



# GRESHAM'S

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## SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS 2027



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Gresham's has much to offer pupils who have outstanding talents and potential. Accordingly, a range of scholarships are available to exceptional pupils who will benefit from the experiences and opportunities our scholar programmes offer.

Scholarships are available in the following subject areas:

- Academic
- Art and Design
- Drama
- Music
- Sport

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

A combination of scholarships can be applied for; however, the combined value of scholarships awarded will not exceed 40% of the fee.

Successful Music scholars will also benefit from 30 free music lessons per instrument or voice 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, Head of Admissions via telephone on 01263 714614 or via email [admissions@greshams.com](mailto:admissions@greshams.com)

## DATES AND DEADLINES FOR SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS

Deadline for Sixth Form scholarship application: **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Internal candidates to arrange interviews with Heads of Department:

These must take place between: **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November –  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Sixth Form interview and scholarship assessment morning\*: **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Sport scholarship assessment day: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

(\*For external candidates in all scholarship categories. Internal candidates for Sport and Drama scholarship candidates will be invited to participate in the assessments with external candidates)

## HOW ARE THE RESULTS ANNOUNCED?

Communication of the outcome of applications will be communicated no later than Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

## SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The assessment process for all scholarships 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 Sport 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 Gresham's scholarship CV template 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
- Predicted GCSE grades
- Other relevant information

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

All candidates will be assessed in their chosen subjects for A level, IB Diploma (Higher Level) and BTEC.

All candidates will be interviewed by the Heads of Department in their chosen subjects in the style of a university entrance interview. Candidates will be asked questions about what they have studied and be introduced to new ideas. Their ability to draw connections, follow prompts and to solve problems will be explored so that they can demonstrate their levels of understanding and relevant skills. Additionally, they will also have a general academic interview with the Deputy Head (Academic).

On the day of the Sixth Form scholarship assessments all external candidates will also have an interview with the Headmaster.

Internal candidates must arrange interviews directly with the relevant Heads of Department, and the Deputy Head (Academic) after the submission of their application. Internal interviews should be arranged between Monday 9th November and Friday 13th November 2026.

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 (9s or 8s) GCSE grades.

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 AND DESIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

The selection of Art and Design scholars will be by an individual interview with the Head of Art and/or Head of Design, and through an inspection of the candidate's portfolio. Portfolios should show evidence of ability, commitment, enthusiasm and interest in one or more art disciplines, such as sculpture, photography, graphic design, textiles, illustration, animation, ceramics, product design, printmaking and painting.

Successful candidates are likely to include evidence of experimentation and investigation with a wide range of materials within their portfolio, as well as demonstrating strong drawing skills. Three-dimensional or very large-scale work can be represented digitally or through photography. Personal sketchbooks that show evidence of work undertaken independently will be of particular interest. As part of the interview process, the candidates will have the opportunity to discuss the artwork that inspires and informs their own art-making practice, this should include work by at least one contemporary artist.

All candidates must supply a scholarship CV. For external candidates, a reference from the Head of the candidate's school and Director of Art/ Design will also be taken into consideration.

On the assessment day, external candidates will be given an appointment time to arrive with their portfolios and the Head of Art or Head of Design will interview them in the Dyson Building.

Internal candidates must arrange interviews directly with the Head of Art or Head of Design, after the submission of their application. The interview should be arranged between Monday 9th November and Friday 13th November 2026.

Art scholars will be expected to take A level 3D Design, Graphic Communication, Fine Art, Photography or IB Visual Arts and make a whole-hearted contribution to the visual arts at Gresham's.

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

All candidates will be assessed in three areas:

- A group workshop
- A performance of a monologue lasting approximately two minutes.
- An interview

On Saturday 14th November 2026 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.

All candidates will then be required to perform individually in a performance of a monologue lasting approximately two minutes. These must be presented as a performance and demonstrate a clear understanding of the play and the theatrical moment, the style of the piece and the role of the character within it. This is an opportunity for the individual student to prepare a piece in advance that plays to their strengths and demonstrates their ability to create a character and 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 discuss their choice of monologue, share their theatrical interests and discuss performances they have seen or participated in.

All candidates must supply a scholarship CV which clearly states the name of the play from which the audition material is taken and the chosen role. The CV should list productions the candidate has taken part in including the role(s) played and other drama experiences e.g. LAMDA, membership of a drama club or society. References from the Head of the external candidate's school, Director of Drama and any drama clubs (where relevant) will also be taken into consideration.

Internal candidates must arrange interviews directly with the Director of Drama, after the submission of their application. The interview should be arranged between Monday 9th November and Friday 13th November 2026.

Sixth Form scholars are ambassadors for Drama and will be expected to actively work with the Department on their creative development and their contribution to Drama within Gresham's. Scholars are expected to participate fully in Drama either taking BTEC Performing Arts and/or commit fully to the opportunities within extra-curricular productions on stage or behind the scenes.

## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We welcome a broad range of musical interests. This might include performance, composition, songwriting, or production. The aim is to understand each candidate as a complete musician, including their creativity, curiosity, and engagement with music.

A standard of around Grade VII on applicants' principal instrument or discipline is recommended as a guide, although completion of formal exams is not required. At least GCSE standard for creating and outstanding knowledge and understanding of DAW software or music notation software to realise their music should be expected.

Candidates are invited to apply as a performer, as a creator or a combination of both. They need to be outstanding in their principal area, passionate and interested in developing their musical skills, interests and opportunities.

External candidates will be invited to audition on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Internal candidates must arrange auditions directly with the Director of Music, after the submission of their application. The audition should be arranged between Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

At audition candidates will:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on their instrument or voice, or present music to demonstrate creator
- Demonstrate technical control, musical understanding, and range of repertoire
- Complete aural and musicianship assessments, which may include sight-reading and a short singing test

Candidates are encouraged to:

- Present a second study instrument or additional musical skill, although this is not compulsory
- Choose a programme that reflects their interests and strengths

Music for the accompanist must be provided if required, along with a copy of music for the panel.

The Director of Music actively encourages discussing the application with potential candidates and their parents informally prior to the application to provide advice about musical standards and help prepare pupils to demonstrate their strength at their best.

Music Scholars are expected to study music at a suitable level during their time at the school, whether through A Level, BTEC, or the IB Diploma. They are also expected to play a full part in the musical life of the school, including taking part in at least two ensembles or activities, one of which will usually be Chapel Choir. These commitments are agreed with the Director of Music.

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

Sport scholarships are awarded to:

- candidates we believe have the potential to reach an elite level in one of our major sports.
- candidates who would make a significant impact across one of our major sports.

Our major sports are cricket, hockey, netball and rugby.

If awarded a Sport scholarship, candidates have a place on our Talented Athlete Development programme (TAD), for more details about the programme please visit our website - <https://www.greshams.com/senior-school/co-curricular/sport/talented-athlete-development-programme/>

Candidates will be assessed in their major sport or sports and undertake a physical assessment. Candidates will also take part in an interview with the Director of Sport.

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. For internal candidates, references should be sought from coaches external to Gresham's. References from members of Gresham's staff will not be accepted.

Sport scholars will be expected to be fully committed to sport in a leading role within the school and to represent Gresham's in sport throughout the school year.

## N O T E S

- 1) Current Gresham's pupils who currently hold a scholarship do not have to reapply for a Sixth Form scholarship.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) All scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the Headmaster. 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.
- 7) Pupils who are awarded a scholarship at Sixth Form are expected, under normal circumstances, to continue at Gresham's and to complete A Levels, the IB Diploma or a BTEC course. 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Bursary applications are assessed by an external organisation who must receive the application by the date stated on the School website. 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.