



St John's School
LEATHERHEAD

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL LEATHERHEAD SCHOLARSHIPS 2024 Entry

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INTRODUCTION

St John's School offers a number of scholarships to candidates who demonstrate leadership and excellence in their specified field and also possess the potential to further develop in their time at St John's. It is expected that any candidate awarded a scholarship should maintain a level of excellence and commitment to that area of school life. However, with this recognition come certain obligations and expectations.

Whilst it is usual to expect that any award made to a pupil joining St John's will be held throughout that pupil's time at the School, all awards are subject to an annual review and if a value is awarded (which is not always the case), it is of the tuition fees. The annual review covers issues such as attitude and participation and is designed to check that reasonable progress is being maintained in those areas of school life which are relevant. Retaining a scholarship is subject to The Head's approval and in some cases will depend on the pupil studying that discipline at GCSE or A level. In the rare event that a pupil fails to meet and/or maintain the criteria specified, the award may be withdrawn.

Candidates are welcome to apply for more than one scholarship. All scholarship assessments take place at St John's and are assessed by our heads of department. Candidates are encouraged to contact the relevant head of department for clarification on any particular discipline.



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ACADEMIC

HEAD OF ACADEMIC SCHOLARS: JANE CLARKSON

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Academic scholarship candidates will be expected to demonstrate a love of learning and a particular passion for more than one subject area. Academic scholars work hard to broaden and enhance their understanding and extend their knowledge, display persistence in their approach and adopt a 'have-a-go' attitude. They possess the highest standard of academic integrity at all times and act as role models to other pupils in terms of their general approach to their studies.

All scholars participate in an academic scholars' programme, which challenges them intellectually and rewards them for their hard work. The programme includes workshops and speakers for Sixth Form and weekly activity sessions for Lower School to Upper Fifth to broaden the learning experience and enjoyment of their subjects.

ART

HEAD OF ART: STEVE KINDER

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Art scholars are expected to study art as an academic subject at GCSE and A level, which encompasses art theory, art history and a broad range of different artistic concepts. They are also expected to make an active contribution to school life and, under the guidance of the Head of Art, take an active part in other art events at the School.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate true enthusiasm, passion and commitment for the subject and must display exceptional artistic understanding and awareness of the works they have produced and of those they have studied.

DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

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At St John's we strive to create opportunities for pupils to thrive and develop across a wide range of topics, projects and activities. We provide pupils with a broad range of skills to ensure they can problem solve whilst showing innovative thinking alongside creative design outcomes.

Scholars are individuals who readily show commitment to the subject, not just when at school but also in their own time. They should have a good understanding of the application of the design process and be able to communicate ideas and show a high degree of innovative thinking and problem-solving abilities. Interest could be demonstrated by projects undertaken at home or in the wider community. Core skills such as sketching, computer aided design and general manual skills should all be of a good standard. D&E scholars are expected to continue to study the subject at GCSE, and A level to retain the scholarship and to contribute to the activities of the department throughout their time here.

PERFORMING ARTS

(DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATRE/DANCE)

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS: OLIVER WHITE

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Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent in drama, musical theatre and dance. All candidates should offer drama to be eligible for this award and may choose to combine this with musical theatre and/or dance. If drama is the only attribute to offer, candidates are eligible to apply, but the School will be looking for a higher standard than those applying with more than one skill.

Candidates will have been involved in performing arts at their current school and/or in clubs outside school. They should be able to demonstrate a passion and talent for performing and should show the potential to develop in this field. They must have a genuine interest and enthusiasm for drama, dance and/or musical theatre and show a positive attitude, creative approach and commitment to performing.

Performing Arts awards are subject to bi-annual review covering enthusiasm, general improvement and continued commitment to the performing arts life of school.

