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Scholarships and Awards

# Scholarships and Awards

The School offers Academic, Art, Performing Arts and Sports scholarships, on an annual basis for pupils joining the School in Years 7, 9 and the Lower Sixth. In addition, the School offers Organ and Founder's Scholarships and Founder's Awards for those joining the School in the Lower Sixth (Year 12). Founder's Awards are open to exceptional academic day pupils who would otherwise be unable to attend the School; these awards are means tested.

The award of a scholarship will be on always be made on merit and will not normally be means tested. With the exception of Sixth Form academic scholarships, most awards will not exceed 25% of fees. There are several awards of up to 75% available for exceptional academic day scholars and organ scholars joining in Year 12. The Founder's Scholarship of up to 50% is open to current pupils entering Year 12 following recommendation from the Headmaster. The Founder's Awards are a limited number of fully funded, means-tested awards for day pupils joining the Lower Sixth.

In addition to a fee reduction, scholarship awards will also entitle the pupil to relevant enrichment or extension activities in their area of excellence. For example, Performing Arts scholars will be entitled to music lessons for two different instruments, or a double lesson for one instrument.

Pupils may apply for up to two scholarships, although funding would only be awarded in one scholarship category.

In addition to standard academic tracking of students' attainment across the year, scholars set relevant targets with the head of department for their subject and this is reviewed at the end of the year. Scholars will also be invited to other enrichment activities across the year.

All junior scholarship candidates are expected to participate in Kingham Hill's Michaelmas Term Scholarship Day, and will have already taken the normal assessment papers. In certain circumstances, such as an application made to join the school late in the year or where there is exceptional talent in a year group, an honorary scholarship or exhibition award may be made. This form of award is no less prestigious but does not have a financial value.

Applicants for Sixth Form scholarships will be expected to attend Kingham Hill School's Sixth Form Scholarship Day, early in the Lent Term, or to attend at another opportunity beforehand for assessment and interview. In the case of overseas applicants, assessments and interviews will be conducted via Skype.

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# Scholarships for pupils entering Year 7, 9 and Lower Sixth

Scholarships are available for pupils entering the Years 7, 9 and the Lower Sixth. As the scholarships are allocated in the academic year before they become effective, only pupils who are currently in Years 6, 8 and 11 at the time of application should apply. Please note that pupils may apply for no more than two scholarships.

## Academic

The award of a scholarship is for pupils of above average ability (at least 70% at Common Entrance or equivalent Key Stage Two or Three attainment grades for junior candidates, and excellent GCSE predictions verified by the current school for senior candidates) who will be able to make an all-round contribution to the life of a busy day and boarding school. An excellent report from the current school is a pre-requisite.

## Preparation for Scholarship Day

Candidates for Academic scholarships should prepare a 3-4 minute presentation on an academic subject of their choice; either

something they have studied in school, or a topic on which they have carried out their own research. A brief period (around ten minutes) to prepare the presentation itself will be given on the scholarship day, after which candidates will be asked to present to a group of their peers and answer relevant questions. Candidates may use Powerpoint or a similar piece of software, but they do not have to use ICT to support their presentation. Candidates will also participate in a group activity, and complete a short written exercise. Neither requires any prior knowledge or preparation.



## Art

For gifted pupils who show skill, imagination and creative flair in the field of art and design. Awards are judged at the discretion of the Headmaster following an interview, assessment of the quality of portfolio work and studio time with the Head of Art held at the School on Scholarship Day. Studio time will involve both an observational drawing test and an innovative workshop with our current scholars. This will test a candidate's ability to take risks with new materials and processes and work with others in a studio culture.

A successful scholar will be expected to opt for Art & Design at GCSE, AS and A2 and attain grade A or higher. Scholars attend one art prep during the week in the Art department, where they will produce work for the annual Scholars' Exhibition. Art scholars have a key participatory role in exciting art department activities such as the Royal Academy workshop.

## Preparation for Scholarship Day

Candidates must come to Scholarship Day with a portfolio. Portfolios should be of the candidate's own work and demonstrate both depth and breadth of knowledge, understanding and ability within the bounds of art, craft and design. This should include evidence of a two and three-dimensional understanding in a variety of media, a high level of technical achievement, work that is both observational and experimental, and evidence of critical and contextual investigation and thought.

Last but not least, candidates need to display great motivation for the subject, and eagerness to progress rather than reiterate established skills. On Scholarship Day they may be expected to participate in individual or group tasks to demonstrate their artistic skill and enthusiasm. No prior knowledge or preparation is required.





