

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY INFORMATION

Excellence is something everybody at RGS Worcester aspires to achieve.

We also understand that excellence takes many different forms. Our Scholarship Programme deliberately reaches across a variety of disciplines and activities to recognise the tremendous potential of so many of our young people and to enable them to stretch themselves to compete with other talented people from the UK and beyond.

We want our 18 year old leavers to go out confidently into the world of work and university, secure in the knowledge that they have had the very best preparation. Our Scholarship Programme starts as early as Year Five in the two RGS Prep Schools and RGS Dodderhill. Whether it is an Academic, Music, Drama, Art, Design Technology, Textiles or Sport Scholarship, Scholars receive specialist support, tailored to the most able, which is designed to develop innate talent.

The School will have expectations of its Scholars beyond their personal development, of course, and will be looking, at the right time and in a sensitive manner, to enable them to become leaders and contributors in the classroom and beyond with an appetite for challenge such as that provided by Maths Challenge, Physics Olympiad, musical, sporting or dramatic performance (as appropriate), debating or general knowledge competitions. We expect our Scholars to be among the leaders of the School community and to set the tone for the positive, 'can-do' attitude for which RGSW has such a strong reputation.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Definitions

Scholarship: an award made to recognise exceptional achievement in the audition / assessment.

Exhibition: a one off payment to acknowledge potential.

Bursary: fee remission granted to families with a low income / limited capital assets.

Aims

The School wishes to recognise outstanding academic, musical, sporting and artistic ability and potential, and scholarships are awarded for this purpose.

1. Scholarships are awarded to individual pupils to encourage excellence across a range of academic and co-curricular activities in keeping with the aims of the School.
2. 11+ and 13+ candidates are automatically considered for Academic Scholarships when they sit the RGS entrance examination. There are separate assessment processes for all other types of Scholarship, including Sixth Form Academic Scholarships.
3. All Scholarships may be supplemented by Bursary funding of up to 100% remission of fees.
4. Pupils awarded Scholarships will retain them throughout their careers at RGS Worcester subject to good performance. Performance will be assessed at least annually and parents will be notified if there is the possibility of it being withdrawn.
5. All Scholars are expected to show leadership and loyalty to the School.

School practices, rehearsals, events and fixtures must therefore be prioritised over external events or club matches.

BURSARIES

If you are applying to RGSW and are concerned about the School fees, the School does offer the opportunity to apply for a Bursary. This is funding of up to 100% of the full School fee, provided by the School and is means-tested (i.e. the amount of funding is calculated based upon parents' own financial circumstances). Bursaries are awarded to pupils based upon their performance in the School's Entrance examination.

A significant number of pupils at RGS Worcester are able to attend the School as a result of receiving a means-tested Bursary and/or Scholarship. A pupil offered a Scholarship may also receive a Bursary to provide extra assistance with the School fees.

RGS SPRINGFIELD AND RGS THE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Both offer the same Scholarships for pupils entering Year Five. The process is designed so as not to be daunting for candidates, so that they feel welcome at the School. The respective Heads of both schools are closely involved in monitoring the progress of Scholars as they move through the School.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Academic Scholarships are offered to children entering Year Five
- There is no separate exam – pupils who perform exceptionally well in the Entrance Examinations are offered Scholarships
- Children have a test in English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Reading

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Music Scholarships are offered to children entering Year Five
- As a guide, applicants should play two or more instruments and have achieved Grade Three in at least one of these, or to be working to that standard
- Singing voice will be considered the equivalent of an instrument
- All candidates wishing to be considered for a Music Scholarship must take the academic assessment prior to taking the Music Scholarship assessment

RGS WORCESTER SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form, with a special programme overseen by the School's Head of Enrichment to ensure that Scholars move well beyond the curriculum. RGS runs a wide range of clubs and societies, which encourage our Scholars to develop their ideas and interests.