There is no requirement for performing arts scholars to study drama at GCSE or A level although many do and are encouraged to do so. They should be willing to make an excellent contribution to the co-curricular performing arts at the School and show commitment to the subject by actively engaging with the provision at productions and events.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

PERFORMING ARTS DRAMA

(16+ ONLY)

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS: OLIVER WHITE

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Drama scholarships are awarded to candidates with potential, ability and an enthusiasm for the discipline. Candidates should be able to demonstrate the ability to interpret written material in a dramatic context through performance. They should demonstrate the ability to create and convey character, mood, atmosphere, emotion and narrative with flair and accomplishment. They should also be able to confidently demonstrate an awareness of the skills and qualities required to produce excellent dramatic pieces and the importance of the performing arts for a school environment and themselves.



PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS: OLIVER WHITE

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Performing arts music scholarships are awarded to candidates with exceptional ability and potential and who convey a true passion for music. Successful candidates benefit from a programme of support, monitoring and encouragement and also have the guidance of a specialist music tutor.

Music scholars are also expected to make an active and positive contribution to the musical and co-curricular musical life of the School, both as a soloist and in ensemble work with, for example, choirs, orchestras and productions. There is no requirement to study music at GCSE or A level, though many do and are encouraged to do so.

SPORT

DIRECTOR OF SPORT: GARETH JAMES

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An individual who is successful in attaining a sport scholarship at St John's will have demonstrated the highest level of sport performance in their chosen disciplines. They will have shown exemplary attitude, commitment and a will to strive to fulfil their potential and set an example to those around them. On and off the playing field they will be a role model to others in their commitment to the sport scholars' programme, as well as the wider school community. The programme provides time set into their timetable for extra coaching from our high calibre staff, further strength and conditioning and insightful workshops regarding all aspects of a successful sport performer. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who display both talent and good sportsmanship across all St John's sports.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

HEAD'S ALL-ROUNDER AWARD

In addition to individual scholarship awards, candidates who apply and perform extremely well in more than one scholarship discipline (but not quite at individual scholarship award level) may be offered an all-rounder award in recognition of their overall ability at The Head's discretion.

All-rounder award holders will typically offer a strong academic profile alongside displaying a high level of ability in their chosen scholarship disciplines. They are expected to be actively involved in an appropriate range of co-curricular activities and should be an example to others through their high levels of motivation and approach to all aspects of school life.

Please note that it is not possible to apply for The Head's all-rounder award; candidates who apply for more than one scholarship discipline will automatically be considered.



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

LOWER THIRD 11+ >

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SIXTH FORM 16+ >



SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

LOWER THIRD, 11+

Scholarship assessments may only be taken by candidates who have sat the 11+ entrance assessments in January 2024 for entry into the Lower Third (Year 7) in September 2024.

LOWER THIRD APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application Deadline: 1 November 2023

Shortlisting Decisions (art, performing arts, sport): 1 December 2023 (by email)

Scholarship Assessments: w/c 15 January 2024

Scholarship and Entrance Assessment outcomes: Mid-February 2024

APPLICATION FORMS

Please complete the relevant application form below by 1 November 2023:

[Lower Third 11+ Art Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Lower Third 11+ Design and Engineering Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Lower Third 11+ Performing Arts \(Drama & Musical Theatre/Dance\) Application Form](#)

[Lower Third 11+ Performing Arts Music Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Lower Third 11+ Sport Scholarship Application Form](#)

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Monday 22 January 2024

All candidates who sit the entrance examinations in January 2024 will be considered for an academic scholarship; there is no need to apply for this award. Candidates who perform exceptionally well in the entrance assessments will be invited back for an academic scholarship interview with a member of our senior academic staff on Monday 22 January 2024.

ART SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Art scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate a high level of skill and talent, above what would normally be expected for their age. Scholars awarded art scholarships at 11+ will be expected to study the subject at GCSE. (To retain the award for the Sixth Form, they would also need to study art at A level).

