KINGSTON
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS
Kingston Grammar School (KGS) provides a range of scholarships, awards and means-tested bursaries. Our aim is to identify and admit those students who show the potential to benefit from the academic education, ethos and opportunities offered and who will contribute to the active life of our community.
Bursaries & Scholarships

Bursaries
Bursaries are given depending on the financial circumstances of the parents/guardians of the student. Periodic re-assessment of financial circumstances as well as home visits may be carried out at the discretion of the School. These awards may be partial or full.

Scholarships
Scholarships are awarded to exceptional applicants based on their ability in either an academic, sporting, musical, artistic or dramatic sphere. Our scholarships may carry a financial award and are not means-tested.
Help with fees
As a registered charity we welcome applications from the parents/guardians of prospective students applying for 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry who would not normally consider independent education for financial reasons. Bursaries are means-tested and the value is related to the circumstances of the applicant parents/guardians, with up to 100% of fees available.

Fee discounts may include additional assistance with uniforms, school lunches, essential academic trips and examination fees. It is possible to hold a bursary and a scholarship concurrently. Much of the financial support we offer is funded through fee income, and is further enhanced by the kind support of former students and parents who donate to our Bursary Fund via the KGS Foundation.

All bursaries and scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Head Master. KGS, together with contributions from the KGS Foundation, will support 33 students in 2017-18, totalling £486,011 for the year.

Applying for a bursary
For 11+ entry: Application forms can be found on our website. Please download and submit the bursary application form by the 1 December 2017. For 13+ & 16+ entry: Please download and complete the bursary application form found on our website, and submit it with your application. Final deadline is 1 December 2017.

www.kgs.org.uk/admissions/bursaries

The award of a bursary at 11+ and 13+ is subject to satisfactory performance in the entrance examination. Bursaries offered will continue into the Sixth Form, subject to satisfying the Sixth Form entrance requirements. A bursary awarded to a prospective Sixth Form candidate will be confirmed after the GCSE results, providing the candidate has met the requirements of the conditional offer. Late applications will not be considered.

Bursary awards
Bursary awards are made at the outset of a student’s journey through KGS. There will be no further opportunity to be considered for a bursary except at 16+ entry into Sixth Form. Funds for bursary awards are limited and parents should ensure they have explored all other avenues before applying.

Bursary information about the application process and awards is confidential to the School. Included in our calculations are all aspects of both parents’ finances as well as the value of assets, including property. An allowance for your essential expenses is made together with an amount for other dependent children.

All financial information is carefully considered during the bursary award process.

As a general guide, parents with a combined income of £80,000 or more are unlikely to qualify for a bursary unless there are special circumstances that need to be taken into account.

Bursary awards are subject to:
• A home visit
• Annual re-testing of parental means
• Satisfactory performance and good conduct of the student

Scholarships:
The scholarships and awards detailed in this booklet are subject to acceptance of the Conditions of Holding an Award. They are generally awarded for the duration of the student’s time at KGS and are subject to annual review. A student may hold both a scholarship and a bursary.
A KGS Academic Scholar can expect the following:

- A first-class education that promotes curiosity and fosters independent thought
- An environment that encourages you to aspire to the highest standards in your scholastic endeavour
- Staff who will provide challenging opportunities both within, and beyond, the curriculum
- Access to discussion groups, lectures, debates and a scholarship mentoring scheme
- Activity days and trips

What we expect from a KGS Academic Scholar:

- A willingness to respond to the academic demands placed upon you
- A commitment to demonstrate initiative and to take responsibility for your learning both within, and beyond, the curriculum
- To engage with the many and varied opportunities offered by the School
- To achieve consistently good grades in both effort and achievement
- To participate in the independent study projects and to share knowledge and ideas with peers
- To volunteer to assist younger students with their projects once you reach the Sixth Form
- To complete the Edexcel EPQ2 Project Qualification

Scholarships:

Academic

Being an Academic Scholar at KGS is all about getting involved and making the most of every learning opportunity, both inside and outside the classroom. While the scholarship recipient will be stretched academically in their different subject areas, they will also have the opportunity to be challenged by a range of exciting extra-curricular activities.

