

STONAR



Scholarships & Bursaries

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Scholarships and Bursaries for entry in the Academic Year 2021-2022

Stonar seeks to offer opportunities for children to attend the school who may benefit from the education offered at Stonar. A range of scholarships and means tested bursaries are available for the benefit of individuals and the community. A specific sum is set aside each year for remissions, so there are restrictions on the number and size of awards available.

Scholarships are open to pupils who demonstrate outstanding talent or achievement in a particular area.

Applications for scholarships are invited at the following points:

- On entering the school to join Years 7 or 9
- On entering the school to join the Sixth Form
- On progression from Year 6 to Year 7
- On progression from Year 11 to the Sixth Form

In exceptional cases it may be possible for a new child entering Year 8 or 10 to be considered for a scholarship. This is at the discretion of the Head.

The allocation of a scholarship and the level of award is affected not only by the standard of the candidate's application, but also by the number and quality of other successful candidates and the total funds available for scholarship awards. The School reserves the right not to award particular scholarships if no candidate demonstrates the required standard. As the scholarship application is a competitive process, scholarships are assessed at a set time of year in order that the relative merits of all candidates can be fairly judged and scholarships awarded in line with available funds.

Before considering an application for a scholarship, parents are advised to seek advice from the Head of their child's current school about whether their child is likely to meet the required standard for a scholarship. Parents may also seek indicative advice from us via a consultation with the Head.

Once gained, a scholarship normally lasts to the end of the Sixth Form. All scholarships are subject to continued satisfactory progress and are formally reviewed on an annual basis.

Candidates may apply for one or more scholarship awards. All candidates will have an interview with the Head or a senior member of staff as part of the assessment process.

Scholarships are awarded on merit and are independent of parental financial circumstances. Should parents feel that they do not require the monetary reward associated with a scholarship, the money released will be used to help other talented students. Means tested bursary awards can be added to scholarships.

Please note that families in receipt of the Forces Continuity of Educational Allowance may not be eligible to receive the equivalent discount. However, candidates may be awarded another benefit that carries an equivalent modest monetary value.



Scholarships for pupils entering Years 7 and 9

Scholarships are awarded to candidates of exceptional ability and are not means tested. Year 9 scholarships are usually only awarded to external candidates, but in exceptional cases where there is clear evidence of outstanding achievement or potential, current pupils may be invited by the Head to sit scholarship examinations. The majority of scholarships are for a reduction of 10% of the applicable day or boarding fee. In addition to the assessment requirements outlined below, all candidates will be interviewed by the Head.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded based on exceptional performance in the entrance examinations. Selection will depend upon the achievement of scores that place the candidate at above average ability in English and Maths, through the completion of an online assessment and written papers. The quality of the candidate's communication skills orally and in writing will also be taken into consideration.

Art Scholarships

We are looking for creative and independent young artists, with emerging skills who will set standards to inspire their contemporaries. The ability to draw well directly from observation is fundamental. Candidates will be required to demonstrate ability and potential in Art significantly above average, through a portfolio of independently produced pieces.

On the day of the practical scholarship assessments the portfolio will be assessed and the candidate will complete a drawing from still life, as well as taking part in interviews with members of the Art Department. During the interview candidates will: present their portfolio; discuss the works of other artists and their wider interests. Candidates should be able to show a passion, appreciation and wider interest in Art and the desire to contribute to the wider life of the school through Art is essential.



Drama Scholarships

We are looking for creative and expressive performers with a passion for the Performing Arts and a desire to experiment and develop their skills within this exciting subject area. Successful Drama Scholarships candidates will be expected to demonstrate above average ability and potential in Drama, through assessed performance and evidence of involvement in Drama within and/or beyond their school.

Drama scholars will be expected to:

- Set high standards to inspire their contemporaries
- Undertake lessons in Speech and Drama
- Take part in all school productions
- Spend a proportion of their free time working in the Drama Department
- Attend school trips to the theatre where possible
- Assist the Drama Department on Open Days
- Take part in school assemblies and other school functions

Candidates for both the Year 7 and Year 9 Drama Scholarships will be required to:

- Perform from memory two contrasting pieces (either two monologues, or one monologue and one poem, but NOT two poems)
- Introduce their pieces and be able to answer questions on their pieces (why they chose these pieces, what the characters are feeling, know the full-works/plays/anthologies from which the pieces have been selected)

All candidates are invited to bring any evidence of examinations taken, competitions entered and productions they have taken part in or enjoyed watching.

