



Conducting Scholarship 2024–25

Homerton College would like to appoint a **Conducting Scholar** for the academic year 2024–25. This award is open to all current student members of College as well as those holding an offer to begin studying here in autumn 2024 who have an interest in learning orchestral and choral conducting.

No prior conducting experience is necessary; instead, an emphasis is placed on potential.

The value of the scholarship is £300 per annum, *plus* an additional grant for conducting lessons and – for students studying subjects other than Music – another grant for instrumental lessons. Where possible, the Conducting Scholar will be provided with a digital piano in their college room. The scholarship will be awarded for one year in the first instance, but may be extended for a subsequent year with the agreement of all parties.

Further particulars:

The Conducting Scholar

- Is the official conductor of the Homerton Concert Orchestra and Homerton Symphony Orchestra, which currently perform in end-of-term concerts organised by the student-led Homerton College Music Society (HCMS);
- Is the assistant conductor of the Homerton Singers, the College's community choir;
- Is required to take regular conducting lessons (ideally 3–4 per term) with a suitably qualified teacher, and is also encouraged to take instrumental lessons (both are paid out of the lessons grants);
- Works with HCMS's Orchestral Manager to devise an orchestral rehearsal timetable, fix players, and choose repertoire (N.B.: repertoire should be varied across different genres);
- Automatically, for as long as they are the recipient of the scholarship, holds a position on the HCMS Committee;
- Is expected to promote music at Homerton more generally, especially by encouraging talented instrumentalists at Homerton to participate in the two orchestras, and also by exploring opportunities for other orchestral performances throughout the year;
- Should pursue other conducting experiences within Homerton (e.g. the Homerton Singers), the University, and beyond (for example, by entering conducting competitions);
- May be asked to participate in school outreach visits, etc.

Auditions will be held at Homerton College. At the audition, candidates will be required to conduct a short excerpt of music with an instrumentalist, and will be given some sight-reading and conducting exercises.

Those interested in applying are invited to contact the Director of Music, Dr Daniel Trocmé-Latter (directorofmusic@homerton.cam.ac.uk), with any questions. Completed application forms should also be emailed to directorofmusic@homerton.cam.ac.uk.

Closing date for application forms: Monday 26 February 2024
Dates of auditions: Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 March 2024

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