

KINGHAM HILL  
SCHOOL

# Scholarships & Exhibitions

For entry into First Form, Third Form and Lower Sixth



## Overview

Our mission is to provide an excellent all-round education within a distinctively Christian context. We welcome talented pupils from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances, and aim to produce young people of vision, faith and character, who are well-qualified and equipped to flourish in their adult lives.

Excellence in its many forms is at the heart of Kingham Hill School's success; the kernel of this excellence is our programme of Scholarships and Exhibitions. The School recognises and rewards those who display talent, consistently strive for the highest standards through their endeavours and show servant-heartedness to the rest of the school community.

Each year the School offers Academic Scholarships for pupils joining the School in the First, Third and Lower Sixth Forms. In addition the school offers Organ Scholarships for pupils joining the school in the Lower Sixth. Exhibitions are offered to pupils primarily in Music (for First and Third Form entry) and Sport (for Third and Sixth Form entry), although an Exhibition may be offered in any field of performance where excellence on a national level has been demonstrated.

Scholarships and Exhibitions will always be awarded on merit and are not means-tested. On occasion the School recognises pupils who have demonstrated an exceptional attitude to learning by inviting them to become Scholars. In such circumstances this will not be associated with a financial award beyond the opportunities for curriculum enrichment.

For further information and application details, please [contact the Headmaster's PA](#).

# Application deadlines



First  
Form



Third  
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**Deadline for all applications: Monday 11th October 2021**

Assessed Junior Scholarship Days: Monday October 12th and  
Thursday November 12th 2020



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**Deadline for all applications: Monday 10th January 2022**

Assessed Sixth Form Scholarship Day: Friday 22nd January 2021

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## Academic

Scholarships are available for pupils entering the First Form, Third Form and the Lower Sixth.

Scholarships commence in September and the application process occurs during the preceding academic year. Junior Scholarship applications are assessed in the Michaelmas Term before the start of the award and Sixth Form Scholarships are assessed in the Lent Term before the start of the award. Once a Scholarship has been awarded, it is held until the pupil leaves the school subject to maintaining the necessary standards; an existing scholar does not need to reapply for a scholarship at Sixth Form.

Academic scholars are expected to become leaders in the classroom, inspiring their peers with both the quality of their work and the effort they put into their studies. Scholars will wear insignia to identify their status and will be presented with the chance to take part in internal and external workshops to help them achieve their potential.

Scholarship is divided into two categories: School Scholarship, which equates to a 10% discount on fees and Headmaster’s Scholarship, which equates to a 25% discount on fees. The award of a scholarship automatically confers membership of the Octagon (the academic society of KHS). All awards are reviewed annually, and are maintained subject to the pupil meeting the criteria laid down by the Head of Octagon.

For entry requirements, see next page.

## Types of scholarship

School scholarship up to 10% fees	Headmaster’s scholarship up to 25% fees
First and Third Form entry Dependent on applicant’s academic ability and attitude to learning	First and Third Form entry Dependent on applicant’s academic ability and attitude to learning
Sixth Form entry Predicted Grades of 7 and above in all GCSE subjects	Sixth Form entry Predicted Grades of 8 and above in all GCSE subjects

# Requirements for Academic Scholarships

## First and Third Form Entry

External applicants for scholarship in the First and Third Forms will be assessed for potential in four areas: Vocabulary – word fluency and understanding; Mathematics – logical thinking, manipulating numbers and numerical concepts; Non-verbal ability – recognising shapes, matching patterns, applying spatial awareness and visual intuition; and Skills - such as proofreading, perceptual speed and accuracy.

Internal candidates will also be judged on their attitude to learning, as found on their end of term reports. Scholarship applicants are expected to have had a primarily 'Very Productive' or 'Exceptional' attitude to learning in the three key areas of school life (classwork, independent study and mindset) during the previous three reporting periods. School reports from external candidates should provide similar evidence of liberal academic curiosity. Pupils whose attitude to learning has been adjudged as 'Coasting' in a significant proportion of school life will not be considered for interview.

## Sixth Form Entry

Pupils applying for entry into the Lower Sixth must have verified grade predictions of 7 and above in all GCSE subjects (or the relevant equivalent), and demonstrate a liberal academic curiosity on Scholarship Day in order to be considered for School Scholarship. Applicants with verified grade predictions of 8 and above in all GCSE subjects (or the relevant equivalent) will be eligible for a Headmaster's Scholarship.

A scholarship may be considered from a candidate who has shown an outstanding ability in a subject area that they intend to study in the Sixth Form, for example in Art or Design. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In addition to their verified grade projections, internal candidates will be judged on their attitude to learning, as found on their end of term reports.

First  
Form

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- There are two Scholarship awards available:
- A 'School Scholarship' awards up to a maximum of 10% day fees remission.
- A 'Headmaster's Scholarship' awards up to a maximum of 25% day fees remission. This is awarded to candidates who can demonstrate both an outstanding academic ability and an exceptional attitude to learning.

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- Applicants must have grade predictions of Grade 7 or above in all GCSE subjects.
- Applicants with verified grade predictions of Grade 8 or above will be eligible for a Headmaster's Scholarship.

Scholarship applicants are expected to have had a primarily 'Very Productive' or 'Exceptional' attitude to learning in the three key areas of school life (classwork, independent study and mindset) during the previous three reporting periods. Pupils whose attitude to learning has been adjudged as 'Coasting' in a significant proportion of school life will not be considered for interview.

All candidates applying for scholarship must include a handwritten cover letter explaining why they should be considered for a scholarship.