- All 11+ and 13+ external candidates are automatically considered for Academic Scholarships when they sit the main Entrance Examinations
- Sixth Form candidates must state in which subject they wish to sit the Scholarship paper. The candidate, under normal circumstances, must take that subject at A Level
- Each year the Headmaster is able to nominate a suitable member of Year Eleven for support from the Rank Foundation if he/she shows exceptional leadership potential



ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Art Scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form. The RGS Art Department is a truly vibrant place, providing artists with exceptional opportunities to develop their talents, under the right combination of technical instruction and guidance, together with the freedom to express themselves.

- Candidates will be asked to produce a portfolio of work which reflects the strength and depth of their personal artistic interests beyond the normal school curriculum
- There will be an assessment process involving practical tasks and an interview with the Head of Art

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AND TEXTILES SCHOLARSHIPS

These Scholarships are offered at 13+ and Sixth Form. The DT Department at RGS has an extraordinary track record of producing students who go to the very top in engineering, design, fashion and textiles.

Twenty pupils have won prestigious Arkwright Scholarships in the past six years alone. These awards are made by the Institution of Engineering & Technology to the very best candidates in the United Kingdom. Our pupils win external design competitions with an array of inventive and technically proficient work, as well as producing three electronic cars that race in the Greenpower national racing series. RGS also hosts the Young Fashion Designer of the Year (Midlands) and the School regularly has pupils in the finals of this competition.

- Candidates will be asked to produce a portfolio of work which reflects the strength and depth of their interests in Design Technology or Textiles, beyond the normal school curriculum. Such a portfolio might contain work from a wide range of skill areas
- There will be an assessment process involving practical tasks and an interview with the Head of Design Technology and/or Textiles

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

RGS has a superb track record of helping committed pupils reach their goals; that often means reaching acting schools, including RADA. Past pupils have then gone on to forge professional careers in all aspects of the performing arts.

Aspiring actors and actresses will have wide opportunities to take part in performances throughout their RGS careers. Drama is taught to all pupils in Years Seven and Eight, then through Year Nine, GCSE and A Level. LAMDA teaching and examinations are also available at RGS Worcester.

- Auditions will be held prior to the Entrance Examination
- The capability to work harmoniously with other young people and adults as well as performing ability will be included in the assessment
- Additionally, a number of Drama Exhibitions may be offered

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The scope for performance for musicians at the School covers an extraordinarily wide spectrum of styles and genres, with some ensembles from which to choose.

There is a major concert at the end of every term, plus Jazz evenings, Year Group concerts and an annual Cathedral Choral Concert every March. Scholars receive guidance and mentoring from our Music Department throughout their time at RGSW – including conducting lessons when appropriate.

- Auditions are held in January each year
- As a guide we would expect 11+ candidates to have achieved Grade Four or above, 13+ candidates to have achieved Grade Five or above and Sixth Form candidates to be at Grade Seven or Eight in their principal instrument
- In addition, a number of Music Exhibitions may be offered, each to the value of free instrumental tuition on one or more instruments, taught at RGS



GODFREY BROWN SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

These are named after AGK Brown, a former Headmaster of RGS Worcester, who was a world class athlete. His career climaxed at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, where he won a Silver Medal in the 400 metres, then Gold in the 4 x 400 metres relay.

The Director of Sport has overall responsibility for overseeing the progress of our Sports Scholars.

