspects of the day and will be interacting with the children throughout all the sessions.

## What happens after the workshops and auditions?

Experienced, specialist staff will discuss and rank the outcomes of all the workshops, auditions and interviews. We will email Bursary

offers to families before the October CAF deadline. The list of those awarded Bursaries is sent to Lambeth in rank order. Lambeth will allocate a total of 18 Bursary places. If you are adding The Norwood School as any of your six choices, you must complete and return the Supplementary Information Form by Friday 30th October so that your child sits the Norwood Banding Test.

## 'Transition For Talent' Programme

After secondary places have been allocated and confirmed, we will invite your child to take part in a specially devised transition programme of Visual and Performing Events and workshops. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to work with Norwood students, staff and visiting professionals to improve their practice, meet other talented individuals, make friends and have fun!



# Bursary Gallery

