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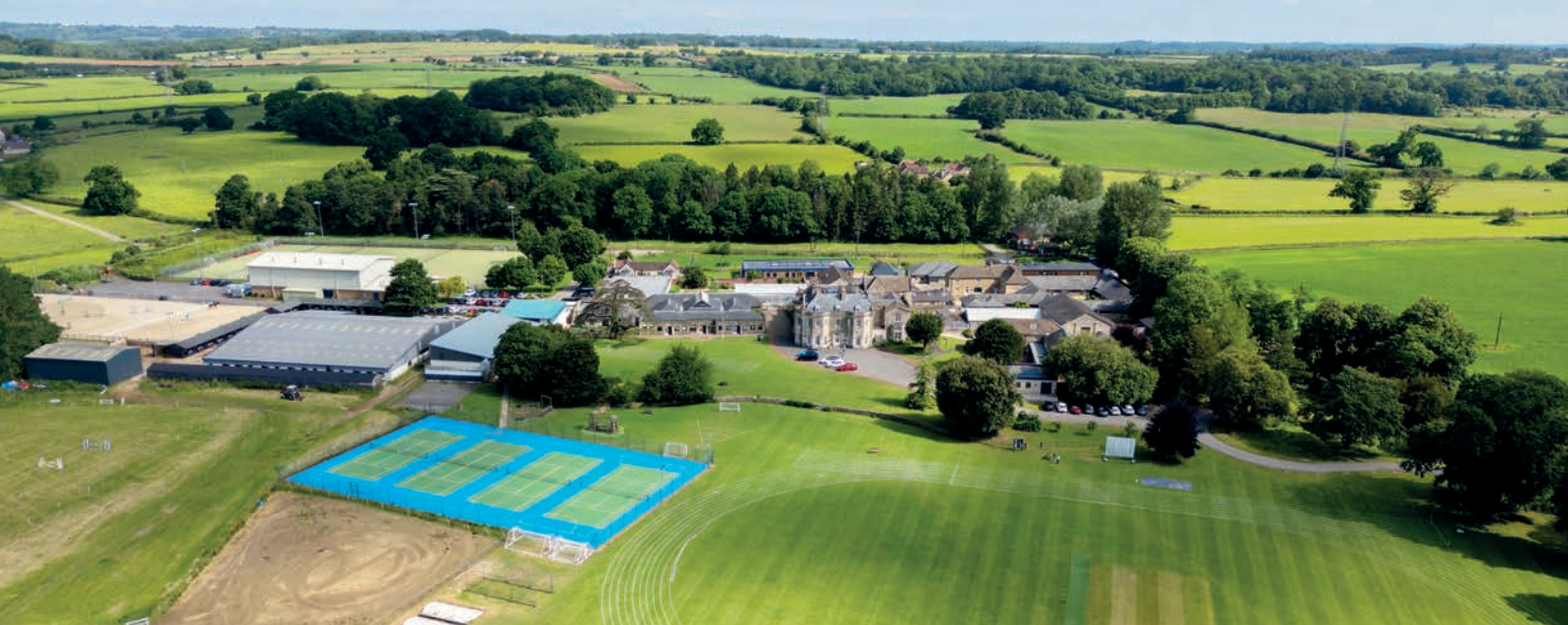


Scholarships at Stonar

2026/2027

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Scholarships for Entry in the Academic Year 2026/2027

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.

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.

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 £120 application 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 assessment process and are expected to meet the general entry requirements. Internal candidates will be assessed on the same dates as external candidates.

Following the application deadline, a schedule for the scholarship 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:	Monday 10 November 2025
Sports Scholarship Assessment Day:	Friday 5 December 2025
General Entrance and Non Sports Scholarship Assessment Day:	Friday 9 January 2026
Year 9	
Application Deadline:	Monday 10 November 2025
Sports Scholarship Assessment Day:	Friday 5 December 2025
Non Sports Scholarship Assessment Day:	Friday 23 January 2026
Sixth Form	
Application Deadline:	Monday 10 November 2025
Scholarship Assessments:	End of November

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded based on exceptional performance in the general entrance assessment process.