## Music

Candidates should demonstrate a love of and commitment to music. The music scholarship includes free music tuition: single lessons for two instruments or a double lesson for one. Pupils applying for a scholarship in Year 7 might usually be around Grade 2 with those in Year 9 around Grade 4, although more important (particularly at a younger age) is enthusiasm, passion, and willingness to learn.

Successful candidates will normally be expected to opt for Music at GCSE and A level as well as taking an active role in the School's ensembles as appropriate to their instrument/voice type. These currently include orchestra, string

quartet, chapel choir and rock school to name a few. Junior pupils would normally be expected to participate in a minimum of two ensembles appropriate to their instrument, senior in a minimum of three.

## Preparation for Scholarship Day

Candidates should bring with them their music, instrument(s) as appropriate. The School will provide accompaniment. The audition process may also include a brief music theory assessment. No prior knowledge of music theory or preparation in this area is required.

## Speech and Drama or Dance

Candidates should display flair and potential in the fields of dance or drama. A successful scholar will be normally be expected to take GCSE Drama, participate in LAMDA or BBO exams and play a full role in the various performing arts extra-curricular programme. The Performing Arts scholarship includes free speech and drama lessons, plus optional free dance lessons. Allowances may be made for speech and drama lessons to be substituted by additional dance lessons.

All Performing Arts scholars are expected to play a full role in Kingham Hill's Performing Arts Academy.

## Preparation for Scholarship Day

The candidate will be expected to carry out one of the following options as part of the assessment process:

- To present an already learnt poem or monologue (taken from a play). A copy of the text must be submitted during the audition.
- To create a short dance (minimum of one minute long) to music, in the style of the candidate's choice. The candidate must bring a recording of the music to the audition.

The interviewer may ask the candidate to perform a new piece, either a monologue or a part in an ensemble, to assess their ability to take direction. The script will be provided during Scholarship Day.





## Sport

Candidates should demonstrate outstanding ability in at least one of the school's major sports, and display a commitment to the sporting interests of the school in each term. Pupils being assessed for scholarship will be expected to obtain a recommendation from their current school and club, and demonstrate through practical testing and assessments, their ability to play successfully as a member of an age-appropriate game. They will be given a series of practical agility, fitness and skill tests and also an interview where they will be asked questions about tactics, coaching and training experiences. Playing at county standard is not a necessity – however the aspiration to play at the highest possible level is a must for any scholar.

Successful applicants for sport scholarships should attend for interview in formal attire and must also have appropriate sports kit with them. It should be noted that applicants will not be considered for sports scholarships unless they are able to demonstrate a commanding grasp of their chosen sport through practical assessment on the trial day.

At GCSE level we normally expect our sports scholars to select Physical Education as an option subject and to carry on studying at A level (if appropriate). It is also expected that scholars will represent the school to the highest level in their chosen sports during their time at Kingham Hill School.

# Scholarships and Awards for pupils entering the Lower Sixth

## Founder's Scholarship

This award is open to a current pupil of exceptional academic ability hoping to progress from Year 11 to Year 12 and for whom staying at the school is considered by all as the best possible step. Application materials are due by Sixth Form Scholarship Day. After a review of the candidate's materials, an award recommendation will be made by the Head of Octagon and Head of Sixth Form for final approval by the Headmaster. All awards are conditional pending the candidate's GCSE results.

## Founder's Awards

A Founder's Award offers the opportunity for a local pupil of exceptional academic ability, who would otherwise be unable to attend Kingham Hill School for financial reasons, to realise his or her potential in a supportive educational and pastoral environment. Application materials must be submitted

by Scholarship Day along with an excellent report from the current school which is a pre-requisite. All awards are conditional pending the candidate's GCSE results. For this award only, please contact the Registrar directly regarding the application process.

Application Materials (to be submitted by Scholarship Day)

- GCSE predictions with current school's verification
- Applicants are to provide an essay, limited to 1000 words, on the following title: 'A range of academic interests, personal perspectives and life experiences adds much to the education mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the Kingham Hill School community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of school to you.'
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or coach.
- Completion of the general school application form.





## Organ Scholarship

Candidates should demonstrate a love of and commitment to music, particularly the Anglican choral tradition. They will normally, but not exclusively, offer more than one instrument and have achieved Grade 6 level or higher. It is desirable to have some experience of accompanying.

Organ scholars will gain experience in choral accompanying and conducting, and in accompanying congregational singing. They will be expected to play a full role in Kingham Hill's Performing Arts Academy. In the years it is offered, A level Music will be one of the scholar's option choices.