Music Scholarships

We are looking for creative and independent young musicians, with a high level of musicianship and good instrumental skills. The ability to play one instrument to a high standard is essential. It is normally expected that candidates will also offer a second instrument or voice and take a leading role in school performances.

Music scholars will be expected to:

- Participate in a range of musical activities and performance groups
- Learn two instruments or singing as a second study
- Take part in school concerts, productions, services and House events
- Lead rehearsals and practise independently
- Have a passion for music

For Year 7 awards candidates should have reached a minimum of Grade 3 in at least one of their choices. For Year 9 awards candidates should have reached a minimum of Grade 5.

On the day of the scholarships, candidates will be expected to perform two contrasting pieces of music on their first study instrument and one on any second or third study instruments/voice. They will also be given appropriate aural tests followed by an interview with members of the Music Department, during which they will discuss their performing experience and their wider musical interests.

Candidates should submit a CV which includes any evidence of examinations they have passed or of any competitions, festivals or concerts they have participated in which may support their application.

Music Scholarships provide free tuition at the school for a maximum of two instruments, in addition to a reduction in day fees.

Sports Scholarships

At Stonar we value physical education and it is an important component in the ethos of the school. Practical performance in at least one of the school's major sports, but ideally in more than one is essential. Equally as important is a genuine interest and passion for sport and a desire to develop and reach the highest standard.

We will provide students with a platform to improve and succeed, and successful applicants will be given the opportunity to attend a sports psychology workshop and undertake fitness testing at Bath University. Alongside this all sports scholars will be given a mentor with whom they will meet regularly to discuss their development.

Sports scholars will be expected to:

- Demonstrate outstanding ability in at least one of the School's major sports, but ideally in more than one
- Display a commitment to the sporting interests of the School in each term
- Ensure availability for all inter-school fixtures
- Represent the School to the highest level in their chosen sport throughout their time at Stonar
- Demonstrate excellent sportsmanship within sports lessons and fixtures
- Set standards to inspire their contemporaries

The School's main sports are: cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, swimming and tennis. Playing at county level at the time of application is not a necessity, but the potential and aspiration to play at representative level is a necessity for any scholar. All candidates should indicate their chosen sports in their application.

On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will undertake:

- A practical assessment in their two chosen sports
- A practical fitness assessment
- An interview with the Director of Sport

Candidates will be required to bring the following to their interview:

- Formal attire to wear whilst attending the interview
- Appropriate sportswear and any required equipment to undertake their assessments

Sporting CV

- Applicants are requested to prepare a sporting CV, showing a summary of their sporting experiences and areas of specialism. In addition a reference from their current PE teacher/coach from local club/district/county performance centres is required





Application Process

Candidates are requested to complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit to the Admissions Department via email admissions@stonarschool.com or by post, with supporting CVs (as requested for Music and Sport).

Following the application deadline a schedule for the examination day will be prepared and further information supplied to each family.

Application deadline for Scholarships:	Monday 30 November 2020
Year 7 Assessment Dates:	
Academic, Art, Drama & Music Scholarship Assessments:	Friday 8 January 2021
Sport Scholarship Assessments:	Tuesday 12 January 2021
Year 9 Assessment Dates:	
Academic, Art, Drama & Music Scholarship Assessments:	Tuesday 26 January 2021
Sport Scholarship Assessments:	Thursday 28 January 2021



Sixth Form Scholarships

Sixth Form Scholarships are open to those entering the School at this point or progressing from Year 11. They are offered to candidates of exceptional ability who are able to demonstrate that they will make a significant contribution to Stonar Sixth Form. Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sports Scholarships are available. The scholarships are awarded based on interview performance, academic assessments and the demonstration of exceptional talent. They are not means tested. All candidates will be interviewed by the Head.

Sixth Form Scholarship assessments take place at Stonar in November. The majority of awards are for 10% of the applicable day or boarding fees.

Academic Scholarships

The Sixth Form Academic Scholarship is for candidates who are expected to achieve at least five GCSEs at grades 8-9. Candidates will also be expected to sit papers in at least two of the academic subjects they are proposing to take for A Level. These papers will be designed to test aptitude and skill, but not previous content knowledge. Along with suitable predicted grades and a reference from their current school, candidates will have an interview with the Head.