Successful art scholars will demonstrate true passion for the subject; they will genuinely enjoy making art and are likely to have pursued this outside of the classroom. They will be able to talk with enthusiasm about their work and about artists that may have inspired them.

The art scholarship application process for Lower Third (11+) is in two stages:

- Submitted portfolios will be reviewed for shortlisting by the Head of Art.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an art scholarship assessment on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

Stage One: Application and shortlisting

Please submit the following by the application deadline 1 November 2023:

- A Lower Third (11+) art scholarship application form;
- A portfolio of work, produced at school or at home during the past couple of years.
 - The portfolio should be no more than 15 slides containing a variety of works in any chosen media. This may include sketches and pages from a sketchbook.
 - The portfolio provides an opportunity for each candidate to showcase their best work and that which they are most proud of.

The work should be photographed (in good natural light) and sent as a PowerPoint file to admissions@stjohns.surreysch.uk

The Head of Art will review each submitted portfolio in order to shortlist candidates to be invited to the art scholarship assessment.

All candidates will be informed of the outcome of the shortlisting process by email by Friday 1 December 2023.

Stage Two: Assessment for shortlisted candidates

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a drawing assessment (one hour) at St John's on Tuesday 16 January 2024. There will also be time within the assessment for candidates to meet with the Head of Art to discuss the work in their portfolio and their passion for art.



DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Successful D&E scholars will show a willingness to have a go when it comes to problem solving; to visualise design solutions; and find a way of testing and communicating them in three dimensions.

Candidates will be expected to bring a design related project they have completed in the last two years to discuss in an informal interview of approximately 15 minutes.

During the interview, candidates will be asked to reflect on the problems encountered along the way, and to explain how they were overcome through independent research and experimentation. Bringing evidence of extra work undertaken independently or outside of the curriculum is also encouraged.

Please note that Design and Engineering scholars are expected to continue to study the subject at GCSE and A level

PERFORMING ARTS (DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATRE/DANCE) SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Performing arts scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent in drama, musical theatre and dance. If drama is the only attribute to offer, candidates are eligible to apply, but the School will be looking for a higher standard than those applying with more than one skill.

The performing arts scholarship application process for Lower Third (11+) is in two stages:

- All applications will be reviewed for shortlisting by the Director of Performing Arts.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an assessment on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

All candidates should offer drama and may choose to combine this with dance and/or music and/or musical theatre.

Candidates do not need to have attained any specific grades in drama, dance or musical theatre to apply; however, we would expect all candidates to be actively involved in performing arts activities at school and/or in extracurricular clubs.

Stage One: Application and shortlisting

Please submit the following by the application deadline 1 November 2023:

- a Lower Third (11+) performing arts (drama & musical theatre/dance) scholarship application form;

- a video (maximum 90 seconds) of the candidate performing an extract from a monologue;
- (if also offering musical theatre) a video (maximum 90 seconds) of the candidate performing an extract from musical theatre song;
- (if also offering dance) a video (maximum 90 seconds) of the candidate performing a self-choreographed dance in any style.

All videos should be sent via WeTransfer www.wetransfer.com to admissions@stjohns.surrey.sch.uk. Please label the file 'Lower Third Performing Arts' followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Lower Third Performing Arts John Smith'.

Please also provide a reference from a Drama/English Teacher, LAMDA or external performing arts teacher to admissions@stjohns.surrey.sch.uk. Please label the file and email subject line 'Lower Third Performing Arts reference' followed by the candidate's name i.e., 'Lower Third Performing Arts reference John Smith'. Additional musical theatre and/or dance references may also be provided.

The Director of Performing Arts will review the submitted video footage alongside each candidate's application form and will shortlist candidates to invite to assessment.

All candidates will be informed of the outcome of the shortlisting process by email by Friday 1 December 2023.

