

The Royal School

Scholarship Programme



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Our Approach to Achievement

All pupils at The Royal School thrive through an academically ambitious curriculum dedicated to ensuring each individual strives to achieve their very best. Powerful enrichment opportunities both in and beyond the classroom enable our highest achievers, across all disciplines, to explore their strengths and talents to a deeper level.

Being future ready signifies something different for each pupil as they embark upon their Royal School journey. Relationships are paramount here at The Royal School: through our knowledge of the pupils we make sure that we offer a robust Scholarship Programme that recognises each scholar and in turn enables them to flourish.



We achieve this by:

- Ensuring our curriculum is rigorous, diverse and designed with mastery in mind to ensure pupils are able to meet their full potential, without limits.
- Identifying and monitoring pupils who show high ability and potential in a particular subject or discipline and provide them with added opportunities to explore further into the curriculum and beyond. No matter what a child's talents or interests, these will be identified, valued and nurtured.
- Providing inclusive co- and extracurricular programmes that are exciting and diverse and enable pupils to explore their own interests. Although more traditional extracurricular activities are available such as sports teams and choir, we also have far more unique ways for students to develop their talents

such as Greenpower Race Car, Coding and Adventure Club. Everyone is encouraged to take part as we see these experiences as an integral part of life at The Royal.

- Offering excellent careers advice and strong, well-established links with universities that enable them to understand their options and aim high.
- Having a tutor programme that prioritises pupils' emotional and social well-being, but also develops their curiosity and critical thinking. Current affairs, weekly quizzes and research projects ensure pupils are up-to-date with topical issues and help them to build the skills and attributes to prepare them for life and work in the 21st century.

Overview of Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded in Years 7, 9 and 12.

The Scholarship Programme at The Royal School is a fantastic opportunity for those who excel academically or possess exceptional talent and potential in a particular discipline to develop their skills and passions whilst making a powerful contribution to our vibrant and forward looking school.

We understand the importance of treating every scholar as an individual and instead of a 'one size fits all' programme, ours is tailored to bring out the best in everyone and ensure they progress and thrive. Each scholar is paired with a staff mentor to ensure their continual development and support throughout their time at The Royal. They will have regular one-to-one meetings to set targets, review and make the most of the opportunities on offer.

Our scholars are role models within the school and set an example for others in their conduct and attitude. They play an active role in life at The Royal, upholding our values and ethos and acting as ambassadors for the school.

There is fee remission attached to all of our scholarships.



Application Process

In order to apply for a scholarship, potential candidates need to have registered and paid a registration fee (unless they are a current Prep or Senior pupil). The registration form can be found at:

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www.royal-school.org/admissions/register-your-child

Potential candidates can apply at the time of registration and current pupils can apply via an application form on the school website.

All applicants for Year 7 and 9 entry scholarships will be invited to a scholar's interview and assessment(s) in the January of the year of entry, with information provided in advance about exact requirements and expectations.

Sixth Form applicants will be invited to attend the scholarship selection process in the November before the year of entry.

Scholarship offers will be sent out by the end of January.

- Get in touch
 We are available to take
 enquiries all year round
 - Visit The Royal School

 Our bespoke tours are tailored to your chosen scholarship subject
 - 3. Register your interest External candidates to complete the registration form and pay registration fee
- 4. Attend the relevant Assessment/Interview Days
 - **5.** Offer letter, acceptance and deposit

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Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholars will have the opportunity to follow and develop their passions through subject-based challenge days, educational visits, seminars, external lectures and the opportunity to complete a research project on a topic of their choosing. Scholars will have an opportunity to present their findings at a celebration evening at the end of the year and also contribute to our school magazine, blog and newsletters.

Academic Scholarships for Year 7 are awarded based on English and Maths entrance papers and an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



Academic Scholarships for Year 9 may be awarded to candidates, based on entrance assessments and an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Candidates will sit four one-hour papers in English, Mathematics, Science and French or Spanish.

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships may be offered to applicants based on the results of up to three academic papers in the subject(s) they intend to study at A Level and an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Academic Scholars are expected to be diligent in their approach to their studies, lead the way in class discussions, read around topics outside of lessons and go above and beyond where they can.





The school offers unique, high academic conversations, ideas and stimulations to achieve an accomplished sense of thinking. Ever since I joined the school, there has been constant support in everything I do to help me develop into a more confident person.

Toby Academic Scholar

Art Scholarships

Here at The Royal School we pride ourselves on our excellent Art provision and would like to hear from potential scholars who possess the technical ability and creativity to stretch themselves and contribute to the cultural life of the school.

Art Scholars benefit from an enrichment programme which includes workshops and masterclasses, visits to galleries and museums, plus the opportunity to complete the Arts Award programme and present their work at Art events.

Potential candidates are asked to submit a portfolio of recent work in a range of media, completed in the last two years, for assessment. They may like to support this with a short, written statement, outlining their interest and the inspiration for their work. This work may include:

- No more than 3 sheets of 2D work in an A2 or A1 portfolio, including examples of drawings and paintings from observation (still life, portraits or landscapes) as well as imaginative pieces
- Examples of 3D work (photographs, rather than the work itself, please)
- Examples of photography, textiles and printmaking
- At least one sketchbook

Candidates are shortlisted based on these submissions and invited for interview. Here they are expected to discuss an artwork by another artist and to complete a one-hour drawing task set by the Art Department.

Those who are successful will be expected to immerse themselves in their subject through regular attendance at Art Clubs and open studio sessions, participation in art-related workshops and masterclasses, as well as assistance at Open Events as appropriate, providing a role model within lessons and mentoring within the department.

We believe that independent thought, creativity and experimentation are valuable, life-enhancing skills and many of our Art Scholars go on to pursue further studies and careers in Fine Art, Architecture and Design.