For internal candidates, the awards will be made on the basis of mock GCSE exam results, other academic data and an interview with the Head.

A means tested bursary of up to 75% is also available for suitable candidates.

Art Scholarships

The Sixth Form Art Scholarship is for candidates who demonstrate outstanding talent in two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, textiles or photography. Strength in more than one of these areas would be an advantage. Candidates should be expecting to achieve grades 8-9 in a relevant GCSE subject. Candidates for the Art Scholarship will be assessed by taking a practical exam in Art and will be interviewed by the Art Department, where they will be expected to demonstrate a passion, appreciation and wider interest in Art and





the desire to contribute to the wider life of the School through Art. Candidates should be prepared to bring in examples of their GCSE coursework to date, which could include samples, sketchbooks or photographs of work.

Drama Scholarships

The Sixth Form Drama Scholarship can be awarded to a student who is talented in acting, directing and stagecraft and who is intending to take A Level Theatre Studies or a Cambridge Diploma in Performing Arts. Those taking GCSE Drama should be expecting to achieve grades 8-9. Drama scholars will be expected to play a full part in the School's drama performances.

Candidates for the Drama Scholarship will be required to:

- Perform from memory two contrasting pieces (either two monologues, or one monologue and one poem, but NOT two poems)
- Introduce their pieces and be able to answer questions on their pieces (why they chose these pieces, what the characters are feeling, know the full-works/plays/anthologies from which the pieces have been selected)
- Choose one Theatre Practitioner (e.g. Brecht/Stanslavski/Artaud/Berkoff/Kneehigh/Punchdrunk/Theatre de Complicite) and be prepared to discuss why they are interested in their work / performance style
- Clearly express what they know about each character they are playing

Candidates are invited to bring any evidence of examinations taken, competitions entered and productions they have taken part in or enjoyed watching. There will also be an interview with the Head.

Sixth Form Music Scholarships

Candidates for the Music Scholarship should be of approximately Grade 7 standard on their main instrument, demonstrate a love of music and be prepared to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the School.

Candidates will be asked to play a piece of their own choice on their main instrument and will also be expected to do sight reading and aural tests. They will be asked to play a second instrument (or sing) and will take a short written paper. Candidates are invited to bring any evidence of examinations taken, competitions entered and concerts or performances that they have taken part in or enjoyed watching.

Music Scholarships provide free tuition at the School for a maximum of two instruments, in addition to a reduction in the applicable day or boarding fee.



Sixth Form Sports Scholarships

Candidates for the Sixth Form Sports Scholarship should be of county standard in at least one of the School's major sports (cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, swimming and tennis).

Expectations of a scholar

- Demonstrate outstanding ability in at least one of the School's major sports, but ideally in more than one
- Display a commitment to the sporting interests of the School in each term
- Ensure availability for all inter-school fixtures
- Represent the School to the highest level in their chosen sport throughout their time at Stonar
- Demonstrate excellent sportsmanship within sports lessons and fixtures
- Set standards to inspire their contemporaries

Candidates will be assessed in two practical areas of their choice and will be interviewed. It is an expectation that they will be playing for school or club teams and showing a real commitment to training at an appropriate level. Sports scholars will be expected to represent the school at appropriate sports event and to assist in the coaching of younger players.

On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will undertake:

- A practical assessment in their two chosen sports
- A practical fitness assessment
- An interview with the Director of Sport

Candidates will be required to bring the following to their interview:

- Formal attire to wear whilst attending the interview
- Appropriate sportswear and any required equipment to undertake their assessments

Sporting CV

- Applicants are requested to prepare a sporting CV, showing a summary of their sporting experiences and areas of specialism. In addition a reference from their current PE teacher/coach from local club/district/county performance centres is required



Application Process

Candidates are requested to complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit to the Admissions Department via email:

admissions@stonarschool.com or by post.

Following the application deadline a schedule for the examination day will be prepared and further information supplied to each family.