Stage Two: Assessment for shortlisted candidates

The performing arts scholarship assessment for shortlisted candidates will consist of the following:

- a group improvisation exercise;
- a solo performance of a monologue from a published play of their own choice (maximum two minutes in length)
- solo performances of a self-choreographed dance and/or musical theatre song if offering dance and/or musical theatre in addition to drama. These elements should be no longer than two minutes in length.

Candidates should also be prepared to receive and respond to direction from the assessors and show flexibility in their creative approach.

Scholarships are offered based on performance during the assessment.

PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Candidates are welcome to contact the Performing Arts Department prior to applying as we are interested in getting to know candidates before the assessment, and it often puts the



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candidates at ease to have met the staff in advance.

We would expect scholarship candidates to offer two instruments but will also consider candidates with exceptional ability on one. Candidates should have achieved at least a grade 4 on their main instrument.

Please submit the following by the application deadline 1 November 2023:

- a Lower Third (11+) performing arts music scholarship application form;
- references from the candidate's instrumental teacher(s) to admissions@stjohns.surreysch.uk. Please label the reference file and email subject line 'Lower Third music reference', followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Lower Third music reference John Smith'.
- proof that grade 4 has been achieved i.e. a copy of the candidate's mark sheet and certificate.

Candidates will be invited to St John's for an assessment where they will be expected to:

- perform up to two pieces on their first instrument;
- one prepared piece on any other instrument; and
- take some aural tests and have a short interview during which they will be expected to talk about their love of music.

If a candidate's assessment pieces require accompaniment, they may bring their own accompanist, or can be accompanied by a member of St John's staff. In this case, it is preferable to receive copies of the music in advance of the assessment. In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to use a backing track played through the candidate's own equipment (e.g. a Bluetooth speaker).

SPORT SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

The sport scholarship application process for Lower Third (11+) candidates is in three stages:

- all applications will be reviewed for shortlisting by the Director of Sport;
- shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a sport scholarship assessment on Monday 15 January 2024;
- following the initial scholarship assessment session, the Director of Sport will invite a smaller group to attend a final assessment session on Wednesday 17 January 2024.

At Lower Third (11+) entry, we are looking for candidates with excellent all-round athletic ability who have the potential to represent the School at 1st team level in two or more of our major sports (hockey, netball and cricket for girls; rugby, football and cricket for boys). Successful candidates will typically be consistently playing at A/1st team level for their club and/or school. Some may already have been selected to attend additional training with an academy or county level organisation depending on the age selection criteria of their chosen sport.

Sporting ability in our additional sports: swimming, tennis and athletics will be considered at the shortlisting stages but will not form part of the scholarship assessment sessions. There is an optional area on the application form where achievements in these and other sports can be added.

Stage One: Application and shortlisting

To be considered for a sport scholarship, please submit the following by the application deadline 1 November 2023:

- a Lower Third (11+) Sport Scholarship Application form;
- a reference from a school sports teacher or club coach. Please label the reference file and email subject line 'Lower Third sports reference' followed by the candidate's name i.e., 'Lower Third sports reference John Smith'.

The Director of Sport will review all applications and will shortlist candidates to invite to the initial sport scholarship assessment session on Monday 15 January 2024.

All candidates will be informed of the outcome of the shortlisting process by email by Friday 1 December. A £50 scholarship application fee will only become due once a candidate has been shortlisted to attend an assessment at St John's.

Stage Two: First scholarship assessment session

Monday 15 January 2024

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to St John's to attend a sport scholarship assessment session on Monday 15 January.

Candidates will take part in activities across all our major sports (hockey, netball and cricket for girls and rugby, football and cricket for boys).

We are aware that some candidates may be less experienced in one of these sports; however, we are keen to see candidates who are able to adapt and apply their athletic skills to new disciplines and would like all candidates to take part in all our major sport activities in the assessment session.