The Academic Scholars’ Programme is designed to make students think in new ways, making links between different areas of knowledge and critically examining their assumptions and preconceptions. Scholars will have the chance to work individually and in groups, often working collaboratively with students from other years. While the Programme will challenge your child intellectually, it is also designed to be both engaging and fun.

Requirements

For prospective First Year entry, candidates who achieve a high standard in the 11+ examination are invited to sit for the Academic Scholarship examination, comprising scholarship papers in English and/or Mathematics. All candidates sitting the Academic Scholarship examination will be invited for a series of interviews, details of which will be given to candidates at the time of the scholarship examination. Candidates who are offered a 10+ deferred entry place will be automatically invited to sit the Academic Scholarship examination when they are in Year 6, without the need to re-sit the 11+ entrance examination. Candidates at 13+ and 16+ will be invited to attend scholarship interviews if they perform exceptionally well in their entrance examinations.

Assessment

Scholarships are awarded to students based on their academic achievement in scholarship examinations and their performance at interview.

Mentoring scheme

Self-selected Sixth Form Scholars mentor Lower School Scholars in a subject they study for A Level. For all students, Firefly (the KGS learning portal) is used to provide a platform for further learning, with access to a curated selection of resources, programmes and videos from reputable sites to extend students’ learning.

www.kgs.org.uk
The KGS Art Department plays a central role in the creative life of the School. All students are helped to build confidence in their practical skills and encouraged to express ideas in visual forms.

A vibrant and inspiring environment combined with an ever-broadening contextual understanding helps to nurture and inspire all our students. The Baxter Gallery is Kingston’s most prominent exhibition space and the students’ work displayed there has helped to enhance the School’s growing reputation as a creative hub.

Each year several of our students go on to study Art, Architecture and Art History at some of the country’s top institutions including University of the Arts London, Leeds College of Art, London College of Communication and Newcastle, Kingston and Cambridge universities.

Assessment
A folder of work is to be submitted prior to the assessment day. This should contain a variety of drawings, paintings and other artwork completed in school and at home during the previous two years. There is no specific requirement for what the folder might contain but it should help to illustrate the candidate’s enthusiasm, talent and development in Art. Sketchbooks often provide a useful focus for discussion during the interview. The Art examination and interviews will be held in January.

Facilities
Our facilities include four bright and well-equipped studios, intaglio and relief print-making equipment, an ICT suite, a photographic darkroom and a ceramics workshop. As well as wall space throughout the School to show students’ artwork, we have two dedicated display spaces, the Finlay and Baxter Galleries. There are currently five members of staff working in the Art Department, with a range of specialisms such as Fine Art, Ceramics, Photography and Theatre Design and we encourage all our students to seek guidance from this wealth of experience.

What we expect from a KGS Art Scholar:
• To study Art at GCSE and A Level
• A commitment to demonstrate initiative and to take responsibility for your artistic development both within and beyond the curriculum.
• To participate in the many and varied art-related opportunities offered by KGS
• To produce pieces of art (as guided by the teachers) for exhibitions in the local community and for around the school site
• To produce drawings or paintings for the annual Young Art Competition, held at the Royal College of Art
• To attend at least one of the Studio Space sessions per week

A KGS Art Scholar can expect the following:
• Regular skills-based workshops, often run by visiting artists
• Monthly KGS Art Society gallery visits for Sixth Form students
• A course of life-drawing classes for Senior Art Scholars
• Exciting and challenging extension work through the Junior Art Club
• Working with and learning from A Level artists during the House Art Competition
• Opportunities to design the official KGS Christmas card and to enter the prestigious Young Art Competition, with the chance of having work exhibited at the Royal College of Art