Being part of the Scholarship Programme has encouraged me to try new media and techniques and to develop my skills as an artist.

Nathan Art Scholar

Music Scholarships

The Music Department at The Royal School is an inclusive department, which seeks to provide every budding musician with as many opportunities as possible. Scholars are expected to join all extra-curricular groups relevant to their instrument/voice and are given numerous opportunities to perform both inside and outside of school. Scholars are also encouraged to form their own groups with other musicians.

Performance opportunities vary each year but can include any of the following: informal Lunchtime Concerts, Assemblies, Inter-House Music Competition, large scale concerts, external community concerts, Christmas Carol Service, The Annual National Service for Seafarers in St. Paul's Cathedral and Evensong in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Candidates applying for Music Scholarships are required to be approximately Grade 3 standard for Year 7 entry, Grade 5 standard for Year 9 and Grade 7 or above for Year 12 entry, though it is not essential that exams have been taken. They may offer up to three instruments, including voice, in which case one piece per instrument is sufficient. Those who only offer one instrument should prepare two contrasting pieces/ songs. Applicants with a talent for composition/song writing will also be considered and should provide recordings and scores of two contrasting original compositions. Recordings should be on either CD/USB or performed live at the scholarship assessment.

Music Scholarships are awarded based on performance, potential and enthusiasm; discussion, therefore, plays a significant part in the audition process. The school will provide an accompanist or a CD player for backing tracks, though candidates are welcome to bring their own accompanist.





The school has given me a lot of opportunities such as performing in music concerts and playing my instruments to family and friends.

Ptolemy Music Scholar

Performance Scholarships

Actors, dancers or musical theatre performers may apply for Performance Scholarships at The Royal School.

Successful applicants will enter into our Performance Scholars Programme, which will benefit all of our scholars no matter what their particular discipline may be. Performance Scholars will be taken on scholars only trips to relevant productions, they will also take part in our Scholars' Concert, in which they will showcase highlights of the year. This may be made from clips and excerpts from our own shows here at The Royal but could also include the demonstration of skills honed and developed outside of school. Other opportunities for Performance Scholars include:

- Busy performance programme throughout the school year
- 1 inclusive whole school production
- 1 Upper School play
- 1 Lower School play
- LAMDA lessons up to Gold Medal
- Theatre trips to see a varied, interesting programme of live performance

Candidates will audition with our Head of Drama and a dance/music specialist if applicable.

A Performance Scholar should be working at the highest possible level for someone of their age. Candidates need to show a passion for performance that they have pursued outside of school, this must be supported and documented by evidence from their external teacher or club.

Scholars will have demonstrated a commitment to performance at their current school and there is an expectation that Performance Scholars take full part in school plays, performances and events. Scholars will be expected to show growth, development and advancement of their skills throughout the year. This can be supported by an external teacher's report, a report from the Head of Drama or Head of Music and will be evidenced and assessed at a yearly scholars' review.

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The support I have had from the Performing Arts staff and the opportunities I have been offered, have been fantastic! Our school genuinely values the performing arts and that is communicated by the staff in every rehearsal and every performance we put on. It makes such a difference to work with music and drama teachers who have professional performance experience.

Nick Performance Scholar



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Sports Scholarships

Our Sports Scholarships recognise candidates who exhibit skills in a given sport and strong leadership potential. Scholars are expected to be active and positive contributors to the school's sporting life throughout the year, setting an impeccable example on and off the field of play.

There are currently teams for:

- Badminton
- Basketball (boys)
- Cricket
- Football (boys)
- Golf
- Hockey
- Netball (girls)
- Rounders (girls)
- Swimming
- Tennis

Scholars will receive support in training and help in balancing the demands of academic and sporting commitments during their school life. Opportunities to attend testing events and lectures on the fine points such as nutrition and mind set will be given, where the opportunities arise. We currently support a member of the U19 Surrey Storm netball development pathway and a county and London Irish development rugby player. We have students past and present that we have supported up to international level in a variety of sporting pursuits, including equestrian, skiing and lacrosse.

For Year 7 scholarships, attitude, athletic ability and raw talent are the key factors in selecting a Sports Scholar. Year 7 candidates will be examined in two areas:

1. Written section (15 minutes) 20% This will test overall general knowledge of PE.

2. Practical (30 minutes) 80%

Including a Co-ordination test, Skills test, Reaction test, Team performance.

For Year 9 scholarships, attitude, athletic ability and talent are the key factors in selecting a Sports Scholar. We expect pupils to be competing at club level (at least) in their chosen sport(s).

Year 9 candidates will be examined in two areas: -

1. Written Paper (15 minutes) 20%

2. Practical (35 minutes) 60%

Candidates perform in two different activities, plus tests of reaction time/co-ordination/learning/fitness.

3. Interview (15 minutes) 20%



For Sixth Form Sports Scholarship applicants, we would expect to see evidence of top-level competition, leadership skills and a first class attitude to sport. Sixth Form candidates will be examined in three areas: -

1. Written Paper (45 minutes) 25%

2. Practical (35 minutes) 60%

Candidates could be expected to perform in two different activities, plus tests of reaction time/co-ordination/ learning/fitness.

3. Interview (10 minutes) 15%

Scholarship reviews will focus on the pupil's contribution to the sporting life at The Royal School alongside sport specific goals.

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Helping out with the younger years' sports training has helped me develop good leadership skills and pass on my knowledge and experience. I am also going to complete my Sports Leaders Programme to improve even more.

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Maddy Sports Scholar









For more information about the admissions process for scholarships please contact admissions@royal-school.org or telephone 01428 603052.

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Programme itself, please contact Ms Katie Allison-Guy, Lead for Scholars and High Achievement at kallison-guy@royal.surrey.sch.uk

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