Stage Three: Final scholarship assessment session

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Following the initial sport scholarship session, the Director of Sport will shortlist a smaller group of candidates to invite back for a final assessment session on Wednesday 17 January 2024. All candidates will be informed of the outcome of the initial assessment session by email on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

Candidates will take part in sessions in two of their favoured sports, alongside current pupils from the Lower School at St John's. They will also be interviewed by a member of our sports team. Please note that the sport scholarship shortlisting assessment decisions are made independently of the entrance assessment results; being invited to the final assessment session bears no reflection to performance in the entrance assessments.



SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

FOURTH FORM, 13+

Scholarship assessments may only be taken by candidates who have accepted a place to join the School in the Fourth Form (Year 9) commencing September 2024 or are current pupils in the School in the Upper Third (Year 8).

FOURTH FORM APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application deadline: 15 December 2023

Scholarship Assessments: w/c Monday 18 March 2024

Scholarship Assessment outcomes: by w/c 15 April 2024

APPLICATION FORMS

Please complete the relevant application form below by 15 December 2023 to apply. Scholarship application forms are also accessible from the scholarship pages of our website.

[Fourth Form 13+ Academic Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Fourth Form 13+ Art Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Fourth Form 13+ Design and Engineering Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Fourth Form 13+ Performing Arts \(Drama & Musical Theatre/Dance\) Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Fourth Form 13+ Performing Arts Music Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Fourth Form 13+ Sport Scholarship Application Form](#)

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Monday 18 March 2024

Candidates who wish to be considered for an academic scholarship will be invited to sit written assessments in English, mathematics, science, and a language of their choice (from German, French or Spanish).

We do not issue sample papers for these assessments; however, the scholarship papers are set by the School and based upon the Year 7 and Year 8 national curriculum.

In addition, all candidates will have an academic interview as part of their assessment.

ART SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Successful art scholars will demonstrate true passion and commitment to the subject as well as display excellent artistic awareness of the work they have produced and studied. If successful, candidates will be expected to study art at GCSE.

The assessment will consist of a short interview and drawing assessment (lasting one hour). Candidates should bring a portfolio to the assessment containing:

- a minimum of three large (minimum A3) drawings made from direct observation;
- a sketchbook displaying evidence of a sustained period of investigation and experimentation on a particular theme;
- a minimum of three pieces of completed work displaying a depth of knowledge and understanding of the topic, materials and intentions; and
- a critical study of a work of art by an artist of their choice. This should be visual, written and illustrated.

The portfolio will be reviewed by members of the Art Department during the interview process and candidates should be prepared to talk about their creative passions and intentions.

DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Successful D&E scholars will show a willingness to have a go when it comes to problem solving; to visualise design solutions; and find a way of testing and communicating them in three dimensions.



Candidates will be expected to bring a design related project they have completed within the last two years to discuss in an informal interview of approximately 15 minutes.

During the interview, candidates will be asked to reflect on the problems encountered along the way, and to explain how they were overcome through independent research and experimentation.

Bringing evidence of extra work undertaken independently or outside of the curriculum is also encouraged.

Please note that Design and Engineering scholars are expected to continue to study the subject at GCSE and A level.

PERFORMING ARTS DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATRE/DANCE SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Performing arts scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent in drama, dance and musical theatre. All candidates should offer at least drama to be eligible for this award and may choose to combine this with dance and/or musical theatre.

If drama is the only attribute to offer, candidates are eligible to apply, but the School will be looking for a higher standard than those applying with more than one skill. Candidates do not need to have attained any specific grades in drama, dance or musical theatre to apply; however, we would expect all candidates to be actively involved in performing arts activities at school and/or in extracurricular clubs.

To be considered for a Fourth Form (13+) performing arts (drama & musical theatre/dance) scholarship, please submit the following by the application deadline 15 December 2023.

- a Fourth Form (13+) performing arts (drama & musical theatre/dance) scholarship application form;
- a reference from a Drama/English teacher, LAMDA or external performing arts teacher to admissions@stjohns.surrey.sch.uk. Please label the file and email subject line 'Fourth Form Performing Arts Reference' followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Fourth Form Performing Arts Reference John Smith'.

