

# Sixth Form Scholarships



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Gresham's School has much to offer pupils who have outstanding talent and potential academically, as well as in music, art, drama and sport. Accordingly, a range of scholarships is available to exceptional pupils who will enhance the reputation of the school, whilst benefiting from its range of opportunities.

Scholarships are available in the following subject areas:

Academic

Art

Drama

Music

Sport

All scholarships are worth up to 20% of the fee.

An art, drama, music, or sport scholarship may be awarded in addition to an academic scholarship.

Successful music scholars will also benefit from 30 free music lessons per instrument for a maximum of two instruments per year.

Sixth Form scholarships are open to internal candidates in Year 11, as well as to those in Year 11 at other schools.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please request a scholarship application form from Mrs. Lucy Arole, Admissions Manager via telephone on 012363 714614 or via email [admissions@greshams.com](mailto:admissions@greshams.com)

## **Sixth Form scholarship assessment criteria 2018**

The assessment process for all scholarships in the school will look to evaluate how well candidates can perform within their chosen field, and whether they can demonstrate the potential to develop further in the sixth form. There will be an expectation candidates are more than comfortable handling material and skills they have already been exposed to at school by Year 11. The assessments will explore potential by exposing candidates to new concepts or processes, and offering challenging opportunities to show tenacity and leadership.

The school will also look for evidence that candidates have already demonstrated commitment, leadership and dependability at school and in their activities.

Where required, candidates must submit a scholarship CV. The school will contact the candidates school for the necessary references prior to the assessment.

### **What you should put in your CV**

You should complete the standard Gresham's CV for your scholarship summarising:

- Your main achievements to date (in your scholarship area but also your achievements generally)
- Why you want to be a scholar
- What use you would make of a scholarship
- Any other information you think might be relevant

### **What we ask for in your school reference**

- Your standard and potential in your scholarship area/s
- Evidence of your major achievements to date
- A statement about your personality and character and suitability for scholarship
- Other relevant information

## **Academic scholarships**

Candidates will be assessed in their chosen preferred subjects for A Level or Higher Level at IB. The candidates will be interviewed by the Heads of Department in their chosen subjects in the style of university entrance interview. Prior to this interview they may be presented with a short written task. There will be a general academic interview with Deputy Head (Academic), and an interview with the Headmaster.

All the assessments will explore intellectual curiosity and therefore preparation for academic scholarship should focus on reading and exploring around areas of interest beyond the GCSE curriculum. An interest in general knowledge and current affairs will be an advantage. The school will be looking for strengths in at least one area backed up by a strong performance across all interviews

The school will request an academic reference and a copy of a recent academic report from the candidate's current school and candidates are expected to be predicted high GCSE grades (or equivalent).

Award holders will be expected to participate widely in the academic life of the school and maintain very high standards in their approach to their studies.

## **Art scholarships**

The selection of art scholars will be by an interview with the Head of Art, an inspection of the candidate's portfolios and an observational drawing task. Portfolios should show evidence of ability, commitment, enthusiasm and interest in art. Successful candidates are likely to bring in their portfolio evidence of experimentation and investigation across a variety of media and have strong observational drawing skills. Three-dimensional or very large-scale work may be included and may be represented in photographs. Busy, personal sketchbooks that show evidence of work undertaken independently outside school will be of particular interest. As part of their interview, candidates will be asked about a contemporary artist whose work they admire.

Art scholars will be expected to make a whole-hearted contribution to the visual arts at Gresham's.

## **Drama scholarships**

Candidates will be assessed in three areas. The first part of the day will look at candidates' participation in a group workshop. Candidates will be assessed on their co-operative, theatrical and improvisation skills through a series of games, exercises and tasks.

Candidates will then be required to perform individually in a performance of a monologue or performance of a musical theatre number lasting approximately two minutes. This is an opportunity for the individual student to prepare a piece in advance that plays to their strengths and demonstrates their ability to communicate with an audience.

After the performances, candidates will be interviewed by a member of the Drama department, interviews may be recorded. In the interview candidates will have the opportunity to share theatrical interests and discuss performances they have seen or participated in.

Candidates must supply a scholarship CV which lists productions the candidate has taken part in including the role(s) played and other drama experiences e.g. LAMDA Speech, membership of a drama club or society.

References from the Head of the candidate's school, Head of Drama and any drama clubs (where relevant) will also be taken into consideration.

A pupil who is awarded a Drama Scholarship at Year 12 will be expected to take A level Theatre Studies or IB Theatre, and to take a full part in the theatrical life of the School.

## **Music scholarships**

Music Scholarships are awarded in light of musical merit and potential.

The selection of music scholars is by audition and interview with a panel of music staff. At the audition candidates will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument, which may include voice, and one other instrument. Their first instrument should be approximately Grade VII, although it is not necessary to have taken the Associated Board exam. An experienced accompanist will be available. Ability on a second instrument (or voice) is usual but not mandatory. In selecting music for performance, it is worth bearing in mind that a virtuoso or ostentatious piece is not always the best way for candidates to display their skill.

