



Fettes College

ART
SCHOLARSHIP



Introduction

from Head of Art



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The Salvesen Art School at Fettes boasts a state-of-the-art library and well-equipped light-filled studios with exhibition space on every floor. We champion research and innovation through an experimental approach, inspiring students to embark on transformative creative journeys where inquiry and experiential learning shape their progress. Art Scholars at Fettes are expected to be active members of our Art Society programme and embrace opportunities to exhibit their work. They are nurtured and supported by all members of the Art Department, developing their artistic identity, confidence and leadership skills to become promoters of art in our community and wider society.

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Ms Laura Sutherland MFA
Head of Art Department
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What makes an Art Scholar at Fettes?

Applicants for the Art Scholarship should have a demonstrable interest and commitment to improving their artistic abilities and promoting art in their community. They should have an intention of pursuing Art as an Academic Subject at Fettes College and be confident talking about their work.

Art Scholars Programme

For students who perform exceptionally well throughout their assessment and succeed in being awarded an Art Scholarship, this carries a value of 5% of the fees and also includes:

- Opportunities to be an active member of our Art Activities Programme
- Membership of our Art Society Programme
- 1-2-1 support and encouragement to submit work to external competitions.

[Find out more about Art at Fettes](#)

How to apply for an Art Scholarship

To apply for an Art Scholarship at I3+ or at I6+ please complete this Application Form by the deadline date (see below) and remember to let the Admissions Team have your digital portfolio by the relevant deadline date too.

- I6+ deadline to apply for a 2026 Scholarship = 2nd November 2025
- I3+ deadline to apply for a 2026 Scholarship = 14th January 2026
- Late entrants are by exception and this cannot be guaranteed. To avoid disappointment please ensure you meet the deadline.

Candidates can only apply for a maximum of two Scholarships for 2026.

Our Head of Art, Ms Laura Sutherland, will be happy to hear from you and answer any specific questions:
L.Sutherland@fettes.com

If you have any general questions, please contact a member of our Admissions Team:
admissions@fettes.com

KEY DATES



Candidates joining Fettes at I3+ must take an Entrance Assessment in the Autumn Term.



What to expect on the Assessment Day

At 13+

Candidates entering into our Third Form (Year 9/S3) will first gain an offer of a place at Fettes by attending an assessment in the Autumn Term which will comprise a CAT4 test and 15-20 minute interview with a member of our Senior Management Team.

Candidates sitting Common Entrance will also take the CAT4 test to assist us with setting. Candidates will then return to Fettes for the Art Scholarship Assessment Day on Tuesday 27th January 2026.

The assessment falls into **four** components:

1.

By 14th January, submit a digital portfolio consisting of no more than eight PowerPoint slides saved as a pdf document. This should include examples of your artwork which demonstrates your experience of working with a variety of media. It can show your artwork produced at school and also outside of the standard school curriculum – [see example](#)

2.

Bring the following live work to the assessment day: One new piece of work, not included in the digital submission, which you can talk about at interview; and one recent sketchbook.

3.

Spend half a day in our Salvesen Art School taking part in short tasks and group activities with the Head of Art and other members of the Art Department.

4.

Attend a 15–20-minute interview with the Head of Art where you will have the opportunity to discuss your digital portfolio and recent work.

At 16+

Candidates will attend our Scholarship Assessment Days on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November 2025 with the Art Assessment taking place on 11th November.

Our 16+ Art Scholarship Assessment Day will comprise up to **four** components:

1.

By 2nd November, submit a digital portfolio consisting of between 8-12 PowerPoint slides saved as a pdf document. [See example](#)

The approach to the process of art-making is of greater importance than finished work, so scanned images of sketchbook pages or slides which act like a sketchbook page could effectively show your process. We would particularly like to see: experimental work; research into the work of artists; and evidence of how candidates develop their ideas. The Art department at Fettes is particularly interested in modern and contemporary art and any candidate applying for an Art Scholarship at 16+ would be expected to have demonstrated an understanding and keen interest in this area.

2.

Bring the following live work to the assessment day: One new piece of work, not included in the digital submission, which you can talk about at interview; and one recent sketchbook.

3.

Spend half a day in our Salvesen Art School taking part in short tasks and group activities with the Head of Art and other members of the Art Department.

4.

Attend a 30-minute interview with the Head of Art where you will have the opportunity to discuss your digital portfolio and recent work.



What to wear and what to bring with you

We want students to feel comfortable

Please wear your school uniform or alternatively smart comfortable clothing. If taking a Sports Assessment, games kit is absolutely fine.

We recommend you do not wear a Smart watch of any description, and do not bring a mobile phone. If you do bring these with you, we will ask you to leave these at reception. Please do bring a clear water bottle and clear pencil case. Remember to bring your additional piece of work and recent sketchbook.

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Throughout the year we present exhibitions of work by students at all levels. This encourages them to test out ideas beyond the studio setting, and consider how their work might be received by an audience. It is always exciting to see how they rise to this challenge and consequently take their work further into development.

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Head of Art

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Please note

All Scholarships at Fettes are a mark of significant achievement and are awarded at the discretion of the Head. The maximum fee remission per student is 5%. We do not give detailed feedback on an individual's performance at our Assessment Days and the performance of each Scholarship holder is reviewed annually and is subject to satisfactory progress and behaviour.

Bursaries

Fettes is committed to broadening access to the school by offering means-tested financial support towards the payment of school fees - known as a Bursary. Bursaries can cover 100% of fees payable, depending on the financial circumstances of applicants.

Bursaries at Fettes are not connected to Scholarships. The deadline for applying for a Bursary for entry to Fettes in 2026 is Friday 31st October 2025.

[View our Guide to Bursaries, including how to apply.](#)



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If you have any questions, no matter how small,
please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Admissions Team:

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