

# Sixth Form Scholarships

for entry in 2020-2021



## Sixth Form Scholarships

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.

In addition, Britten Instrumental scholarships worth up to 60% of the fee and Britten Instrumental Exhibitions worth up to 35% of the fee are available for exceptional candidates who have achieved Grade VIII+ on their preferred instrument.

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

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

## **Dates and deadlines for Sixth Form scholarship and entrance assessments**

<b>Deadline for Sixth Form Scholarship application:</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
<b>Internal candidates to arrange interviews with Head of Departments must take place between:</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Scholarship Assessment morning:</b> (For external candidates in all scholarship categories and internal drama scholarship candidates)	<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## **Sixth Form scholarship assessment criteria**

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.

Candidates must submit a scholarship CV when applying for Art, Drama, Music and Sports scholarships. For external candidates, we 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

All candidates will be assessed in their chosen preferred subjects for A Level or Higher Level at IB.

On the date of the Sixth Form scholarship assessments, external candidates will be interviewed by the Heads of Department in their chosen subjects in the style of university entrance interview. They will also have general academic interview with Deputy Head (Academic), and an interview with the Headmaster.

Internal candidates must arrange interviews directly with the relevant Heads of Department, after the submission of their application. The interviews should be arranged between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

All the assessments will explore intellectual curiosity and therefore preparation for the 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.

For external candidates the school will request an academic reference and a copy of a recent academic report from the candidate's current school.

All 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.

**Please Note:** *Internal Candidates who are applying for an academic scholarship and a separate Art / Drama or Music scholarship will be expected to study Art / Theatre studies / Music in Sixth Form. Therefore, there is no need for two interviews. Your assessment for the art/ drama/ music scholarship will also count as the subject interview for the academic scholarship.*

## 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.

Internal candidates must arrange interviews directly with the Head of Art, after the submission of their application. The interview should be arranged between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Candidates must supply a scholarship CV. A reference from the Head of the candidate's school and Head of Art will also be taken into consideration.

Art scholars will be expected to take A Level Art or IB Visual Arts and make a whole-hearted contribution to the visual arts at Gresham's.

## **Drama scholarships**

All candidates will be assessed in three areas:

- A group workshop
- A performance of a monologue or performance of a musical theatre number lasting approximately two minutes and
- Interview

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November both external and internal candidates will participate in a group workshop. Candidates will be assessed on their co-operative, theatrical and improvisation skills through a series of games, exercises and tasks.

External candidates will also 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, external 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.

Internal candidates must arrange interviews directly with the Head of Drama, after the submission of their application. The interview should be arranged between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019. In addition to the interview, candidates will be required to perform individually in a performance of a monologue or performance of a musical theatre number lasting approximately two minutes.

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

Drama scholars will be expected to take A level Theatre Studies or IB Theatre studies, 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.

The selection of Britten Instrumental Scholars and Exhibitions award holders 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 and one on another instrument. Their first instrument should be approximately Grade VIII+. This grade should be seen as a guide, but candidates will be expected to play at this level. 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; candidates should play pieces that they play well and confidently.

All candidates 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.

Internal candidates must arrange their audition and interview directly with the Head of Music, after the submission of their application. The audition and interview should be arranged between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

All candidates are required to supply a scholarship CV with their application.

Award holders or those awarded free music tuition are expected to play an active and positive leading role in the musical life of the School. Participation is expected in Chapel choir and ensembles as advised by the Director of Music.

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**

All candidates for sports scholarships are expected to have excellent ability in one or more of the major games played at Gresham's (rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, shooting or tennis). 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 practices which demonstrate skills and coordination. Applicants are expected to have an excellent level of physical fitness.

Prior to the assessment, candidates will be observed performing for their existing club or school by, the Director of Sport or the relevant member of Gresham's sports staff before the interview date. It is essential that a fixture list or calendar must be provided in advance. Please contact, the Director of Sport, Mr Steve Adams ([sadams@greshams.com](mailto:sadams@greshams.com)). If we are unable to facilitate this then applicants are invited to join a games session to assess their performance level.

A CV outlining the candidate's sporting achievements should be provided. For external candidates, references from coaches and heads of sport at the current school will also form part of the assessment process. For internal candidates, reference should be sought from coaches external to Gresham's. References from members of Gresham's staff will not be accepted.

Internal candidates must arrange their interview directly with the Director of Sport, after the submission of their application. The interview should be arranged between Monday 11th November and Friday 15th November 2019.

Sport scholars will be expected to be fully committed to sport in a leading role within the school and to represent Gresham's throughout the school year. We would also anticipate that sports scholarship candidates would be considering studying Physical Education at A-Level or BTEC Diploma in Sport.



# **The Assessment Process for External Candidates**

## **Academic Scholarship Assessments.**

Candidates and parents will be invited to meet for refreshments in the Britten Building 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' Centre with their portfolios, where the Head of Art will interview them.

## **Drama Scholarship Assessments**

On the assessment day, candidates will meet at the Britten Building before attending their audition in 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 Building on the assessment day. Candidates will then have an opportunity to rehearse with the 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 and will complete a questionnaire. All candidates will have been assessed performing for their school or have been invited in to attend a games session to assess performance level prior to the interview day.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. 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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