

# STONAR



## Scholarships at Stonar

2022/23

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# Scholarships for Entry in the Academic Year 2022-2023

At Stonar we offer a wealth of opportunities inside and out of the classroom for pupils to develop their varied talents. Through our scholarships programme we therefore seek to attract talented pupils who will positively contribute to their specialist area, become role models for their peers and benefit from the development that our teaching staff will provide.

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, 9 or 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 Headmaster.

## **Scholarships are available in the following areas:**

- Academic
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Sport
- Riding

Candidates may apply for a maximum of two scholarship awards.

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 Headmaster.

Once gained, a scholarship lasts to the end of the Sixth Form. However, all scholarships are subject to continued satisfactory progress and scholars' commitment, performance and behaviour are regularly reviewed.

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.

## Value of Scholarships

Scholarships relate to both potential and attainment and carry a fee remission of 10% of the applicable day or boarding fee for the first scholarship and 5% for an additional award. The Riding Scholarship is an exception. The two Riding Scholarships available do not offer a reduction in the school fee, but instead offer financial benefits against the cost of riding lessons and/or livery.

Music Scholarships additionally provide free tuition at the School for a maximum of two instruments.

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 pupils. Please note that families in receipt of the Forces Discount will not be eligible to receive the fee reduction and the candidate will hold the award in name only.

# Application Process

All scholarship applicants should be registered with the School and will have paid the £100 registration fee. There is no additional fee for applying for a scholarship. Candidates are requested to complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit to the Admissions Department with the supporting information requested by the closing date.

All external candidates must complete the general entrance examinations and are expected to meet the general entry requirements.

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

The number of scholarships awarded in each category depends on the quality of the candidates. The Headmaster's decision on all awards is final.

### Key Dates:

Year 7	
Application Deadline:	Friday 12 November 2021
Scholarship Assessments:	Saturday 8 January 2021
Entrance Assessment Day:	Monday 14 January 2021
Year 9	
Application Deadline:	Tuesday 30 November 2021
Scholarship and Entrance Assessments:	Friday 28 January 2021
Sixth Form	
Application Deadline:	Friday 12 November 2021
Scholarship Assessments:	End of November

# Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded based on exceptional performance in the entrance examinations.

For entry into Years 7 and 9 selection will depend upon the achievement of scores that place the candidate at above average ability through the completion of an online assessment and written papers in English and Maths. All candidates will be interviewed by the Headmaster. The quality of the candidate's communication skills orally and in writing will also be taken into consideration.

Year 8 pupils who joined Stonar after the Year 7 scholarships were awarded are able to request to be considered for an Academic Scholarship at Year 9.

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 Headmaster.

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

## Academic Reference

When applying candidates are expected to provide an academic reference from their current Head in support of their application.

### **Academic scholars will be expected to:**

- set high standards and perform exceptionally in all subject areas;
- act as a role model to their peers;
- participate in additional academic events and activities arranged for scholars;
- act as ambassadors for the school at Open Days and other key events.

**If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Mr Mark Ebden, Deputy Head (Academic): [m.ebden@stonarschool.com](mailto:m.ebden@stonarschool.com)**



# Art Scholarships

We are looking for creative and independent young artists, with exceptional talent who will set standards to inspire their contemporaries.

Candidates for the Year 7 and 9 Awards should be able to demonstrate ability and potential in Art significantly above average. The ability to draw well directly from observation is fundamental.

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.

## Art Portfolio

In advance of the assessment day candidates should submit a portfolio of independently produced pieces to support their application. The portfolio can be submitted electronically on a CD, USB or online. Images and videos can also be included. Sixth Form candidates should be prepared to bring in examples of their GCSE coursework to date, which could include samples, sketchbooks or photographs of work.

**On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will undertake:**

- a presentation to the Art Department of their portfolio. In addition to discussing their own work, candidates will be expected to discuss the works of other artists and their wider interests. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a passion, appreciation and wider interest in Art and the desire to contribute to the wider life of the school through Art is essential;
- a still life drawing assessment;
- a brief interview with the Headmaster.

**Art scholars will be expected to:**

- demonstrate their creative abilities through exceptional engagement and commitment to their creative studies, with the expectation that at least Art will be studied at GCSE and in the Sixth Form;
- participate in the schools' Art projects and attend workshops run by the Department;
- produce art for displays in the School and attend additional classes and activities arranged for scholars or through the Stonar Clubs programme;
- assist the Art Department on Open Days;
- act as ambassadors for the Department.

**If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Mr Austen O' Hanlon, Head of the Creative Arts and Design [a.ohanlon@stonarschool.com](mailto:a.ohanlon@stonarschool.com)**

# Drama Scholarships

We are looking for talented and expressive performers with a passion for the Performing Arts and a desire to experiment and develop their skills within this exciting subject area, including acting, directing and stagecraft.