# Review, maintenance and loss of awards

Scholarship will continue normally for the duration that a pupil is enrolled at Kingham Hill School. Awards are given as in recognition of the achievement of the pupil and it is expected that this attainment is maintained to an agreed standard. The withdrawal of a scholarship based on non-performance is at the Headmaster's discretion.

The award may also be withdrawn should the parent or guardian fail to pay the fees due in a timely manner.

Scholars' performance will be assessed regularly. If scholars are identified as failing to meet the required standard, heads of

departments will inform the Academic Deputy by the end of the Michaelmas term that the scholarship might be at risk. Parents/Guardians will be informed during the Michaelmas term that a failure to improve may result in the loss of scholarship.

Those pupils who fail to make progress during the Lent term will be removed from the scholarship programme starting in the Michaelmas term of the following academic year. A letter from the Academic Deputy or Headmaster will inform parents/guardians of the removal, to provide parents with a one term notification of the loss of award in all cases.



# Scholarship, Exhibition or Bursary: Conditions of Award

- 1 Grant of the award: An Award is granted at the sole discretion of Kingham Hill School (the School).
- 2 Obligations of the pupil: 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. These are the Purposes of the Award.
- 3 Obligations of the parent(s): The parents are required to:
  - 3.1 Support and encourage the pupil to achieve the Purposes of the Award; and
  - 3.2 Treat members of the School community reasonably and to uphold the aims and the good name of the School; and
  - 3.3 Comply with the School's Terms and Conditions.
- 4 Means tested awards: All means tested awards will be subject to annual review and the parents shall each year be required to complete a financial means questionnaire. After any annual review, the School reserves the right to vary the value of the award with immediate effect and will confirm the new value in writing to the parents.
- 5 Continuation of the award: Continuation of the award is dependent upon the following conditions being fulfilled:
  - 5.1 In the case of a means tested award, the parents satisfy the School's financial requirements each year; and / or
  - 5.2 In respect of all awards:
    - 5.2.1 The financial resources allocated by the School to support the award being sufficient to maintain the award; and
    - 5.2.2 It being in the financial interests of the School to maintain the award.
- 5.3 Scholarships
  - 5.3.1 Academic scholarships require the pupil to continue to perform to a high level academically, achieving above the level of their peers and working towards excellent GCSE or A Level results. Academic scholars would be expected to make a successful application to the Octagon academic society and play a full part in the activities of the society.
  - 5.3.2 Performing Arts scholarships require the pupil to play a full part in the Performing Arts Academy (currently meeting on Monday evenings at times communicated by the Head of Performing Arts); in addition, the pupil will engage fully with his/her peripatetic lessons, preparing well for both lessons and any exams their peripatetic teacher enters him/ her for. The pupil will be expected to choose Music/ Drama (according to his/her scholarship subject) for GCSE, AS and A2 Level unless these cannot be offered by the school in the relevant year.
  - 5.3.3 Sport scholarships require the pupil to engage fully with the sporting programme of the school, playing the three termly school sports to a high standard. It is expected that the sports scholar will play for his or her year group teams and will demonstrate excellent attitude to improving his or her own sporting skills in each sport.
  - 5.3.4 Art scholarships require the pupil to engage fully with their Art lessons, striving for excellence and demonstrating a willingness to experiment and take on board their teacher's suggestions for improvement. Art scholars are expected to attend at least one weekly Art prep and to contribute to extra activities in the Art department such as visits and exhibitions. The pupil will be expected to choose Art for GCSE, AS and A2 level unless it cannot be offered by the school in the relevant year.
- 6 Confidentiality: The value and terms and conditions of the award shall remain confidential between the parents and the pupil and the School.
- 7 Termination of the award: The award may be terminated on the following grounds:
  - 7.1 Termination on financial grounds: the School may terminate the award on one term's notice in writing if, in the opinion of the School Governors acting in good faith:
    - 7.1.1 The parents have not satisfied the School's financial requirements under clause 4 and clause 5.1; or
    - 7.1.2 The School is no longer able to continue the award under clause 5.2.