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Production standards are very high, with a diverse range of texts being staged. Students explore contemporary practitioners such as DV8 and Frantic Assembly, alongside more traditional texts and playwrights. Masterclasses form the core of the Drama Scholarship, where small groups explore text, character development, voice, movement, theatre technology and staging. The Department is vibrant and creative, encouraging intellectual exploration of how theatre can be constructed and ideas communicated to an audience. In recent years students have progressed to some of the country’s top institutions including Cambridge, Exeter and Warwick universities, as well as specialist drama schools including Drama Centre London, Guildford School of Acting and Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

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Requirements

Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential as an actor, designer or technician. As a guide, it would be expected that an actor had partaken in a range of performance work both within and outside school. A designer can specialise in lighting, sound, costume or set, and a technician can specialise in stage management. Both designers and technicians should have experience of a range of productions and a good knowledge of theatre technology.

The facts

A Drama Scholarship is only available for entry in Year 12 (Sixth Form) and is worth a minimum of 10% fee remission. Additional tuition is also offered as part of the Scholarship.

Assessment

Actors should prepare and present two contrasting monologues: one pre-1800 and one post-1950. Each monologue should be no more than two minutes in length. A short interview will follow the audition which will focus on the applicant’s knowledge of the chosen monologue. Designers/technicians should prepare a portfolio that shows their work on two contrasting productions. Candidates should be prepared to present and discuss their work. All candidates will take part in an informal warm-up/games session, although this will not form part of the scholarship assessment.

A KGS Drama Scholar can expect the following:

• A programme of co-curricular productions where you can extend and refine your skills
• Sixth Form Drama Festival in which self-created work can be showcased
• Masterclasses/workshops run by our Actor-in-Residence/Theatre Managers
• A programme of theatre trips to extend performance knowledge
• LAMDA Bronze/Silver/Gold Award
• The opportunity to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
• Further support through our partnership with the Rose Theatre, Kingston

What we expect from a KGS Drama Scholar:

• To study Drama at A Level
• A willingness to respond to the theatrical demands placed upon you
• A commitment to demonstrate initiative and take responsibility for your theatrical development within and beyond the curriculum
• To participate in the many and varied drama-related opportunities offered by the School
• To take a lead role in the House Drama competition and Commemoration Day service
• To regularly attend the organised theatre trips
• To demonstrate a commitment to the exploration of the performing arts
Music

Music at KGS has a long history of excellence and the aim of the Music Scholars’ Programme is to create opportunities for performance and leadership, as well as to support students’ musical aspirations. Scholars take part in professional performance collaborations with top musicians and are able to further their musical experience through our chamber music programme. There is also the opportunity to take part in music tours and occasional workshops and concerts outside of school.

Performance standards in concerts are very high, and a particular strength of Music at the School is the diversity of our ensembles, ranging from traditional choirs and orchestras to smaller ensembles which regularly record in our state-of-the-art recording studio. Music Scholars are also involved in our annual Choral Society concert which provides the opportunity to perform a large-scale work alongside professional performers.

Requirements

Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential on an instrument, preferably orchestral. A good pass at Grade 5 at age 11 or Grade 7 at 16 may be taken as a guide to standard when applying for audition. The ability to play a second instrument is desirable, though not essential. All Music Scholarship applicants must submit a written recommendation or endorsement by their music teacher in support of their application.

Assessment

Candidates will be asked to:
- Play one prepared piece on their main instrument and, if applicable, play one piece on a second instrument (or voice).
- Read at sight a short piece of appropriate standard on their main instrument.
- Respond to aural, theory and general musicianship questions.

An accompanist will be provided on the day if required.

Facilities

The music facilities at KGS are excellent and comprise three performance auditoria, six rehearsal rooms, one technology suite and a purpose-built recording studio. Our outstanding teaching staff fully support the students during their time at the School.

