



# Dame Alice Owen's School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **BENSLOW TRUST - STRINGS INSTRUMENTAL AWARD**

Dame Alice Owen's School has been very fortunate in being offered a bursary from the Benslow Trust, a charitable organisation that hires and lends high-quality string instruments to talented young musicians. There will be an award made this academic year to a string player of a great instrument to play for the next three years. There will be a new award made every year from now on.

This award will be made to a student in years 9 or 10, which means that, on the one side, the music department will already have a good knowledge of the student's commitment to music at the school, and how promising their musical ability is; and on the other side, that the three-year award would run throughout the student's time at the school.

It is important to stress that this award is not restricted to students who are already very advanced on their instrument. The only criterion specified by the Benslow Trust is that students should have been learning their instrument for a minimum of two years. If students show great musical promise, and have demonstrated a high commitment to music-making at the school, there is no reason why awards should not be made to players at a comparatively elementary level.

We are currently seeking applications for this award. Application forms, details of how the award will be made, and criteria for acceptance, are available from Mrs Dibden (Music Department Administrator). Hard copies can be collected from Mrs Dibden in person, or copies can be emailed to you direct - Mrs Dibden's email address is [dibdenm@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dibdenm@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk).

Applications should be returned or emailed to Mrs Dibden in the School Office. The closing date for applications is **Friday 14 February 2014** (the last day before Half Term); the announcement of the successful applicant will be made by Friday 7 March 2014; and the presentation of the award will take place at the Concerto Concert on Tuesday 1 April 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. A Davison  
Head