Drama scholars play an active role in the life of the Department taking a leading role in school productions. Award holders will have the opportunity to audition for a number of performances each year as well as take LAMDA lessons as a solo, duo or group. They will be expected to demonstrate a genuine interest in theatre and the dramatic arts as well as be good ambassadors for Drama in the School taking an active part in House activities.

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.

## Drama CV

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

### On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will:

- perform from memory two contrasting pieces (either two monologues, or one monologue and one poem, but NOT two poems). Candidates will be required to introduce their pieces and be able to answer questions on their pieces (why they chose them, what the characters are feeling, know the full-works/plays/anthologies from which the pieces have been selected);
- (for Sixth Form Candidates only): 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;
- have an interview with the Head of Drama where they will be expected to discuss their performing experience and their involvement in Drama within or beyond their current school;
- undertake a brief interview with the Headmaster.

### Drama scholars will be expected to:

- set high standards to inspire their contemporaries;
- take part in all school productions;
- undertake lessons in Speech and Drama (as an additional paid activity);
- 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.

**If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Mrs Clare Toghill, Subject Leader Drama, [c.toghill@stonarschool.com](mailto:c.toghill@stonarschool.com)**

# Music Scholarships

We are looking for creative and independent young musicians, with a high level of musicianship and 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.

For Year 7 awards candidates will be required to have reached a minimum of Grade 3 in at least one of their choices. For Year 9 awards candidates will be required to have reached a minimum of Grade 5. Candidates for the Sixth Form Music Scholarship should be of approximately Grade 7 standard on their main instrument. All candidates are required to demonstrate a love of music and be prepared to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the School.

## Music CV

When applying, 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.

### **On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will undertake:**

- a performance of two contrasting pieces of music on their first study instrument and one on any second or third study instruments/voice;
- aural tests with the Director of Music;
- an interview with the Director of Music during which they will discuss their performing experience and their wider musical interests;
- a brief interview with the Headmaster.

### **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;
- assist the Music Department on Open Days;
- have a passion for music.

**If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Dr Andrew Passmore, Director of Music [a.passmore@stonarschool.com](mailto:a.passmore@stonarschool.com)**



# 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.

The School's main sports are: cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, swimming and tennis. For Year 7 and 9 candidates, 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 requirement for any scholar. It is an expectation that candidates will be playing for school or club teams and will be demonstrating a real commitment to training at an appropriate level.

Candidates for the Sixth Form Sports Scholarship should be of county standard in at least one of the School's major sports.

All candidates should indicate their chosen sports in their application.

## Sporting CV

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

### **On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will undertake:**

- a practical assessment in their two chosen sports;
- a practical fitness assessment;
- a short interview with the Director of Sport;
- a brief interview with the Headmaster.

### **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

### **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 and assist in the coaching of younger players;
- attend a sports psychology workshop and undertake fitness testing at Bath University;
- assist the Sports Department on Open Days;
- meet regularly with their mentor with whom they will discuss their development.

**If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Mr Richard Miller, Director of Sport [r.miller@stonarschool.com](mailto:r.miller@stonarschool.com)**



# Riding Scholarships

Stonar offers a limited number of Riding Scholarships to candidates 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. A General Riding Scholarship takes the form of a weekly free group riding lesson at the School.

## Riding CV

When applying candidates are requested to submit a Riding CV which contains any riding achievements to date and a letter of introduction/reference from an equestrian coach with whom they have worked.

### **On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will be expected 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;
- participate in a short interview with the Director of Riding;
- take part in a brief interview with the Headmaster.

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](http://www.pcuk.org)

# 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. The Performance Rider Scholarship includes discounted livery and lessons.

**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

## Riding CV

When applying, candidates are requested to submit a Riding CV which contains any riding achievements to date, a letter of introduction/reference from an equestrian coach with whom they have worked, as well as video footage both in training and in competition.

### **On the day of the scholarship assessment candidates will:**

- be assessed on their own horses within their chosen discipline by the Director of Riding and/or Senior Coach;
- participate in a short interview with the Director of Riding;
- take part in a brief interview with the Headmaster.

**If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Miss Ellie Halsey, Director of Riding [e.halsey@stonarschool.com](mailto:e.halsey@stonarschool.com)**

# 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. Priority is likely to be given to those who are also able to contribute significantly to the life of the School. Candidates are likely to be applying for a scholarship.

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.

To apply for a bursary, you must be registered with the School and have paid the £100 registration fee. Bursary Application Forms must be returned to the Finance Department by the closing date for registrations in November in the year preceding entry.

**Further information can be obtained from Admissions: [admissions@stonarschool.com](mailto:admissions@stonarschool.com)**

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