A KGS Music Scholar can expect the following:
- Chamber music workshops and opportunities to listen to in-house recitals with professional ensembles.
- Ensemble performance opportunities such as the Partnership Concert, Music Society AGM and in platform concerts.
- Opportunities to participate in the annual Oratorio Concert at a large venue.
- 1-2-1 musical mentoring.
- Opportunities to lead co-curricular groups, such as being leader of our Symphony Orchestra, as well as to direct some groups, such as the School Choir.
- Specific mentoring by a dedicated and specialist member of the Music Department.

What we expect from a KGS Music Scholar:
- A willingness to respond to the musical demands placed upon you.
- A commitment to demonstrate initiative and to take responsibility for your musical development both within and beyond the curriculum.
- To participate in the many and varied music-related opportunities offered.
- To play a leading role in the Music Department and to participate in at least two large co-curricular groups (including one of the School choirs and one of the orchestras in which you should normally play your main instrument) and one chamber music ensemble.
- To achieve consistently good grades in both effort and achievement.
- To demonstrate a commitment to the exploration of the musical arts.
- To assist with visits to local schools to act as music ambassadors.
- To study Music at GCSE is essential and at A Level is desirable.
KGS has a long history of excellence in sport, particularly in hockey and rowing, but more recently in cricket too. Sport is an important feature of KGS life and it is anticipated that all students will represent the School in some capacity.

Each year, several students are encouraged and supported to follow the pathway to international selection and we currently have junior internationals in hockey, rowing, cricket, kayaking and sailing amongst the student body, with many more students attaining selection for their county or region.

Alumni include Olympic Gold Medallists Richard Dodds OBE, James Cracknell OBE and Sophie Hosking MBE. KGS has been ranked 5th among UK schools for providing full senior international sportsmen and women since 2000 and 3rd for providing Olympic athletes in the four Games since 2000.
A KGS Sport Scholar can expect the following:

- High-level professional coaching
- Regular opportunities to play competitive sports fixtures
- The support of a mentor
- Periodic progress reviews and target setting
- Open and honest communication
- Access to professionally-led strength and conditioning sessions
- Expert advice on diet and nutrition
- Advice on sports psychology
- Access to a physiotherapy triage service

Scholarships:

Sport

Hockey is played by boys and girls in all age groups. Up to 35 teams compete against the top schools in the country every week and we enjoy an enviable reputation for success in the National Hockey Championships. Each year, Lower School students participate in an exchange with Wageningen Hockey Club, whilst further up the school, hockey tours are organised, with recent destinations including South Africa, New Zealand and Argentina. The School works closely with local clubs such as Surbiton, Teddington and Wimbledon in order to nurture the talents of individuals in the best interests of their long-term athletic development.

Cricket is also a major sport for boys and girls. On the boys’ side, the teams from U12A up to the 1st XI compete in fixtures against some of the best schools in Surrey and the South East, as well as the MCC. The girls’ cricket programme at KGS is flourishing. We have a number of girl county cricketers at KGS and are delighted to have launched a strong partnership with Surrey Ladies’ Cricket this academic year.

Rowing also enjoys a proud heritage at KGS. The sport is open to all students from the Third Year and above, with a dry-start (indoor rowing programme) offered in the Second Year by means of an introduction. Students regularly compete in Heads and Regattas throughout the country including the Schools’ Head of the River Race, the National Schools’ Regatta and at Henley. The boathouse is situated on one of the most beautiful stretches of the non-tidal Thames with 7 km of fantastic water between the Molesey and Teddington locks. KGS students often pursue and attain selection for the GB Junior Team and recent alumni have also gone on to row for GB or to participate in the varsity Boat Races.

Other sports played competitively by the School include netball, football, tennis and golf.