Application deadline for Scholarships:	Monday 2 November 2020
Academic, Art, Drama & Music Scholarship Assessments:	Tuesday 24 November 2020
Sport Scholarship Assessments:	Friday 27 November 2020



Riding Scholarships

Stonar will be offering a limited number of Riding Scholarships to candidates, applying for entry into Years 7, 9 and the Sixth Form, who are able to demonstrate exceptional equitation skills. Scholarship recipients will be expected to make a significant contribution to the equestrian life of the School.

There are two different scholarships available:

General Riding Scholarship

The General Riding Scholarship is for candidates who show dedication and commitment to the care and welfare of horses; who show a strong level of ability and are able to ride with care and empathy for the horse. General Riding Scholarship applicants do not need to have their own horse to be considered for this scholarship. Recipients will be expected to make a significant contribution to the equestrian community at the School.

Candidates will be asked to ride up to two of the School's own horses. They will be assessed in all three paces and over a short course of single fences, and will be questioned on horse care and knowledge.

- For Year 7 awards, assessments will be based on the Pony Club D+ Test Standard
- For Year 9, awards assessments will be based on the Pony Club C+ Test
- Sixth Form assessments will be based on the Pony Club B test

Details of the Pony Club tests can be found on the Pony Club website www.pcuk.org

A General Riding Scholarship takes the form of subsidised or free riding lessons at the School.

If you would like to apply for the General Riding Scholarship, please complete the Scholarship Application Form and return to the Admissions Department accompanied by a Riding CV which contains any riding achievements to date and a letter of introduction/reference from an equestrian coach with whom you have worked.



Performance Rider Scholarship

Candidates for entry into Years 7, 9 and the Sixth Form can apply for the Performance Rider Scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be expected to make a significant contribution to the equestrian life of the School, including competing for the School team and attending training sessions when required.

Candidates should be able to show a proven and successful record (placings) in one or more of the following disciplines at the relevant entry point:

Year 7:

- British Dressage at Prelim level or above
- British Showjumping (90-1m) or NSEA Qualifiers and/or Championships (90-1m) or above

Year 9:

- British Dressage at Novice/Elementary level or above
- British Showjumping (1m-1m10 or above – or NSEA equivalent level)
- British Eventing –BE90 Ou18 or above

Sixth Form:

- British Dressage at Medium level or above
- British Showjumping at 1m15 or above
- British Eventing at BE100 Ou18 or above

Candidates will be assessed on their own horses within their chosen discipline by the Director of Riding and/or Senior Coach. Following the ridden assessment, potential scholars will be invited to a short interview.

The Performance Rider Scholarship includes discounted livery and lessons. School fees will apply.

If you would like to apply for the Performance Riding Scholarship, please complete the Scholarship Application Form and return to the Admissions Department accompanied by a Riding CV which contains any riding achievements to date, a letter of introduction/reference from an equestrian coach you have worked with and video footage both in training and in competition.

Application deadline for Sixth Form Scholarships:	Monday 2 November 2020
Application deadline for Year 7 and 9 Scholarships:	Monday 30 November 2020
Sixth Form Riding Scholarship Assessments:	Wednesday 25 November 2020
Year 7 Riding Scholarship Assessments:	Wednesday 13 January 2021
Year 9 Riding Scholarship Assessments:	Wednesday 27 January 2021



Other Fee Remissions

Bursaries

Stonar seeks to offer financial assistance to allow children who may benefit from the education offered at Stonar to attend the School where there is a proven need of the family's inability to afford full fees.

A range of means tested bursaries are available, however, there are restrictions on the number and size of the bursaries available. The School reserves the right to vary the number and value of bursaries awarded according to strength of applications and the number of bursary holders already within the School. All awards are subject to the School's ability to fund them within its overall agreed budget.

Bursaries are available on entry to Stonar. Current parents who are experiencing genuine financial difficulties which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of entry to the School may apply for a bursary by completing a bursary form, which is available from the Admissions Department. Parents will be required to provide detailed financial information and may be interviewed by the Head in relation to their application.

The deadline for bursary applications is the 31 January in the academic year preceding entry.

Further information can be obtained from the Head of Finance, Louise Hughes l.hughes@stonarschool.com

Forces Discount

We are pleased to confirm a 20% discount is available on the applicable day or boarding fee for Forces families. In addition Forces Bursaries are available to eligible families.

All bursaries will be subject to certain conditions which parents will be asked to agree when accepting the offer of a bursary.





Further Information

If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact the relevant Head of Department as follows:

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