



## YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS 2026



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Gresham's has much to offer pupils who have outstanding talent and potential. The scholarships available are Academic, Art & Design, Music, Drama and Sport. All children, whether already at Gresham's or applying from outside of the school, take the same assessments. Children who win scholarships are expected to be leading pupils in their fields, to work hard and to contribute fully to the life of the school.

Year 7 scholarships are awarded for Years 7 and 8 at the Prep School. Scholarships are worth **up to 10%** of the fees. Scholarships may be augmented by a means-tested bursary. Scholarship candidates must be registered for entry to Gresham's Prep School and the registration fee must have been paid before the candidate is entered for a scholarship.

All scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the Head. If a candidate is eligible for a bursary and they gain a scholarship, the bursary will be reduced by the value of the scholarship. Sibling discounts are replaced or reduced by a scholarship.

Scholarships awarded are subject to conditions, which include the following:

- The pupil who is the subject of an award is required to work hard, to contribute positively to the life of the school, to be a credit to the school and to set a good example to other pupils. The pupil must adhere to the school's required standards of conduct and progress.
- Parents are required to support and encourage the pupil to achieve the purposes of the award, treat members of the school community reasonably and to uphold the aims and the good name of the school, complying with the school's Terms and Conditions.
- The value and terms and conditions of the award shall remain confidential to the parents and the pupil and the school.





## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarship candidates will sit written Mathematics and English extension assessments (in addition to the standard online entrance assessments for external applicants). The academic scholarship exams are rigorous and for pupils who have a keen interest in academic extension with a history of excellent attainment in both Mathematics and English. For all candidates, please provide supporting information that you wish to be considered alongside the assessment data that we will review. This is to be submitted on the Supporting Information Form sent alongside this document.

The Mathematics examination assumes full current curriculum knowledge and understanding and therefore assesses reasoning and problem-solving skills. In English, pupils will be assessed with a reading comprehension task followed by a creative writing task. For more information or to discuss your child's suitability for the process, please contact the Head of Teaching and Learning, Mr Lloyd Stephenson ([lstephenson@greshams.com](mailto:lstephenson@greshams.com)).

## ART AND DESIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

We are offering Art and Design Scholarships for pupils with a genuine passion for creativity. These scholarships are aimed at pupils who show exceptional talent, dedication, and potential in their chosen field. Pupils must be able to discuss their work, inspirations, and creative process. They will be asked about their passion for the subject, their future ambitions and to discuss their portfolio. Applicants will have an interview with the Head of Department, and complete practical tasks to showcase their skills.

### What we are looking for:

#### ART CANDIDATES

We are looking for pupils who have a deep passion for art, strong drawing skills, and the ability to use various artistic materials. You should demonstrate creativity, originality, and an ability to express yourself visually through mediums like painting, sculpture, and drawing. Your portfolio should showcase your best work. This may include sketchbooks, drawings and paintings and must highlight your artistic abilities and creative process.





## DESIGN CANDIDATES

We seek pupils who are passionate about creating and designing. You should be able to think creatively, solve design challenges, and communicate your ideas effectively through sketches and written descriptions. Your portfolio or submitted work should include examples of items you have made, from practical objects to creative projects, and may include photographs of items you have made, if they are too large to bring in. Candidates must demonstrate a focus on craftsmanship and originality.

Candidates will be asked to complete practical tasks. Art candidates will take part in drawing exercises, both observational and imaginative. Design candidates will complete a design challenge and a soft construction task, presenting their work to a high standard.

For more information, please contact the Head of Art, Mrs Sophie Li-Rocchi ([slirocchi@greshams.com](mailto:slirocchi@greshams.com)) or Head of DT, Mr Nick Matthews ([nmatthews@greshams.com](mailto:nmatthews@greshams.com)).

## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We welcome Music Scholarship Candidates who have a passion for making music and are working at grade 3 level on at least one instrument. They will be assessed in performance skills and general musicianship.

### **Performance Skills**

Applicants will be required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice on their instrument, including voice. Pupils playing more than one instrument should perform one piece on each and it is important that pieces have been prepared to performance level. One piece should be played with accompaniment where applicable; an accompanist can be arranged in advance or provided by the player. Candidates should bring their own instruments, music and accompaniment.

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### **Musicianship Skills**

During the interview, musicianship tasks, which will include sight-reading and aural tests will be given. These might include playing a simple tune by ear, recognising pitch and rhythmic changes and improvising a short musical phrase.

### **Expectations**

Successful candidates will be expected to contribute fully to the musical life of the school and to work on continuing their own musical progress through individual practice and lessons.

For more information, please contact the Head of Music & Art, Sophie Li-Rocchi ([slirocchi@greshams.com](mailto:slirocchi@greshams.com))

### **D R A M A   S C H O L A R S H I P S**

Drama Scholarship candidates will take part in a short workshop and will be asked to perform off-by-heart a monologue of no longer than two minutes in length. The monologue is to be chosen and prepared in advance by the pupil and should aim to showcase their acting ability. Candidates will also have the opportunity to speak about their passion for performing arts with members of our Drama team in an individual interview situation.

Drama Scholarship awards are based on the pupil's ability in Drama and acting and award holders are expected to show continued application, enthusiasm and dedication towards creative arts subjects throughout their time with us, including participation in all drama productions and extra-curricular activities as a minimum. For more information, please contact the Head of Drama, Miss Victoria Harvey [vharvey@greshams.com](mailto:vharvey@greshams.com)

### **S P O R T   S C H O L A R S H I P S**

Sport scholarships are awarded only to pupils who we believe will play as top A team players across all three main Gresham's sports. For boys, these sports are rugby, hockey, and cricket; for girls, netball, hockey, and cricket.

On the assessment day, candidates will be evaluated in these major sports, alongside other activities designed to assess their overall potential as sportspeople. Further details regarding the structure of the day, what to bring, and what to wear will be sent out prior to the assessment day.





A CV outlining the candidate's sporting achievements should be provided. References from coaches, Head of Sport and sports clubs (where relevant) will also be taken into consideration.

Sport scholars will be expected to be fully committed to the sporting environment of the school and to represent Gresham's at sport throughout the school year.

For more information, please contact the Head of Girls' Games & PE, Anna Horsley ([annahorsley@greshams.com](mailto:annahorsley@greshams.com)) or Head of Boys' Sport, Hugo Hutchison ([hhutchison@greshams.com](mailto:hhutchison@greshams.com)).