Scholars meet a mentor on a regular basis to review their progress and offer advice on next steps. The programme is led by ex-Olympian Matt Daly, who draws in expert help so that students can fully explore areas such as nutrition and sports psychology. Students are also encouraged to attend strength and conditioning sessions with our partners, Locker 27, and a physio triage service with Physio and More is also offered to help ensure that students get the best advice for treating and avoiding injury. Our ethos is to nurture sporting talent in the best interests of the long-term athletic development of the individual.
Requirements
All Sport Scholarship applicants must submit a written recommendation or endorsement by a teacher/sports coach in support of their application.

Assessment
Candidates applying for 11+ entry must demonstrate a combination of athletic ability and hand-eye co-ordination which will be assessed during the Sport Scholarship Assessment Day in January.

In the case of candidates for entry at 13+ and into the Sixth Form, the offer of a Sport Scholarship would be linked to current performance, probably with divisional representation or equivalent, generally in one of the focus sports (hockey, rowing and cricket).

For all candidates, an ability to learn and mental toughness are essential. It is not the object of KGS to seek boys or girls who have matured at a very early age and thus achieve early success, but to assess future potential.

Facilities
Students at KGS enjoy fantastic sports facilities including 22 acres of playing fields in beautiful Thames Ditton, opposite Hampton Court Palace. In 2014, a £1.2 million redevelopment of the facilities was completed, ensuring that Ditton Field now boasts: six netball courts, six cricket nets, a long jump pit, four football pitches, four cricket squares, eight tennis courts, two AstroTurf hockey pitches, an AstroTurf practice area, a strength and conditioning suite, pavilions and a well-equipped Boathouse. Further facilities on the main school site include a gymnasium, netball court and cricket nets, as well as an extensive array of other equipment.

What we expect from a KGS Sport Scholar:
• To be a role model for all Sporting Kingstonians
• To demonstrate commitment to training sessions and fixtures and to attend Scholars’ Sessions (e.g. Strength and Conditioning, Nutrition and Sports Psychology Seminars, Testing etc)
• To show leadership on and off the field of play
• To demonstrate a positive attitude to learning by being open to new ideas and approaches
• To learn from mistakes so as not to repeat them
• To wear the KGS sports kit with pride
• To play within the spirit and laws of the game
Please note that scholarship applications will not be accepted unless the candidate has been registered for a KGS entrance examination.

Only candidates who achieve the required academic standards in the entrance examination will be invited to take part in the scholarship practical assessments.

Academic Scholarships
At 11+, 13+ and 16+, Academic Scholarships are by invitation only. At 11+, those candidates who achieve a high standard in their entrance examination will be invited to return to sit scholarship papers in English and/or Mathematics. At 13+ and 16+, invitations will be sent based on performance in our entrance examination. All candidates sitting the scholarship examination will be invited for a series of interviews, more details of which will be given to the candidates at the scholarship examination.

Art Scholarships
At 11+, 13+ and 16+, candidates are requested to submit a selection of up to 10 pieces of work not exceeding A1 size. The sample of work should include original paintings, drawings and possibly collage, print-making and photographic samples. The work must include art ideas produced at home as well as those completed at school. The standard should demonstrate the candidate’s knowledge of perspective, academic pencil studies, inventive use of colour and ability to work with a wide variety of materials. It should be a lively and imaginative set of work demonstrating the candidate’s true potential in all aspects of this subject.

Folders containing work should be clearly labelled with the candidate’s name and date of birth and handed in to the Registrar before midday on Tuesday 16 January 2018. Models, sculptures, wooden or glass-framed pictures will not be accepted; however, photographs of such artefacts are most welcome and worthy of inclusion. Art Scholars are selected based on an excellent folder of work, examination and interview. The date of the Art assessment and interview is Tuesday 23 January. Folders of work can be taken home after the assessments.

Music Scholarships
Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential on an instrument, preferably orchestral. As a guide, candidates should have achieved a good pass at Grade 5 standard at age 11 and Grade 7 at 16. Ability to play a second instrument is desirable, though not essential.

