



Fettes College

DRAMA
SCHOLARSHIP



Introduction

from Head of Co-Curricular Drama



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Successful recipients of a Drama Scholarship will be expected to participate fully in a thriving area of school life: every year there is a significant whole school production (alternating yearly between a play or musical) with a large ensemble cast – we believe in offering the widest possible opportunities for involvement and deliberately choose productions which will stretch and challenge the students. In addition to this, we offer opportunities for acting and directing in smaller scale performances: our Middle School Play for Third and Fourth Form, the Lower Sixth play which is directed entirely by students, and our house competition of the Middle School Play Festival. Technical theatre is vital to any performance and there are opportunities to learn the skills of lighting, sound and set construction from our Theatre Technician. Within the classroom, Drama is part of the Third Form curriculum for all and an excellent option at GCSE.

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Mr Peter Jenkins
Head of Co-Curricular Drama
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What makes a Drama Scholar at Fettes?

Applicants for the Drama Scholarship should have a demonstrable commitment, passion and the potential to thrive in technical and/or practical performance. They should show a desire to learn to be critically reflective, have an intention of actively pursuing Drama at Fettes College and be confident talking about their experience to date.

[Read more about Drama at Fettes](#)

Drama Scholars Programme

- opportunities to be an active member of our Drama Activities Programme
- to be encouraged to audition for leading roles in productions
- 1-2-1 support and encouragement to audition for external roles
- to be encouraged to study Drama at a higher level
- to participate regularly in Theatre trips
- to be encouraged to get involved with theatrical opportunities outside Fettes

For students who perform exceptionally well throughout their assessment and succeed in being awarded a Drama Scholarship, this carries a value of 5% of the fees.

How to apply for a Drama Scholarship

To apply for a **I3+ Drama Scholarship** please complete this **Application Form** by the deadline date (see below) and remember to let the Admissions Team have your Drama CV by the relevant deadline date too.

- I3+ deadline to apply for a 2026 Scholarship
= 14th January 2026
- I3+ deadline to submit Drama CV as a pdf document
= 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 Co-Curricular Drama, Mr Peter Jenkins, will be happy to hear from you and answer any specific questions: PMA.Jenkins@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 Drama Scholarship Assessment Day on Tuesday 27th January 2026.

The Drama Scholarship Assessment falls into **three** parts:

1.

By 14th January, submit a one-page Drama CV. This should include a list of the productions / performances etc which you have been involved in, saved as a PDF document and emailed to admissions@fettes.com. This can include examples at school and also outside of the standard school curriculum – [see example](#).

2.

On Assessment Day spend time in the Fettes Theatre, taking part in some workshop exercises and delivering a prepared monologue.

3.

Attend a 10-15 minute interview with the Heads of Academic and Co-Curricular Drama where you will have the opportunity to discuss your Drama CV and talk about significant experiences of Theatre that you have engaged with.



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.

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.

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For me, Drama at Fettes has given me a way to express myself through performance, allowing me to explore all aspects of my personality whilst playing another character. I have met my closest friends through Drama: it allows you to connect with people who you would never normally talk to! Drama means so much to me and Fettes fully supports me in all my performances.

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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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