Each candidate will be given sight-reading tests and a short series of aural tests. It is anticipated that applicants will have a working knowledge of music theory. The school would be interested to see any compositions or special musical projects candidates may be working on and these should be brought on the day. There is no requirement for candidates to bring these.

Candidates are required to supply a scholarship CV with their application.

Award holders are expected to play an active and positive leading role in the musical life of the School.

The Director of Music is happy to meet potential candidates and their parents informally prior to the audition to give advice about musical standards and the opportunities for musicians at Gresham's.

## **Sport scholarships**

Candidates for sports scholarships are expected to have all-round ability in the major games played at Gresham's (rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, tennis, athletics). A successful candidate will be expected to have played at county or regional level, or an equivalent and be able to perform very well in exercises which demonstrate skills and coordination. Applicants are expected to have a good level of physical fitness.

During the course of the preceding terms, candidates will be observed performing for their existing club or school by the Sports Development Director or the relevant member of Gresham's sports staff prior to the interview date. It is essential that a fixture list or calendar must be provided in advance. Please contact the Sports Development Director, Mr Steve Adams ([sadams@greshams.com](mailto:sadams@greshams.com)).

A CV outlining the candidate's sporting achievements should be provided, and references from coaches and heads of sport at the current school will also form part of the assessment process.

They will be expected to be fully committed to sport within the school and to represent Gresham's throughout the school year.

## **The Assessment Process**

### **Academic Scholarship Assessments.**

Candidates and parents will be invited to meet for refreshments in the Britten Music School at the start of the day. An interview timetable will be provided. Times will be confirmed prior to the day, the day is likely to start at 9am and finish at 1pm.

### **Art Scholarship Assessments**

On the assessment day, candidates will be given an appointment time to arrive at the Cairns' building with their portfolios, where the Head of Art will interview them.

### **Drama Scholarship Assessments**

On the assessment day, candidates will gather at the Auden Theatre.

### **Music Scholarship Assessments**

The music assessments will take approximately 1 ½ hours. Candidates will be given a time to arrive at the Britten Music School on the assessment day. Candidates will then have an opportunity to rehearse with their accompanist before performing their prepared pieces.

The candidates will be given a short sight-reading tests and a theory test, before a panel of music staff (dependent on instrument) will interview the candidates.

Collection of candidates will be from the Britten Music School.

### **Sports Scholarship Assessments.**

Candidates will be interviewed by the Director of Sport Development and a Head of Sport. All candidates will have been assessed performing for their school prior to the interview day.

## **Dates and deadlines for sixth form scholarship and entrance assessments**

**Deadline for Sixth Form Scholarship application:**                      **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Scholarship Assessment morning:**    **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **How are the results announced?**

Communication of awards and the sending of reports in light of the candidates' performances will be by post in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.



## Notes

1. Scholarship candidates must be registered for entry to Gresham's School, and the registration fee must have been paid before the candidate is entered for a scholarship. Current Gresham's pupils are not required to register.
2. As part of the usual application process for Sixth Form entry, the school will seek a confidential reference and predicted GCSE grades from the candidate's current head. Sixth Form applicants will attend an informal interview with the Headmaster.
3. Scholars are expected to contribute to the school in a manner befitting their talents, and their conduct and general attitude to academic study is expected to be excellent. All scholars are expected to be fully committed to the appropriate academic and/or co-curricular activities associated with their scholarship. They will be expected to set standards and demonstrate leadership to their contemporaries in their scholarship area.
4. Sixth Form scholarships are awarded for the duration of a pupil's time in the Sixth Form. As part of the scholarship process, we review annually the achievements and prospects of scholars.
5. All scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the Headmaster and reviewed by the Governors annually. The Headmaster's decision is final. In exceptional circumstances, the Headmaster, after consultation with the Chairman of Governors, may withdraw an award where a candidate has repeatedly fallen short of expectations.
6. Pupils who are awarded a scholarship at Sixth Form are expected, under normal circumstances, to continue at Gresham's and to complete A Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma. If a pupil is withdrawn before the completion of such a period, the School reserves the right to request repayment of all or part of the value of the scholarship for the period from the commencement of the scholarship to the date of withdrawal.
7. Scholarships may be augmented by a means-tested bursary up to 100% of the fee. Parents who apply for a bursary will have their financial position assessed and bursaries may be reassessed on an annual basis. The amount of support available is dependent on family income and assets and on the financial resources of the school.
8. Bursary applications are assessed by an external organization who must receive the application by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017. A bursary application cannot be made prior to a child registering with the school. Bursary application forms are available from Admissions. Please email [admissions@greshams.com](mailto:admissions@greshams.com) or call 01263 714614.

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