

# Scholarship INFORMATION

Many independent schools offer scholarships aimed at attracting talented students, which may be focused on academic, sporting, musical, or artistic achievements. While the financial value of scholarships is often minimal, they carry significant honour and recognition within the school community. Application processes vary by school, typically closing around October, and may involve entrance exams, separate scholarship papers, auditions, portfolios, or interviews.

## For Academic Scholarships

For Academic scholarships, some schools base their awards on entrance exam performance, while others administer a separate scholarship paper. Typically, candidates will undergo an interview as well.

## For Music Scholarships,

For music scholarships, candidates are typically required to demonstrate proficiency in one or two instruments or voice at a minimum Grade 3 level for 11+ and Grade 5 for 13+. Applicants usually submit a synopsis detailing their musical background and achievements. Auditions include practical performances on their chosen instruments, scales, aural tests, music theory, sight-reading, and an interview to discuss their musical journey and aspirations.



## Sports Scholarships

Sports scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate a strong commitment to sports through participation outside of school, with a proven record of performance at club or county level. They are usually required to excel in at least two major school sports at the A-Team level. Candidates usually submit sporting references and a sports portfolio showcasing their achievements. On assessment day, they often are asked to perform skills assessments and participate in interviews.

## Art Scholarships

Art scholarships require candidates to submit an art portfolio showcasing their artistic ability and potential. During the interview, candidates discuss their artwork and personal statements submitted with their application. They may be asked to complete an observational drawing to demonstrate their skills.

## Drama Scholarships

Drama scholarships assess candidates' creativity, vocal and physical control, and ability to work collaboratively within an ensemble. Applicants are expected to participate in extra-curricular drama clubs or shows. Assessment day activities include preparing a short monologue for performance, participating in a group improvisation workshop, and attending an interview to discuss their passion for drama and their theatrical experiences. Previous recordings of performances will also be advantageous.

Whether you have a specific school in mind and want to explore available scholarships or are uncertain about where to start, reach out to us, and we'll assist you in navigating the process. Additionally, if you'd like us to pair your child with the perfect tutor/coach, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can reach us via email at [bespokemindsedu@gmail.com](mailto:bespokemindsedu@gmail.com) or by phone at 07799 431 909.