

Committee	Dated:
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Summary

This report updates Members on the total number of scholarships allocated by the Guildhall School of Music and Drama for the 2018/19 academic year. A detailed report on the ring-fenced allocation of Education Board funded scholarships for the 2019/20 academic year will be brought to the July 2019 Education Board meeting.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

1. At its meeting on 20 July 2017, the Education Board agreed to continue the City Corporation's payment of £30,000 per annum to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to fund scholarships for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years, subject to the School reporting back annually to the Education Board on the numbers of scholarships awarded and the impact of the grant.
2. At its July 2018 meeting, Members received a detailed report on the scholarships awarded in 2017/18 and were informed that 567 students had been supported (53% of the senior student population) to a total value of £2.1million. In 2018/19, 570 students (50% of the total) are receiving support to a similar total value (£2.1 million).
3. The Education Board further agreed at its July 2018 meeting that, in future, Guildhall should seek to restrict the allocation of this grant to a category of scholarship which will:

"Focus on supporting skills development in performance, production arts and creative enterprise, provide support where the need is greatest, particularly students from a broad cultural and socio-economic demographic, and strengthen progression opportunities to the Guildhall School, and its associated Young Artist programme, for pupils from the City of London Academies. Providing greater support for Guildhall Students on pathways such as those mentioned above would help to ensure greater alignment between the School's own Widening Participation strategy and the City of London's Education, Skills and Cultural and Creative Learning strategies."
4. In practice, scholarships are awarded prior to the commencement of the academic year (i.e. for academic year 2018/19, in the period January-August 2018) and so restriction of the 2018/19 grant to identified and named students has not been possible.
5. For 2019/20, the sum offered by the Board has been ring-fenced and will be allocated to specific students who meet the criteria identified above. A report on

these students will be produced ready for the July 2019 Education Board meeting.

Conclusion

6. Members are asked to note the update and note that a detailed report on the ring-fenced Education Board funded scholarships for students meeting the approved criteria and on courses in 2019/20 academic year will be brought to the July 2019 Education Board meeting.

Appendices

No appendices

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