- Sports Scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form
- Sports Exhibitions (ie a one off payment), are also awarded at these age groups and they may be invited to join the Athlete Development Programme
- Candidates are also expected to show exceptional promise in at least one major sport played at RGS (Rugby, Football, Cricket, Athletics and Rowing for boys; Netball, Hockey, Athletics and Rowing for girls)
- It is likely that, particularly at 13+ and Sixth Form, successful candidates will have reached County level, and will be aspiring to levels above that
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a selection day during which they will take part in drills and game situations to show evidence of their positional and tactical awareness as well as their skill, agility and fitness
- All Sports Scholars are expected to be fully committed to the School's sports programme
- Sports Scholars will form part of the RGS Athlete Development Programme. This will provide individualised programmes to support and develop Sports Scholars under the overall direction of the Director of Sport

NICHE SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Here at RGS we want to support those pupils who currently excel in any sport, even if it is not one of the major sports we offer. Pupils interested in this Scholarship will not attend a Sports Scholarship day, but rather fill in an application form, stating the standard at which they are currently performing, together with appropriate supporting reference(s) from a suitably qualified coach. Successful applicants will then attend a separate interview day. It is expected that pupils applying for this Scholarship should already be competing at regional or national level for their given sport.

RGS DODDERHILL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

SCHOLARSHIPS

RGS Dodderhill awards three Scholarships after the entrance examinations.

The Booker Scholarship is awarded to a present pupil and the Price Scholarship to an external candidate for entry into Year Seven. These Scholarships are academic awards. The Booker Scholarship is worth £1000 and the Price Scholarship is the equivalent of one term's fees.

Additionally, the Davidson Music Scholarship is awarded to any girl entering the School in Year Seven and is worth £1000 a year. Details of the audition requirements for the Music Scholarship are available from the School Office and prospectus.

All awards are subject to the pupil making satisfactory progress academically and in their good behaviour. The full amount of the award is repayable should the girl leave before the end of the GCSE year, except for reasons of family relocation.

BURSARIES

Following successful completion of the entrance assessments, Bursary application forms are available from the Bursary and will require a full disclosure of income and assets. All applications are handled with the utmost confidentiality and a final decision is made by the Governors. The Governors will consider each case individually and endeavour to be as generous as possible within available finite resources. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their Bursary application before the end of the spring term. All Bursaries are reviewed annually to ensure that financial assistance is only given where there is a real need. The number of awards varies each year according to need.



SCHOLARSHIP & EXHIBITION APPLICATION FORM

(to be completed by parent or guardian)

Bursary Application Forms can be obtained from the Bursary bursary@rgsw.org.uk but will not be sent out before the November preceding the Entrance Examination and must be returned two weeks prior to the Examination.

Surname: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Forename(s): _____ Known as: _____

Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

For which Scholarships are you applying? Please tick all boxes that apply

All external candidates sitting the 11+ and 13+ Examinations are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship – you do not need to tick that box.

11+		13+		Sixth Form	
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport Exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/>	DT/Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic (Internal Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	DT Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Academic (Internal Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete the following relevant sections and complete your details at the end of this form

Music Scholarship 11+, 13+, Sixth Form

First Instrument:	Second Instrument:	Singing/Choral:
Last graded examination	Last graded examination	Last graded examination
Grade	Grade	Grade
Date (month/year)	Date (month/year)	Date (month/year)
Mark	Mark	Mark
Other performance experience:		

Art Scholarship 11+, 13+, Sixth Form

You will be expected to bring examples of your work and prepare as per the enclosed sheet.

Drama Scholarship 11+, 13+, Sixth Form

The Scholarship day will consist of a full day workshop with current Scholars.

Please tell us your favourite role and why you enjoyed playing the part:

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DT/Textiles Scholarship 13+, Sixth Form

You will undertake a practical assessment. Please bring a portfolio of up to six pieces of your work to the Scholarship Day, to demonstrate your interest in the subject beyond the classroom.

Sports Exhibition 11+, Sports Scholarship 13+, Sixth Form

Please list sports played in order of strength:

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Please give details of any representation in School teams/County teams:

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Other sports experience:

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What would you consider your greatest sporting strength:

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Sixth Form Academic Scholarship

Subject for Scholarship Examination (ONE ONLY which must be studied at A Level):

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Internal Candidates ONLY - Agreed & Signed by Head of Department

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Email address for acknowledgement of receipt of Application:

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