Audition will consist of:
- Performance of one prepared piece for main instrument (an accompanist may be provided)
- Sight reading
- Aural tests, including singing
- Performance of prepared piece on second instrument or voice (if applicable). If a second instrument or voice is not being offered, two pieces on the main instrument should be prepared
- An interview with the Director of Music

Music Scholarships
Candidates applying for main school entry at 11+ and 13+ must demonstrate a combination of athletic ability and hand-eye co-ordination; for example, the child will win events at school sports day, play for the school sports team and be able to catch a ball with either hand. For 16+ entry candidates must perform at county level or above.

At 11+, there will be a short fitness-based pre-assessment for all applicants on Monday 15 January 2018. Those who pass this will be invited to the full assessment on Friday 19 January where a mixture of sports may be played. At 13+ and 16+, assessment is by arrangement.

Award % of fees Closing date Practical test
Academic 10% minimum and access to Academic Scholars’ Programme By invitation only 11+ scholarship examination 12 January 2018 13+ & 16+ by arrangement in Autumn term
Art 10% minimum and additional tuition and opportunities 1 December 2017 11+, 15+, 16+ 16 January 2018 MIDDAY – folder of work to be handed in 25 January 2018 – Art assessment and interviews
Drama 10% minimum 1 December 2017 16+ only By arrangement
Music 10% minimum, tuition for one instrument and additional opportunities 1 December 2017 11+, 15+, 16+ 22 January 2018
Sport 10% minimum and a comprehensive value-added package 1 December 2017 11+ 15 January 2018 (all applicants) AM 19 January 2018 (those who pass the pre-assessment) PM 13+ & 16+ Assessment is by arrangement
Being a Drama Scholar at KGS has allowed me to develop as an actor, and also develop my knowledge of theatre. Having individual sessions with a professional actor has been hugely beneficial, and has taught me how to approach character and text. The Drama Scholarship offers me so many performance opportunities, and is helping me work towards a career in theatre.

Drama Scholar

I play the cello and the piano and this is my third year of being a Music Scholar.

This year the renowned Maggini Quartet will again be giving us a masterclass on pieces that we have prepared in chamber groups.

Music Scholar

I left KGS feeling that the world was my oyster and, whilst other factors contributed to that feeling, my experience at KGS was certainly a part of it.

Alexander McLean, Bursary Recipient, Class of 2003, Founder of African Prisons Project

Being a Sports Scholar at KGS gave me the opportunity to excel in hockey, providing a vital support network including psychologists, nutritionists and a brilliant strength and conditioning programme, all of which have been highly beneficial in aiding my progress. As well as this, the staff involved in the Sport Scholars’ Programme helped me to balance my workload and sporting commitments and were constantly there to help me through the more tricky times which are inevitable in sport.

Former Sport Scholar and current England U21 hockey player

#workwellandbehappy
Additional information required:

Art
Please provide any additional information relevant to your application

Drama
Please list productions taken part in and roles played, as well as any other significant and relevant achievements

Music
Main instrument: ____________________________
Examination grade and mark: ____________________________ Date taken: ____________________________
Second instrument (if applicable): ____________________________
Examination grade and mark: ____________________________ Date taken: ____________________________
Main sport(s): ____________________________
Sports club(s) attended: ____________________________
Coach’s name: ____________________________ Contact number: ____________________________
Sporting achievements: ____________________________
Representative level (list any County, Divisional, International): ____________________________
Signature of main instrumental teacher: ____________________________
Any medical condition (that may affect participation in sporting activities): ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Please include reference/testimonial from your music teacher

Sport

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Scholarship application

Contact number: ____________________________
Coach’s name: ____________________________
Sporting achievements: ____________________________
Any medical condition (that may affect participation in sporting activities): ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Please include reference/testimonial from your sports coach
Please return the completed form to:
The Admissions Office, Kingston Grammar School, London Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 6PY