All candidates will be invited to a performing arts scholarship assessment on Wednesday 20 March 2024, which will consist of:

- a group improvisation exercise;

- a solo performance of a monologue from a published play of their own choice (maximum two minutes in length)
- solo performances of a self-choreographed dance and/or musical theatre song if offering dance and/or musical theatre in addition to drama. These elements should be no longer than two minutes in length.

Candidates should also be prepared to receive and respond to direction from the assessors and show flexibility in their creative approach.

Scholarships are offered based on performance during the assessment.

PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Candidates are welcome to contact the Performing Arts Department prior to applying as we are interested in getting to know candidates before the assessment, and it often puts the candidates at ease to have met the staff in advance.

We would expect scholarship candidates to offer two instruments but will also consider candidates with exceptional ability on one. Candidates should have achieved at least a grade 5 on their main instrument.

Please submit the following by the application deadline 15 December 2023:

- a Fourth Form (13+) performing arts music scholarship application form;
- references from the candidate's instrumental teacher(s). Please label the reference file and email subject line 'Fourth Form music reference', followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Fourth Form music reference John Smith'.
- proof that grade 5 has been achieved i.e. a copy of the candidate's mark sheet and certificate.

Candidates will be invited to St John's for an assessment where they will be expected to:

- perform up to two pieces on their first instrument;
- one prepared piece on any other instrument; and
- take some aural tests and have a short interview during which they will be expected to talk about their love of music.

If a candidate's assessment pieces require accompaniment, they may bring their own accompanist, or can be accompanied by a member of St John's staff. In this case, it is preferable to receive copies of the music in advance of the assessment. In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to use a backing track played through the candidate's own equipment (e.g. a Bluetooth speaker).

SPORT SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Thursday 14 March 2024

At Fourth Form (13+) level, we are looking for candidates with excellent all-round athletic ability who have the potential to represent the school at 1st team level in two or more of our major sports (hockey, netball and cricket for girls; rugby, football and cricket for boys) or show exceptional talent.

In practice, successful candidates will typically be consistently playing at 1st/A team level for their school and/or club and some will have been selected to attend additional training with an academy or county level organisation depending on the age selection criteria of their chosen sports.

Sporting ability in our additional sports: swimming, tennis and athletics will be considered at but will not form part of the scholarship assessment session. There is an optional area on the application form where achievements in these and other sports can be added.

Stage One: Application

To be considered for a Fourth Form (13+) sport scholarship, current pupils and external candidates should submit the following by the application deadline 15 December 2023:

- a Fourth Form (13+) sport scholarship application form;
- a reference from a school sports teacher or club coach. Please label the reference file and email subject line 'Fourth Form Sports Reference' adding the candidates name i.e., Fourth Form Sports Reference John Smith'.

Stage Two: Sport scholarship assessment

All candidates will be invited to attend a sport scholarship assessment session at St John's on Thursday 14 March 2024.

Candidates will take part in activities across all our major sports (hockey, netball and cricket for girls and rugby, football and cricket for boys) and have an interview to explore their sporting aspirations.

We are aware that some candidates may be less experienced in one of our major sports; however, we are keen to see candidates who are able to adapt and apply their athletic skills to new disciplines and would like candidates to take part in all our major sports in the assessment session.



SIXTH FORM, 16+

Scholarship assessments may only be taken by candidates who have registered for entry in the Sixth Form in September 2024 or who are current pupils in the Upper Fifth (Year 11).

SIXTH FORM APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application deadline: 15 October 2023

Scholarship Assessments: w/c Monday 20 November 2023

Entrance and Scholarship Assessment outcomes: by Friday 1 December 2023

APPLICATION FORMS

Please complete the relevant application form below, by 15 October 2023 to apply. Scholarship application forms are accessible from the scholarship pages of our website.

