

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.

Sixth Form Scholarship Awards

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.

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

Deadline for Sixth Form Scholarship applications: 12:00 Friday 4th November 2016.

Scholarship Assessment Morning: Saturday 12th November 2016.

Scholarship Assessment Criteria

Academic Scholarships

Assessment for Academic Scholarships is by university style interviews. Interviews will be held with a member of the department for the three subjects which have been indicated as preferences for A Level or IB Higher Level. Interviews will focus on thinking skills and academic potential.

Candidates must supply a scholarship CV with their application.

A written reference and predicted GCSE grades from the candidate's head of their current school will also be taken into consideration.

Art Scholarships

Selection of Art Scholars will be by an interview with the Head of Art and an inspection of candidates' portfolios. There must be examples of variety in the use of materials and methods and clear evidence of strong observational drawing skills. Three dimensional work, whether fine art, or craft based may be included. Photographs of such work can be submitted as a substitute for larger 3D pieces. Sketchbooks form a very important part of a portfolio and are encouraged.

In an interview candidates will be expected to present and explain their work. Evidence of work undertaken independently, outside of school work, will be of particular interest. As part of their interview candidates will be asked to talk about a contemporary artist whose work they admire and why.

Candidates must supply a scholarship CV with their application.

Art scholars will be expected to make a wholehearted contribution to the visual arts at Gresham's and study Art for A Level or the IB Diploma.

Music Scholarships

Selection of Music Scholars will be by audition and interview with a panel of music staff.

Candidates will be expected to play on two instruments (the voice may count as one) and credit will be given if a third is offered. There will be tests in musicianship skills and a *viva voce* will be given. The expected standard on the first study instrument is Grade 8 Associated Board.

Candidates must prepare two contrasting pieces to present on each of their chosen instruments.

Candidates must supply a scholarship CV with their application.

Music Scholars will be expected to contribute fully to the musical life of the School throughout their time at Gresham's and would usually be expected to pursue Music as a subject in the Sixth Form.

Drama Scholarships

The selection of scholars will be by audition. The audition process at Gresham's will consist of three elements:

1. Participation in a drama workshop session where co-operative and theatrical skills will be assessed.
2. The performance of a pre-prepared monologue of the candidate's choice. It should be learnt and should be approximately two minutes in length.
3. An interview with the Director of Drama. Candidates will be expected to discuss their own experience of Theatre and Drama. Evidence of Drama and Theatre experiences undertaken independently, outside of school, will be of particular interest. As part of their interview candidates will be asked to talk about recent productions seen and an actor or company whose work they admire and explain why.

Candidates must provide a reference/report from their current Head of Drama. References may be included with the scholarship application or may be sent by email to admissions@greshams.com.

Candidates must supply a scholarship CV with their application.

Drama Scholars are usually expected to study this subject at A level or for the IB Diploma. Scholars must take a full part in the School's Drama production programme.

Sport Scholarships

Candidates for a Sport Scholarship are likely to be of county/regional standard and should demonstrate ability in the major games played at Gresham's (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, tennis and athletics); they may also possess the potential to reach national standards in their chosen sport. Prowess in other sports will also be taken into consideration.

Sport Scholars will be expected to take a leading role in the sporting life of the School and to compete for Gresham's throughout the year.

Candidates will be assessed playing for their existing club or school by the Sports Development Director or a relevant member of Gresham's sport staff prior to the interview date.

Candidates must provide the following:

- A fixture list of upcoming games.
- A detailed reference from the sports department of their current school.
- A scholarship CV, including their future ambitions.
- A full Record of Achievement of the candidate's sporting activities and achievements over the last two years, both in and out of school.
- Two references from external coaches.

References may be included either with the scholarship application or emailed to admissions@greshams.com.

Results

The results of the scholarship assessments will be sent with Sixth Form offer letters to parents after 30 November 2016.

It should be remembered that a lack of success in winning a scholarship does not mean that the applicant will not be a very successful student at Gresham's – indeed having the ambition, determination and courage to attempt a scholarship suggests you are exactly the sort of student who will thrive at Gresham's.

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. Bursary

applications must be submitted at the same time as a scholarship application i.e. by Friday 4th November 2016. Bursary application forms are available from Admissions. Please email admissions@greshams.com or call 01263 714614.

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