



St George's
School Edgbaston

SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

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Academic Scholarships

Scholarships are offered to both internal (Prep School) and external candidates.

Prep School Scholarships are determined by excelling in academic assessments of numeracy and maths, the reference from your child's current setting, as well as successful taster days.

Senior School's Academic scholarships are based solely on your child's performance in the 11+ Entrance Exam and the reference from your child's current setting. Where performance in the Entrance Exam is deemed worthy of consideration for an Academic Scholarship but competition at a similar level is high, candidates will be invited back for scholarship interviews. There is considerable competition for Scholarship places where a limited amount of financial help towards the fees is available.

Academic Scholarships provide up to 20% remittance on school fees.

Sports Scholarships

Sport scholarships are open to all pupils entering Year 7 through to Lower Sixth (current and new).

A broad range of sports are offered across the whole school with regular success in inter-school and national competitions. Sports Scholars are expected to not only show outstanding ability and potential for improvement, but also to be outstanding ambassadors for their sport and role models for other pupils. A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of a Sport scholarship.

A Scholar will receive 10% discount on fees and these awards are considered to be prestigious. Sport Scholarships are offered to candidates who will become leading contributors to the St. George's PE Department and sports provision.

External Candidates wishing to apply for a sport scholarship must complete an application form together with a registration form and registration fee. Students transferring from St. George's Prep School must also complete and return a Sport Scholarship application form.

School looks to provide an environment which allows students to develop performance and grow transferable skills towards training, performing and developing others. St George's ultimately wants to prepare its students for sport beyond education.

Sports Scholars should:

- Contribute to sporting life of the school and perform and train regularly in weekly practices
- Commit to playing for the school sports teams in a range of sports
- Support School Open Events
- Assist with helping younger students to develop and improve their performance, being a positive role model for all, representing the school's teams in an inclusive and respectful manner
- Be an ambassador for the school and School's PE Department
- Take GCSE PE / BTEC Sport as a subject option from Year 9, or A Level / L3 BTEC – non-continuation of studying for the subject will lead to the removal of the award

Applicants should:

- Currently play regional level or the equivalent in their chosen sport (Football, Athletics, Basketball, Table Tennis, Netball, Cricket, Tennis)

- They should also be participating in club sport where possible. Applicants must provide a sport C.V. outlining their achievements to date
- Demonstrate potential for outstanding performance or potential to become an elite sports performer
- The PE Department will contact applicants through the school's admissions team regarding any observation / assessment approximately one week in advance, detailing the needs of that particular assessment including format, equipment needs etc. School will fact check information provided through contact with sports clubs / organisations / governing bodies via confidential references

Review Criteria

All Year Groups Awards will be reviewed annually by the Head of PE. Award holders will be expected to represent St George's and contribute to all major sports. This will include participation and also assisting with Prep Tournaments as a role model for our younger players. They must be fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of the School. The Head of PE will advise the Head of St George's on the final Scholarship decisions, and both the parents and pupil will be given at least one term's notice if the award is being withdrawn and the reason for that decision.

Creative Scholarships

Art Scholarships

These are open to all pupils entering Year 3 through to Year 11 (current and new). Art Scholars should demonstrate their talent and passion for the subject through creativity, imagination and skills. We expect holders of art scholarships to make a significant extra-curricular commitment to their artwork. Art Scholars will play an active role in the department and be a creative and positive influence on their fellow pupils. In addition, art Scholars should be fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of the School.

An Art Scholar will receive 10% discount on fees.

Assessment Criteria (All Year Groups)

For all pupils: Pupils will initially be asked to submit a portfolio of recent work for assessment by the Head of Art. The portfolio, which will be returned, should include at least ten pieces of mounted work completed independently over the last two years, and should reflect the breadth and depth of their personal interest (this might include paintings, prints, drawings, and mixed media work). Successful candidates will be invited to attend a scholarship interview and to undertake a practical task.

Review Criteria

All Year Groups Awards will be reviewed annually by the Head of Art. Art Scholars are expected to study Art at GCSE and A level – non-continuation of studying for the subject will lead to the removal of the award. They are also expected to attend art activities and represent St George's in art competitions and events. Scholars must also demonstrate that they are fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of the School. The Assistant Head (Academic) will advise the Head of St George's School on the final Scholarship decisions, and both the parents and pupil will be given at least one term's notice if an award is being withdrawn and the reasons for that decision.

Drama Scholarships

These are open to all pupils entering Year 7 through to Sixth Form (current and new). Holders of a drama scholarship must participate fully in the co-curricular theatre programme and be excellent ambassadors for the drama department. Scholars will be involved in all major productions during their time at the School. This involvement may be as a performer, director, technician, or stage manager, and may include duties such as staffing front of house and working backstage. In any of these roles, holders of a drama scholarship will demonstrate reliability, commitment, teamwork, and a high level of skill. In assessing candidates for drama scholarships, we are looking for

potential as much as actual achievement. The scholarship programme includes: The opportunity to work closely with the Head of Drama in order to develop their drama skills and to prepare for future auditions; opportunity to be part of the process of selecting future productions and casting.

A Scholar will receive 10% discount on fees.

Assessment Criteria (All Year Groups)

Pupils should demonstrate clear evidence of all or some of the following: Commitment to drama and performance along with strong technical skills, both physical and vocal; participation in productions both in and beyond schools, amounting to considerable performance experience; a genuine knowledge of, and interest in, theatre and performing arts. A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of a drama scholarship.

