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Scholarships

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in our Scholarship Programme.

We hope this guide gives you all the information you need to help you decide whether to proceed with an application.

Most Scholarships are honorary, but a small number will carry a financial award of up to 10% reduction in annual school fees, and dependent on individual circumstances, can be run alongside a Bursary. Scholarships will normally be held for the duration of a pupil's career at LWC, although they are subject to a review prior to entry into the Sixth Form.

Applications should be made by 1st December in the year prior to entry into the 1st Form, 3rd Form or Sixth Form. All assessments take place in the week leading up to half term in the Spring term.

Internal applications from pupils moving from 2nd Form to 3rd Form, and from 5th Form to Sixth Form can be made in the same way as by external candidates.

Whatever their speciality, Scholars are expected to work hard, show commitment and enthusiasm, and contribute fully to the life of the College. They are expected to be role models – especially in their behaviour and attitude to learning.

Scholarships are awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding achievement, enthusiasm and potential in their chosen field. All Scholars take part in our extensive enrichment programme in their area of excellence to ensure they are stretched and challenged, can maximise their potential, and achieve their personal best.

All Scholars are expected to meet the normal academic requirements of the College and be excellent ambassadors for both the whole school and their departments. They are required to help at whole school events and Open Days. They are expected to attend at least one co-curricular session in their discipline per week and follow a course of independent study outside of normal lessons. They should expect to attend all relevant productions and workshops.

Music Scholars should perform regularly in assemblies, Scholar concerts and other events.

Sports Scholars should give a high level of commitment to College sports across all three terms throughout their school career.

All Scholars are expected to keep a portfolio of their work throughout their time at the College. They should enjoy the challenge and be enthusiastic about their ambition.

Candidates may only hold one Scholarship award to allow them to specialise in their area of talent whilst also having the time to participate in other areas of College life.

Academic

1st
Form

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



Our thriving Aiming High programme, which runs alongside our Oxbridge framework, successfully helps our pupils gain places at the most competitive universities.

All Academic Scholars join our Aiming High programme and attend our extensive programme of talks, seminars and trips organised by our Head of Scholarships. They meet regularly with their mentor to discuss their progress and future goals. A lifelong love of learning is our aim.

We are looking for pupils who enjoy academic study and are keen to stretch themselves beyond the curriculum. Candidates should display independent intellectual curiosity and be enthusiastic about their academic ambition.

Academic awards are available to pupils entering the College at 1st Form, 3rd Form and Sixth Form, who demonstrate Scholarship potential in individual subjects as well as in overall academic ability.

[APPLY FOR A 13+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[APPLY FOR A 16+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP](#)

All- Rounder

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



The All-Rounder Scholarships are our top Scholarships and are awarded to those who show not only Academic talent but also excellence, passion and ambition in at least one other area of College life — Music, Sport, Drama or Art — and are able to contribute exceptionally to the overall life of the College.

All-Round Scholars join our Aiming High Programme and attend our extensive timetable of talks, seminars and trips organised by our Head of Scholarships. They meet regularly with their mentor to discuss their progress and future goals. They also participate in the full Scholars programme for their second area of excellence.

All-Rounders are expected to show passion and ambition in all areas of College life with high levels of motivation and commitment to both their academic studies and their second area of speciality.

[APPLY FOR A ALL ROUNDER SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Art

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



Our Art School offers a suite of studios for painting, drawing, sculpture, photography & film, and ceramics and printing. We have a dedicated Sixth Form studio, a ceramics studio, a printmaking area, a critical studies and computer/media resource area, a specialised Art Library and a tutorial area.

Our Prideaux Gallery hosts a range of exhibitions throughout the year. These include exhibitions by visiting artists, touring collections from national galleries and student shows.

We are looking for enthusiastic candidates who show a high level of skill and dedication and who will act as ambassadors for our Art Department.

Our staff, most of whom are practising artists themselves, have a wealth of experience in supporting artists. We offer our Scholars additional workshops to help them develop the skills and experience they need to excel at university and beyond. The department works closely with the DT department giving access not only to their studios, but also their facilities, including 3D printers. All Art Scholars are given the opportunity to display and exhibit their own work.

[APPLY FOR A ART SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Design Technology

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



Our dynamic and thriving DT department is well equipped with a metal workshop, a wood workshop, and textiles room, and a CAD, CAM and IT suite,

Design & Technology Scholars are expected to make the most of these facilities to pursue their particular interests and develop their skills both within and outside the taught curriculum to GCSE level and beyond. Scholars will be given the opportunity to display and exhibit their own work.