The termination shall take effect from the date set out in the written notice;
  - 7.2 Termination on the grounds of conduct: the School may terminate the award by written notice sent to the parents with immediate effect if, in the opinion of the School Governors acting in good faith, one or more of the following conditions has been fulfilled:
    - 7.2.1 The pupil has not complied with the obligations set out in clause 2 and in the further opinion of the Governors there has been no significant improvement following consultation with the parents and/or the pupil and the issue of a written warning; or
    - 7.2.2 The parents have not complied with the obligations set out in clause 3; or
    - 7.2.3 The parents of the pupil do not keep the value and terms and conditions of the award confidential in accordance with clause 6; or
    - 7.2.4 The parents withdraw the pupil from the School without providing a full term's written notice.
  - 7.3 Termination on the grounds of academic underperformance: in the case of Sixth Form Academic scholarships only, the School may terminate the award by written notice sent to the parents by the Easter holidays of Year 12 in the following case:
    - (a) The pupil has underperformed across the first two terms of sixth form and is not on track to achieve at least B grades at the end of the year in either AS exams or internal end of year exams. This will be measured in normal grades reports and in the mock exams, taken after February half term.
    - (b) In the case of underperformance in the mock exams, parents will be informed and the pupil given warning that their performance is below expected standards for an academic scholar. End of term assessments prior to Easter will be given in all subjects and the results of these assessments used as the basis for determining the continuation or withdrawal of the scholarship award.
    - (c) Where a scholarship award is withdrawn for underperformance, parents may be eligible to apply for Bursary funding through the normal route, which will be means tested.
  - 7.4 Repayment of the award: the parents will be required to repay all or part of the benefits received under the award if it is terminated in any of the following circumstances:
    - 7.4.1 Under clause 7.1.1 if the parents have knowingly or recklessly provided false or inaccurate information about their financial position, all benefits received from the date on which the false or inaccurate information was supplied may be repayable; or
    - 7.4.2 Under clause 7.2.1 if the pupil has been found to have committed a serious breach or series of persistent minor breaches of discipline for which the sanction would normally be expulsion or required removal, up to three terms' benefits (if received) may be repayable.
- 8 Fees in lieu of notice: For the avoidance of doubt, the benefit receivable under an award will not apply to any term for which the School requires payment of fees in lieu of notice.
- 9 Conditions of award: these conditions of award take precedence over any of the School's Terms and Conditions which are inconsistent with them but in all other respects the School's Terms and Conditions as amended from time to time shall apply and these conditions of award shall be interpreted in accordance with them.



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# Scholarship application form

## Your Child

Full name

Date of birth

Current school

Year group

11+ (Year 7)

13+ (Year 9)

16+ (Sixth Form)

Please indicate which scholarships (a maximum of two) you wish to apply for:

## 1. Academic Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for an Academic scholarship.

**External Candidates Only:** Please enclose a copy of your child's last full school report.

## 2. Sports Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for a Sports scholarship.

Please indicate your child's ability in their chosen sport - detailing the teams that he/she plays for and how long he/she has been playing.

Please return this application together with references and testimonials from the people who train/coach your child in the major sports listed above, as applicable.

### 3. Art Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for an Art scholarship.

**External Candidates Only:** You will be required to present at interview a portfolio of your child's recent art work.

### 4. Music or Organ Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for a Music or Organ scholarship.

Please provide details of the two main musical instruments that your child plays:

**First instrument**

Last graded examination details (mark, grade, date)

**Second instrument**

Last graded examination details ((mark, grade, date)

**Choral/Singing**

Last graded examination details (mark, grade, date)

## 5. Founder's Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for the Founder's scholarship.

**Please note: Only for internal candidates in Year 11 who wish to apply for entry to Sixth Form**

## 6. Speech and Drama Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for a Speech and Drama scholarship.

Please indicate your child's ability in speech and drama, include any examinations undertaken, along with grades awarded. Please list any productions they have participated in and the part played.

Please return this application together with references and testimonials from the people who tutor/coach your child in speech and drama, as applicable.

## 7. Dance Scholarship

I would like my child to be considered for a Dance scholarship.

Please indicate your child's dancing ability, include any examinations undertaken, along with grades awarded. Please list any productions they have participated in and the part played.

Please return this application together with references and testimonials from the people who tutor/coach your child in dance, as applicable.

## Financial information

Scholarship funding can be augmented by a means tested bursary up to a combined maximum of 50% of fees. To be considered for bursary funding you will be required to complete a bursary application form. Full bursary and scholarship terms and conditions are available from the Registrar upon request.

Please provide details of all siblings who attend or have attended Kingham Hill School.

Sibling's name	<input type="text"/>	Year Group	<input type="text"/>
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### Declaration

I/we declare that to the best of my/our knowledge all the details submitted are true and I/we understand that the provision of false information may lead to any financial award being withdrawn.

Signed: Parent/Guardian 1)

Date

Signed: Parent/Guardian 2)

Date

Please return completed form to:      The Registrar  
Kingham Hill School  
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