Candidates will be invited to attend a scholarship interview and to undertake a practical task. Applicants should have the ability to talk at interview about productions seen, or in which they have taken part. High marks in accredited performing arts examinations (LAMDA, RAD etc) are valued but not a formal requirement. There will be an audition which will consist of two contrasting acting pieces. These should offer significant challenges to the performer and at least one should be a character in their age range. They should be 2-3 minutes long and be from a published play or film script. Additionally, applicants must perform a 1-2 minute song, which should be chosen to demonstrate vocal quality and presentation. Perfect singing is not required! Pupils should provide their own sheet music (a pianist will be present to play it) or a backing track on CD or digital device.

During the interview, applicants will be asked about their CV and invited to discuss their experience and interests. Applicants may also be asked about their approach to their audition pieces, including character, staging and text.

Review Criteria

All Awards will be reviewed annually by the Head of Drama. Drama Scholars are expected to study Drama at GCSE and A level – non-continuation of studying for the subject will lead to the removal of the award. Award holders are expected to keep a Record of Personal Achievement, which is subject to annual appraisal. The Assistant Head (Academic) will advise the Head of St George's School on the final Scholarship decisions, and both the parents and pupil will be given at least one term's notice that the award may be being withdrawn and the reasons for that decision.

Music Scholarships

These are open to all pupils entering Year 3 through to Sixth Form (current and new). The Music Department is a vibrant and dynamic part of our community, offering a rich and diverse program that caters to students of all ages and abilities. Our commitment is to nurture and develop each student's musical talents, whether they are beginners or advanced musicians. With a team of dedicated and experienced staff and numerous performance opportunities, we aim to foster a lifelong love of music in our students. Studying music at St George's provides students with more than simply musical skills. Music enhances cognitive abilities, improves self-discipline and promotes teamwork and confidence. Music education at St George's is designed to be both academically rigorous and immensely enjoyable, preparing students not only for exams but also for a lifelong engagement with music. Whether aspiring to a professional career in music, or pursuing it as a passionate hobby, students gain valuable skills that are transferable to many areas of life. Within Senior School, our music programme is delivered by specialist teachers in our dedicated Music Room and individual practice rooms. Pupils can join the school choir, orchestra and various ensembles, including string, wind and percussion. Concerts, recitals and performances encourage pupils to develop and demonstrate their talents.

A Scholar will receive 10% discount on fees.

Assessment Criteria

For entry Year 3: Applicants are expected to play at least Grade 3 on one or more of their instruments

For entry Years 4, 5 or 6: Applicants are expected to play at least Grade 4 on one or more of their instruments

For entry Years 7 and 8: Applicants are expected to play at least Grade 5 on one or more of their instruments

For entry Years 9 to 12: Applicants are expected to play at least Grade 6 on one or more of their instruments

The Scholarship Assessment Applicants must perform two pieces on their instrument. Applicants who are vocalists should bring two contrasting songs. Applicants who play a second instrument must perform two pieces on their first instrument / voice, and one piece on their second instrument / voice. The aim at the audition is to let us hear everything of which the applicant is capable, and so applicants must perform pieces which are at performance standard. If an applicant performs music which is still being learnt, it may be difficult for the assessor to discern the applicant's true ability. Where applicable, applicants must provide their own

accompanist and / or backing tracks for their assessment. As well as performing a set of pieces, applicants will be asked to play a selection of technical exercises (scale, arpeggios, studies etc...) from the grade at which they are working. There will be sight reading and aural tests given at the relevant grades. Applicants will also be asked to demonstrate a knowledge of formal music theory at a similar level. Applicants will be interviewed by the Head of Music, and a reference should be provided by a current music teacher. All applicants should provide an outline of their playing history and the expectation is that they will have participated in competitions, courses, and other events and ensembles outside school. A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of a music scholarship.

Review Criteria

Music Scholars must:

- Participate throughout the year in at least two school music ensemble – choir / orchestra
- Perform at least once during the year in a production or showcase
- Perform at, and audition for, various formal and informal concerts, festivals, and competitions throughout the year at the request of the Head of Music.

Music Scholars are expected to study Music at GCSE and A level – non-continuation of studying for the subject will lead to the removal of the award. All Year Groups Awards will be reviewed annually by the Head of Music. The Head of Music will advise the Head of St George's School on the final Scholarship decisions, and both the parents and pupil will be given at least one term's notice if the award is being withdrawn and the reason for that decision.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do pupils apply for a scholarship?

Pupils and their parents should complete the application form which can be accessed by contacting our Admissions Team – they can be contacted via the main school switchboard or by emailing admissions@sgse.co.uk

External candidates will need to register with the School and provide a copy of their current school report.

Can international pupils apply for a scholarship?

We encourage and welcome scholarship applications from international pupils. Special arrangements are made if the pupil is unable to attend the assessments due to travel issues.

What is the financial value of the scholarship?

Academic Scholarships currently provide up to a 20% discount on Day fees; all other Scholarships provide 10% discount on Day fees.

If I am unsuccessful in gaining a scholarship can I still apply for a bursary, or vice versa?

Yes, the two schemes operate independently from each other.

Can you give an indication of when I will know if I am successful?

The results are emailed to you, usually less than one month after the end of the scholarship assessments.

Do previous awards continue through into following years?

Awards are reviewed termly by the relevant Head of Department. They are intended to continue for the duration of a pupil's time in the Senior School, but this is contingent on his or her conduct and level of work and commitment being in line with the expectations of a Scholar. If an award is to be withdrawn, the pupil and parent will be given one term's notice that this is to happen, and the reasons for it.

Can a pupil apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes, a pupil can apply for more than one scholarship. However, only one scholarship can be awarded.

I am coming to St George's School for a year, can I still apply?

No, you must intend to study at St George's School for a minimum of two years.

Do I need to take the subject at GCSE/A Level if I apply for a scholarship?

It depends on the subject. See relevant criteria.

I am already a St George's pupil, can I apply?

Yes, you are encouraged to apply if you feel you can meet the assessment criteria.