We are looking for candidates who have a genuine interest in solving practical problems, have creative flair and are able to talk about the areas of Design Technology that they are interested in.

[APPLY FOR A DESIGN TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Music

1st
Form

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



Our Music Department plays an important part in College life. It is well equipped to cater for the needs of our many musicians and offers excellent facilities for teaching, ensemble work and solo practice. Our regular concerts, often organised by our Music Scholars, offer individual and ensemble performance opportunities, and showcase our extensive range of musical talent.

In assessing candidates, we are looking for those who can demonstrate technical skill and a flair for performance, together with a genuine enthusiasm and passion for music.

Our Music Scholars' programme includes regular trips to the Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall, Glyndebourne, London's West End as well as more local venues. In addition, we arrange masterclasses, workshops and lectures, creating a wealth of opportunities for developing a passion and cultural appreciation of music. Scholarship awards are tailor-made to each Scholar, outlining weekly commitments and expectations. Our Performing Arts team ensure Scholars have a balanced schedule across all aspects of College life.

Music Scholars receive free tuition on one instrument.

[APPLY FOR A MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Drama

1st
Form

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



Our lively and vibrant Drama department holds numerous events throughout the year giving Scholars the chance to be involved in many performances and workshops. Their involvement may be as a performer, director, technician, or stage manager and may include being front of house or working backstage.

We are looking for those with not only excellent performance skills but those who also demonstrate a passion and love of drama and wish to share this with others.

The department hosts outside theatre companies, practitioners, speakers and artists to enrich our pupils' understanding of drama and theatre and give them the opportunity to watch and learn directly from industry professionals. Recent guests include Frantic Assembly, Told by an Idiot Theatre Company, Propeller Theatre Company and the Gecko Theatre Company.

[APPLY FOR A DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Dance

1st
Form

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



Our Dance Scholars have many opportunities for performance including our annual Music and Dance Show, our Performing Arts Evening and of course our Music and Drama productions. Their involvement may be as a performer or backstage with choreography, costume hair or make up.

We are looking for candidates with a proven track record of participation in dance performances who are able to demonstrate skill and flair in performance and show a genuine enthusiasm for their particular discipline.

[APPLY FOR A DANCE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Sport

1st
Form

3rd
Form

Sixth
Form



We have a history of sporting excellence — alumni Jonny Wilkinson kicked England to World Cup victory in the 2003 World Cup final, and Ugo Moyne played for England and for the British & Irish Lions. Two of our top scoring girl cricketers have recently signed contracts with Southern Vipers.

Across the College we offer a wide variety of sports, but for Sports Scholarships we focus on our main team sports, which are cricket, hockey, netball and rugby. However, consideration may be given to applicants offering excellence in individual sports, particularly athletics, swimming and tennis.

We are looking for candidates with excellent sporting and leadership ability and potential who offer at least two of the College's main sports. Candidates should be able to demonstrate skill and flair in performance and show a genuine enthusiasm for their chosen sports.

Our Athlete Pathway provides help and support to pupils who compete at a high level across a wide range of sports, and we work with them to give them the best opportunities to enable them to achieve their goals.

[APPLY FOR A SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP](#)

Assessments

Academic —1st Form

Candidates are invited to sit Scholarship papers following an outstanding performance in our entrance assessments. No application forms are required.

Candidates will have a short interview with our Head of Scholarships. In addition, they will have a discussion with a senior member of staff about a text that we will have asked them to read prior to the assessment.

Academic —3rd Form

Academic candidates will sit the General Paper, a Non-Verbal Reasoning assessment (online), and then select two subject papers from the following options:

- English
- Geography
- History
- Latin
- Maths
- Modern Foreign Languages (French or Spanish)
- Religious Studies & Philosophy
- Science

In addition, candidates will take part in a short discussion where they will be asked to respond to questions about a text that they will have read prior to the assessment. Finally, candidates will take part in a group interview with the Headmaster and another senior member of staff. In this interview, they will be asked about current affairs and to discuss an ethical challenge.

Academic —Sixth Form

Candidates should be expecting to achieve a minimum of all grade 7s at GCSE and grade 9s in the subjects they wish to study at A Level.

Candidates will have an academic interview with the Headmaster, Mr Adam Williams, and Mr Tom Rimmer, Head of Sixth Form.

All-Rounder
—Year 9 and
Sixth Form

Candidates sit for Academic assessment and assessment in their second discipline.