[Sixth Form 16+ Academic Scholarship Application Form \(internal candidates\)](#)

[Sixth Form 16+ Art Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Sixth Form 16+ Design and Engineering Application Form](#)

[Sixth Form 16+ Performing Arts \(Drama/Musical Theatre/Dance\) Application Form](#)

[Sixth Form 16+ Performing Arts Drama Application Form](#)

[Sixth Form 16+ Performing Arts Music Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Sixth Form 16+ Sport Scholarship Application Form](#)

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 22 November 2023

External candidates who do particularly well in the 16+ entry assessments will be invited to return to be considered for an academic scholarship. (External candidates do not need to complete an application form).

Internal candidates are welcome to apply to sit the assessments by completing the Lower Sixth (16+) application form.

The scholarship assessment comprises of three written papers and an academic interview. Candidates may choose three disciplines from the following: mathematics and science, English, humanities or language. All candidates will also have an academic interview with a senior member of staff.

ART SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Successful art scholars will demonstrate true passion and commitment to the subject as well as display excellent artistic awareness of the work they have produced and studied. If successful, candidates will be expected to study art at A level.

All candidates will be invited to an assessment at St John's which will consist of a short interview and review of the candidate's portfolio of their GCSE course work, which should include the following:

- a minimum of three sketchbooks from GCSE;
- final pieces of artwork, where possible (a selection of photographs is acceptable if the work is too large to transport);
- a collection of observational drawings and experimental drawings;
- evidence of good critical studies on artistic work embedded in the sketchbooks;
- evidence of independent artwork produced outside the classroom environment.

DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Candidates for a Lower Sixth (16+) D&E scholarship will show outstanding creative flair and exceptional problem-solving skills through a portfolio of three-dimensional project work. Curricular and/or extra-curricular work may be presented at interview, showing sustained experimentation in a range of design disciplines, materials, and technologies.

At interview, candidates will be expected to reflect on the problems encountered along the way, and to explain how they were overcome through independent research and experimentation, perceptively discriminating from a range of possible solutions. Candidates with artistic/human-centred design interests such as architecture, fashion, vehicle, and product design are welcome to apply, as are those with a technological engineering bias.

Please note that Design and Engineering scholars are expected to study the subject at A level.

PERFORMING ARTS DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

PERFORMING ARTS (DRAMA/MUSICAL THEATRE/DANCE) ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 21 November 2023

At Lower Sixth (16+), we recognise that candidates may have developed an area of specialism within the Performing Arts and we therefore offer both an individual drama scholarship and a performing arts scholarship where candidates should offer at least two of drama, musical theatre or dance as an all-rounder performing arts application.

We are looking for scholars who are committed to and will make a significant contribution to our performance programme.

To be considered for a Sixth Form (16+) performing arts drama scholarship, please submit the following by the application deadline of 15 October 2023.

- a Sixth Form (16+) performing arts drama scholarship application form;
- a reference from a Drama/English teacher, LAMDA or external performing arts teacher to admissions@stjohns.surrey.sch.uk. Please label the file and email subject line 'Lower Sixth Form Performing Arts Drama Reference' followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Lower Sixth Performing Arts Drama Reference John Smith'.

Candidates will be invited to St John's for a drama assessment, consisting of two parts:

- a group improvisation exercise;

- a solo performance of a monologue from a published play of their own choice (maximum two minutes in length).

To be considered for a Sixth Form (16+) performing arts (drama/musical theatre/dance) scholarship (offering at least two of drama/musical theatre and/or dance), please submit the following by the application deadline 15 October 2023.

- a Sixth Form (16+) performing arts (drama/musical theatre/dance) application form;
- a reference from a Drama/English teacher, LAMDA or external performing arts teacher to admissions@stjohns.surrey.sch.uk. Please label the file and email subject line 'Lower Sixth Form Performing Arts Reference' followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Lower Sixth Performing Arts Reference John Smith'.