All prospective pupils for Year 7 and 9 will be considered for an academic scholarship, based on their performance during the General Entrance Assessment Day, other academic data and an interview with the Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

Pupils currently in Year 8 at Stonar who do not hold an Academic Scholarship will be considered for their suitability at Year 9 following a review of their Year 8 end of year exams and overall academic performance. A formal application is not needed and successful pupils will be notified in the Summer Term of Year 8.

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 complete a cognitive abilities assessment. Along with suitable predicted grades and a reference from their current school, candidates will also have an interview with the Headmaster or Head of Sixth Form.

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, please contact Mrs Jo Worrall, Senior Deputy Head:

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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 the 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. Images and videos may 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, as well as their own 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;
- an interview with the Subject Lead for Art, Fashion Design & Textiles and Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

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 Mrs Kate Adegun, Subject Lead for Art, Fashion Design & Textiles k.adekun@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 and take 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, and take an active part in House activities.

The Sixth Form Drama Scholarship is awarded to a student who is talented in acting, directing and stagecraft and who is intending to take A Level Drama and Theatre. Those taking GCSE Drama should be expecting to achieve grades 8-9.

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 to 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 an interview with the Head of Drama and Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

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;
- opt to study Drama when selecting optional subjects.

If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day, please contact Tom Wansey, Head of Drama, t.wansey@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 6 level 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 Portfolio

When applying, candidates should submit a portfolio 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/voice and, if applicable, one on any second or third study instrument/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;
- an interview with the Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

Music scholars will be expected to:

- participate in a range of musical activities and performances;
- 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;
- opt to study Music when selecting optional subjects.

If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day, please contact Ms Nikki Budd, Director of Music n.budd@stonarschool.com



Sports Scholarships

At Stonar we value physical education and it is an important component in the ethos of the School. To be awarded a Sports Scholarship, participation and 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.

Sporting CV

When applying, candidates are requested to submit a sporting CV, showing a summary of their sporting experiences and areas of specialism for their two chosen sports. 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;
- an interview with the Director of Sport;
- an interview with the Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

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

- Appropriate sportswear and any required equipment to undertake their assessments

Sports scholars will be expected to:

- demonstrate a high standard of 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;
- 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



Riding Scholarships

Stonar offers a limited number of Riding Scholarships to candidates who are able to demonstrate exceptional skills in riding and horse care and management. 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 their 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;
- participate in a short interview with the Director of Stonar Equestrian to include questions on horse care and knowledge;
- take part in an interview with the Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

Criteria:

- 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 standard
- Sixth Form assessments will be based on the Pony Club B Test standard

Details of the Pony Club Tests can be found on the Pony Club website www.pcuk.org. An individual date for assessment will be agreed with each candidate, arranged directly with the Director of Stonar Equestrian.

Riding scholars will be expected to:

- assist with Equestrian Centre events, such as Open Days and exams;
- help run Accumulators;
- help with Pony Club (Prep School Sessions).

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 at 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 their 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 an interview with the Director of Stonar Equestrian;
- take part in an interview with the Headmaster or Senior Deputy Head.

An individual date for assessment will be agreed with each candidate, arranged directly with the Director of Stonar Equestrian.

Riding scholars will be expected to:

- assist with Equestrian Centre events, such as Open Days and exams;
- help run Accumulators;
- help with Pony Club (Prep School Sessions).

If you have any questions about the scholarships and what to expect on the day please contact Mrs Zoe Lang, Director of Stonar Equestrian z.lang@stonarschool.com

Bursaries

Bursaries are intended to provide financial assistance to families unable to afford the full fee, but where a child would benefit from the education provided at Stonar and it is considered that the child would significantly contribute to the life of the School. Priority is likely to be given to applicants of scholarship standard.

Bursaries are awarded based on full financial disclosure via our bursary application form and submission of supporting documentation. Parents may also be interviewed by the Head or Bursar in relation to the application.

To apply for a bursary, you must be registered with the School and have paid the £120 registration fee. New parents can request the form from the Admissions Department and must return it completed to the Accounts Department by the closing date for registrations in November in the year preceding entry.

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 the same form.

Bursaries are awarded for one academic year only, after which you will be invited to reapply.

Further information can be obtained from Neil Mapletoft, Bursar:

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