Art
—Year 9 and
Sixth Form

Applicants will be invited to an assessment day which will include an interview with our Head of Art and may include the requirement to complete some work. In advance of the interview applicants will be asked to submit a portfolio and a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrates their interests and skills. Year 9 candidates must select Art as one of their GCSE choices.

Sixth Form candidates will also be asked to submit their sketchbook from the last two years.

Sixth Form candidates must select Art as one of their A Level choices.

DT
—Year 9 and
Sixth Form

Candidates will be asked to attend an assessment day during which they will be asked to present a portfolio work. Candidates may be asked to do some work during the assessment.

An interview with our Head of DT will allow candidates to discuss their current work and their particular design interests.

Year 9 candidates must select Design Technology as one of their GCSE choices and Sixth Form must do so at A Level.

Dance
—Year 7,
Year 9, and
Sixth Form

Candidates will be asked to attend an assessment day during which 11+ and 13+ candidates will be asked to perform one routine to music of their own choice demonstrating their ability to engage fully with their audience. This routine should not exceed two minutes.

Candidates will also be asked to improvise to a short piece of music selected for them. Candidates should be prepared to discuss a Dance performance they have seen and enjoyed.

In addition, Year 9 candidates will be asked to reflect upon their own performance experience. The assessment for Sixth Form candidates is the same except that they will be asked to perform two routines. them to read prior to the assessment.

Drama —Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form

Candidates should perform one audition speech from a play of their choice. The monologue should not exceed two minutes (three minutes at Year 9) and should incorporate appropriate voice and movement. It must be learnt by heart and not read. Candidates should demonstrate a firm grasp of the character in the scene and be able to justify their interpretation. They will not be expected to have read the play as a whole.

Candidates will be asked to work practically on another speech with the help of the director. Candidates will also be asked to sight read a short section of script and talk about a production they have seen which they enjoyed, and that they thought was effective.

Scholars will normally be expected to select Drama as one of their GCSE choices.

At 16+ Acting Candidates must perform two audition speeches from two different plays of their choice. The pieces must show a contrast in style to emphasise the candidate's versatility in character, voice and movement, (Shakespeare, Greek, Restoration Comedy, contemporary, etc). Both pieces must be learnt by heart and not read. They should be taken from plays that the candidate knows well; they should have a clear justification for their interpretation of the character in the scene and in the play as a whole. Candidates should be prepared to work further on the speeches with a director during the audition. Candidates will be asked to sight read a section of script making their own creative mark on the speech without direction. They will also be asked to discuss two recent productions that they have seen that had an impact on them in some way.

Scholars are strongly encouraged to study Drama and Theatre Studies at A Level.

Music —Year 7, Year 9, and Sixth Form

Short-listed candidates will be invited to an assessment day during which they will be asked to perform on two instruments/ voice (or more if appropriate). They will be required to play two contrasting pieces on their first study, and one on a second. The audition will also include a short sight-reading exercise, aural tests at a level appropriate to the candidate, a viva voce and a short interview. Candidates will need to submit a programme, together with copies of the music, by a specified deadline prior to audition. An accompanist will be available if required, and a rehearsal/ warm up scheduled directly beforehand. Candidates are also encouraged to provide a portfolio for the panel.

The minimum standard for consideration for a Music Scholarship is:

- At 11+ Grade 3
- At 13+ Grade 5
- At 16+ Grade 7

Grades are not a prerequisite, but an indication of the level required.

Music Scholars will normally be expected to study Music at GCSE and encouraged to continue to study at A Level.

Sport

—Year 7, Year 9,
and Sixth Form

Candidates will be expected to attend an assessment day during which they will participate in a range of sports.

They will be assessed on their general level of fitness, their adaptability and ability to transfer and link their dominant skills to other sports, their response to coaching, their leadership skills, and team spirit.

The minimum standard for consideration for an award at Year 7 is outstanding participation in school/club teams which would be comparable with the profile of a county player.

For applications for Year 9 or Sixth Form entry candidates should be competing at county level or above in their principal sport.

However, we recognise that many candidates may not have had the chance to follow the county route and in this case a reference from a current sports teacher or coach, acknowledging their belief that this candidate would be comparable to county standard will be accepted.





Any Questions?

Our Heads of Departments are always happy to talk to prospective Scholars before an application is made. Please contact the admissions office to arrange this (admissions@lordwandsworth.org).

If you have any questions at all or would just like to chat to one of the team about your child or your Scholarship application please:

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