Candidates will be invited to St John's for a performing arts scholarship assessment, consisting of:

- a group improvisation exercise;
- (if offering drama) a solo performance of a monologue from a published play of their own choice (maximum two minutes in length);
- (if offering musical theatre and/or dance) solo performances of a self-choreographed dance and/or musical theatre song. These elements should be no longer than two minutes in length.

If a candidate's assessment pieces require accompaniment, they may bring their own accompanist, or can be accompanied by a member of St John's staff. In this case, it is preferable to receive copies of the music in advance of the assessment. In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to use a backing track played through the candidate's own equipment (e.g. a Bluetooth speaker).

Candidates should also be prepared to receive and respond to direction on their performances from the assessors and show flexibility in their creative approach. In the assessment, we look at how candidates respond to direction, how well they relate to other actors as well as their overall attitude, approach and love of the performing arts.

PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Candidates are welcome to contact the Performing Arts Department prior to applying as we are interested in getting to know candidates before the assessment, and

it often puts the candidates at ease to have met the staff in advance.

We would expect scholarship candidates to offer two instruments but will also consider candidates with exceptional ability on one. Candidates should have achieved at least a grade 6 on their main instrument.

Please submit the following by the application deadline 15 October 2023:

- A Sixth Form (16+) performing arts music scholarship application form;
- references from the candidate's instrumental teacher(s). Please label the reference file and email subject line 'Sixth Form music reference', followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Sixth Form music reference John Smith'.
- proof that grade 6 has been achieved i.e. a copy of the candidate's mark sheet and certificate.

Candidates will be invited to St John's for an assessment where they will be expected to:

- perform up to two pieces on their first instrument
- and one prepared piece on any other instrument
- take some aural tests and have a short interview during which they will be expected to talk about their love of music.

If a candidate's assessment pieces require accompaniment, they may bring their own accompanist, or can be accompanied by a member of St John's staff. In this case, it is preferable to receive copies of the music in advance of the assessment. In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to use a backing track played through the candidate's own equipment (e.g. a Bluetooth speaker).

SPORT SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Thursday 23 November 2023

Candidates interested in applying for a Sixth Form (16+) sport scholarship are encouraged to contact the Director of Sport to discuss suitability.

At Sixth Form (16+) level, successful candidates will show a high level of athletic ability with the potential to represent the School at 1st team level in two or more of our major sports (hockey, netball and cricket for girls; rugby, football and cricket for boys) or show exceptional talent in one. At this level, successful candidates are likely to have been identified to train with an academy or county level organisation in their chosen

sport and may aspire to develop a professional career in sport.

Sporting ability in our additional sports: swimming, tennis and athletics will be considered but will not form part of the scholarship assessment sessions. There is an optional area on the application form where achievements in these and other sports can be added.

Stage One: Application

To be considered for a Sixth Form (16+) sport scholarship, current pupils and external candidates should submit the following by the application deadline 15 October 2023:

- a Sixth Form (16+) sport scholarship application form;
- a reference from a school sports teacher or club coach. Please label the reference file and email subject line 'Lower Sixth Sports Reference' followed by the candidate's name i.e. 'Lower Sixth Sports Reference John Smith'.

Stage Two: Sport scholarship assessment

All candidates will be invited to attend a sport scholarship assessment session at St John's on Thursday 23 November 2023.

Each candidate will be invited to attend an assessment session at St John's where take part in activities in their chosen sport(s). All candidates will also be interviewed by our sports coaches where there will be the opportunity to discuss their sporting aspirations and goals.

HOW TO APPLY

Please ensure you submit the online scholarship application form, together with any relevant supporting documents as specified in the criteria by the deadline shown below:

- 15 October: Lower Sixth (Year 12) entry
- 1 November: Lower Third (Year 7) entry
- 15 December: Fourth Form (Year 9) entry

If you have any questions regarding scholarships, please contact the relevant head of department directly or speak to [the Admissions Office](#).



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