Louis Hirst (19) began playing the cello at the age of five. After 10 years with is first teacher, Olaf Krüger, he switched to the Zurich Conservatoire where he was taught for three years by Rebecca Firth. Here he also attended the Pre-College program which he completed together with his high school diploma in the summer of 2024. In September of the same year he started his Bachelor studies at the Royal College of Music in London, where he is taught by Melissa Phelps.

Louis was a member and principal cellist of the Zurich Youth Symphony Orchestra, giving concerts throughout Switzerland and the world, with recent tours having taken place in Spain and South Korea. The Orchestra is a Junior Partner of the famous Tonhalle Orchester Zürich, with whom the young musicians receive professional coaching. As a soloist or part of a chamber group Louis has taken taken part at many competitions, especially the Swiss Youth Music Competition, where he has won numerous first prizes throughout past years. At masterclasses he has had the pleasure to learn from internationally acclaimed cellists such as Thomas Grossenbacher, Raphael Wallfisch, Michael Sanderling and many others.