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## Organ Scholarship

The Organ Scholarship is a significant award of up to 75% day fees remission, and pupils in receipt of it are expected to play a full role in Chapel worship. Candidates should demonstrate a love of and commitment to music, particularly the Anglican choral tradition.

They will normally have achieved at least Grade 6 on a keyboard instrument, and it is desirable to have some experience of accompanying. If successful, candidates will gain experience in choral accompanying and conducting over their Sixth Form career, and support with applications towards a university organ scholarship. Candidates are expected to attend the Sixth Form Scholarship Day and supply the application materials as for other candidates, alongside verification of their musical qualifications. They will also undertake a musical audition.

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## Founder's Scholarship

This award of up to 75% of day fees remission is open to a current pupil of exceptional academic ability hoping to progress from Fifth Form to the Lower Sixth and for whom the award will enable a continuing and significant contribution to KHS. Application materials are due by 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.

# Exhibitions

Candidates for Exhibitions should demonstrate exceptional co-curricular promise. Exhibitions will not normally exceed 10% of fees.

First Form

## Music

Third Form

Exhibitions in Music are offered to pupils at First and Third Form entry, who will normally have achieved Grade 4 (for First Form entry) or Grade 6 (for Third Form entry) in at least one instrument (including voice). Successful candidates will be expected to take an active role in the School's ensembles and musical life as appropriate to their instrument/voice type. Candidates will be assessed at KHS by the Head of Music. Assessment takes place on Junior Scholarship Day.

Third Form

## Sport

Lower Sixth

Exhibitions in Sport are offered to pupils at Third Form and Sixth Form entry, who will be playing at County level or above in one or more of the major sports in which KHS participates. (Rugby, Football and Cricket for boys; Hockey and Netball for girls, who also play mixed Hockey in the Trinity Term). Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to the major sport in all three terms, and to offer themselves for the Sports Leaders programme in the Sixth Form.

Candidates must provide a reference from the head coach of the team they represent and provide an opportunity for representatives from KHS to see them in action representing a team at county or national level, or provide video of a recent performance (for example in the case of a candidate seeking an exhibition in cricket, outside of cricket season). Exhibitions can also be awarded to a pupil who is currently competing at a national level in a discipline recognised on the official list of Olympic sports.

First Form

## Other Exhibitions

Third Form

An exhibition may be considered for any area of co-curricular excellence, aside from music or sport, where the candidate has an involvement at a nationally recognised level. An appropriate letter of recommendation should be submitted along with the application form (recent examples include drama, art, clay-shooting and karting). Relevant expectations of candidates will be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

Lower Sixth

# Preparation for Scholarship Day

All candidates must include a handwritten cover letter explaining why they should be considered for a scholarship.

## First and Third Form entry

Candidates invited to Scholarship Day will take part in a group interview, during which a topic of academic interest shall be explored in an open discussion. Candidates are advised to read around this subject and prepare effectively. This interview is a chance for the candidates to express their intellectual curiosity and how well they can communicate their ideas. The interview will conclude with a 15-minute written task on the selected topic.

## Sixth Form entry

It is important to state that all Sixth Form awards are conditional, pending the candidate's GCSE results. Prior to the day, candidates should submit the following application materials:

- GCSE predictions with verification from current school
- An essay, limited to 1,000 words, on a topic of the candidate's choice
- A completed KHS application form

On the day itself, the candidate will be invited to discuss the essay, along with others as part of a group interview.



## Review, maintenance, and loss of awards

Scholarships will normally continue for the duration of the pupil's enrolment at KHS. The withdrawal of an award based on non-performance is at the Headmaster's discretion, on the advice of the Head of Octagon and/or the Co-curricular Deputy. The award may also be withdrawn should the parent(s)/guardian(s) fail to pay fees in a timely manner.

The performance of scholars will be assessed on a termly basis. Should a pupil in receipt of an award be identified as failing to meet the required standard, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed that a failure to improve over the subsequent two terms may result in the loss of the award. If the pupil fails a subsequent review after two terms, notice will be given by the School that the award will cease at the commencement of the subsequent term, providing a one term notification of the loss of an award in all cases.

Exhibitions are awarded on an annual basis and must be renewed each year. Renewal of an exhibition is not only dependant on high-level performance, but also upon a productive attitude to other areas of school life.

## Bursaries

In line with the Founder's vision for the school, the Kingham Hill Trust offers a number of bursaries each year to pupils who would benefit from a Kingham Hill education but who are unable to afford the full fees.

Bursaries are only available for pupils normally resident in the UK, for a maximum of 50% of fees and are means-tested. In cases of particular need, the school can suggest a number of grant making trusts that may offer additional bursaries. A bursary award can supplement a scholarship, with the combined award not normally exceeding 50% of fees. For more information on bursary funding, please contact our Bursar.

# 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 and Exhibitions

**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 will automatically become members of the Octagon academic society, and be expected to play a full role in it.

**5.3.2** Music exhibitions require the pupil to play a full role in the Performing Arts Academy, and in the wider musical life of KHS. In addition, the pupil will engage fully with his/her peripatetic lessons, preparing well for both lessons and any exams for which they are entered.

**5.3.3** Sport exhibitions require the pupil to engage fully with the sporting programme of the School, playing the three termly School sports to a high standard. In addition, they should take part in the Sports Leaders programme when age-appropriate, and demonstrate an excellent attitude to improving their sporting skills in each sport.

**5.3.4** Pupils in receipt of other exhibitions should maintain a high level of commitment to their chosen field of expertise, meeting annual targets set by the Co-curricular Deputy.

**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

**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.