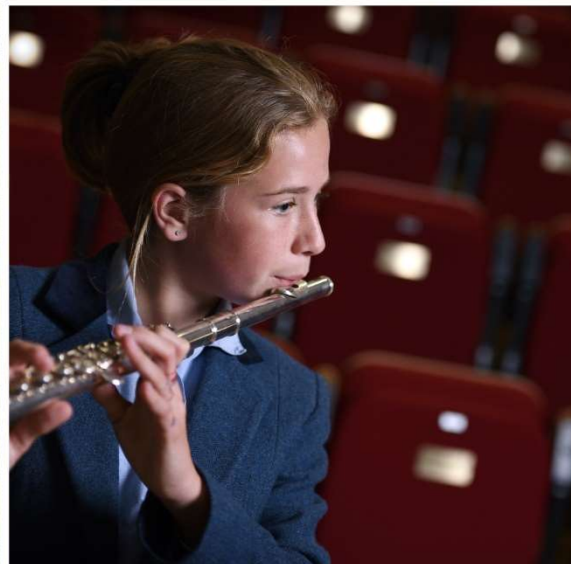
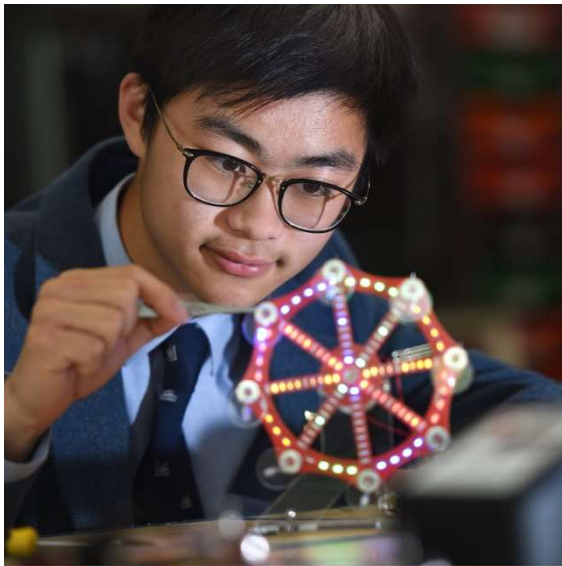


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## Y E A R 9 S C H O L A R S H I P S

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 scholarship programmes offer.

Scholarships are available in the following 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 may also benefit from 30 free music lessons per instrument (including 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)

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

Year 9 application deadline:	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Year 9 Entrance exams and interviews:	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
Year 9 Drama scholarship assessments:	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 (Afternoon)
Year 9 Art and Design scholarship assessments:	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 (Afternoon)
Year 9 Music scholarship assessments:	w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
Year 9 Sport scholarship assessments:	w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2026

All scholarship candidates are required to sit the Year 9 entrance assessments which take place at Gresham's on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2026. Our entrance assessments involve a combination of tests, and an informal interview with a Deputy Head where candidates can discuss their interests and passions.

### **W H E N   A R E   T H E   R E S U L T S   A N N O U N C E D ?**

The outcomes of the assessments will be communicated no later than Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

## **YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The assessment process for all scholarships will enable the school to evaluate how well candidates perform within their chosen field, and whether they can demonstrate the potential to develop further. There will be an expectation that candidates are more than comfortable handling material and skills they have already been exposed to at school by Year 8. 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 and dependability at school and in their activities.

### **HOW DO WE DECIDE WHO IS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP?**

Scholarships are inevitably a competitive process as the standards are high and the fields strong. At Gresham's we aim to make the process fair and transparent for all applicants.

The following evidence is used in order to assess pupils for scholarship:

- CVs written by pupils in support of their applications
- References (provided by current schools)
- School reports
- Interviews
- Observed performance (Art and Design, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships)

Applicants are graded on the basis of all this information. Scholarships are only awarded if applicants are deemed to be of a scholarship standard.

### **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 sitting our entrance assessments will be entered into the Academic scholarship process, therefore there is no need to apply for the Academic scholarship

When assessing candidates for the Academic scholarship we review each candidate's performance in the entrance assessments, their school reports and their reference. Candidates will need to demonstrate a strong academic performance in the entrance assessments and have a strong academic record.

## 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. Candidates will also participate in a group printmaking workshop on the day of the interviews. Portfolios should show evidence of ability and enthusiasm in one or more art disciplines, such as sculpture, photography, graphic design, textiles, illustration, animation, ceramics, product design, printmaking and painting.

Personal sketchbooks and projects 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 and a reference from the Head of the candidate's school and Director of Art will also be taken into consideration.

On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will discuss their portfolios with Head of Art or Head of Design and will take part in an art workshop. The outcomes they produce can be taken home.

Candidates' portfolios should be delivered to Gresham's Art and Design department on the Monday prior to the Art and Design scholarship assessment. Portfolios will be collected when the candidates depart at the end of the assessment afternoon.

Award holders would usually be expected to take GCSE Fine Art, Graphic Communication or Three-Dimensional Design, and to take a full part in the co-curricular Art programme of the School.

## 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:

- 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.
- An individual 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 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 9 becomes an ambassador for Drama and will be expected to take GCSE Drama and to actively work with the department on their own creative development. They will be expected to commit fully to the extra-curricular production and performance opportunities at Gresham's 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 Grade V on applicants' principal instrument or discipline is recommended as a guide, although completion of formal exams is not required. A strong knowledge and understanding of DAW software or music notation software to realise their music should be expected for a creator.

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.

Candidates will be invited to audition during the w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

All candidates must supply a scholarship CV. A reference from the Head of the candidate's school and Director of Music will also be taken into consideration.

Music scholars are expected to study music at a suitable level during their time at the school, whether through GCSE, 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 two or more of our major sports.

Our major sports are Cricket, Hockey, Netball and Rugby.

If awarded a Sport scholarship, candidates will 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 all three of our major sports, they will also undertake a physical assessment and participate in a discussion regarding their sport and ambitions.

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.

## 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.
2. Pupils entered for Year 9 Scholarships must be under 14 on 1st September of the year of entry to Gresham's (unless extraordinary circumstances are agreed by 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. 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. 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 Year 9 or Sixth Form are expected, under normal circumstances, to continue at Gresham's and to complete A-Levels, the IB Diploma or BTEC. If a pupil is withdrawn before the completion of such a period, Gresham's reserves the right to request repayment of all or part of the value of the scholarship for the period from the commencement of the award 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 organisation and all applications must be received 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 the Admissions team. Please email [admissions@greshams.com](mailto:admissions@greshams.com).
9. Prep candidates already holding a bursary, who gain a Scholarship, will have the bursary reduced by the Scholarship. Sibling discounts are replaced or reduced by a Scholarship. Candidates already holding a Year 7 Scholarship from Gresham's Prep, will have that Scholarship replaced by a Year 9 Scholarship, if successful.