

THIRD FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 ENTRY





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Scholars will take the lead in many of the intellectual and extra-curricular activities of the whole School - and it is here, and in the Houses, that they learn how to use and mix their special gifts with those of others. It is vital that the scholarship process should encourage and reward attitudes to learning that will, above all, set standards for others. We believe that scholarships should not reward talent alone but should also take into account an individual's independent potential and ability to maintain an eager, open-minded attitude to learning. It is important that Scholars should consistently achieve high standards each year.

Our scholarship entry is competitive, and a typical scholarship award falls in the range of 5% to 20% of the School fees. However, candidates who demonstrate outstanding potential in the relevant assessments can be awarded up to 25%.

Bursaries

Scholarships may be supplemented by means-tested bursaries, with a limited number of fully funded places where there is proven financial need. The value of any bursary given depends on a detailed financial assessment and the funds available.

General Information

- Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship.
- Scholarships are awarded by the Scholarships & Bursaries Committee.
- The Scholarships & Bursaries Committee will select candidates based upon their performance in the scholarship assessments.
- For all scholarship applications, a full report from the candidate's school will be requested.
- All scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Committee. Occasionally, the Committee may make an award outside the normal process or parameters of these guidelines. For example, a candidate applying for a Roxburgh Scholarship may be allocated an Academic Scholarship instead if the outcome of the assessment process suggests that they would be better placed and supported by Stowe in that category.
- It should also be noted that all scholarships are tenable throughout the holder's career at Stowe, subject to the Headmaster's satisfaction with the holder's industry, performance and behaviour.



Academic Scholarships

Stowe Scholars follow demanding programmes in pursuit of the excellent examination results they will need to achieve their career ambitions. They are encouraged to go beyond the confines of the syllabus by individual Departments as well as attend Clubs and Societies that stretch and challenge pupils beyond the limits of the examined curriculum and without the bounds of normal subject disciplines. It is Stowe's expectation that our Academic Scholars will fully commit to our Lower School Academic Scholars' Programme and take a leading role in the Academic life of the School.

Academic Scholarships

These are available for pupils entering Stowe's Third Form at 13+ and are awarded to talented children who are following the ISEB Common Academic Scholarship syllabus at their Preparatory School. Candidates are normally recommended by the Head of their Preparatory School.

Stephan Scholarships

We welcome applications from academically bright pupils from Independent or State schools where pupils are not prepared for the ISEB Scholarship syllabus.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

- Exam papers as described by the ISEB CASE syllabus.
- Headmaster's Essay paper.
- French oral - ten minutes, for which an additional ten minutes preparation time will be given.
- Interview with the Headmaster.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

- Stowe exam papers in English, Maths and Science.
- Headmaster's Essay paper.
- Interview with the Headmaster.

Art Scholarships

Art Scholarships are offered to students who show an exceptional ability to think and create with skill, imagination and passion. The committed Art Scholar will be a leader in their year group and beyond, organising and participating in exhibitions, entering competitions and pushing the boundaries of their working practice at all times. They are exemplary in their commitment to the Art School, taking full advantage of daily activity sessions and weekend workshops.

The Watson Art School is one of the most spacious and well-appointed art centres of its type anywhere in the country, with dedicated painting, printing, sculpture and photographic workshops, supported by specialist teachers. Digital learning and processes are taught in parallel to traditional techniques so all students gain a broad yet contemporary artistic education.

Upper Sixth students enjoy their own individual studio spaces where they can focus on their studies in a more university style environment, receiving daily tutorials, weekly 'crits' and monthly lectures from professional artists, architects and designers. Life drawing classes are also offered to all the sixth form alongside intensive specialist Sunday workshops.

As a result, a large proportion of our graduates go onto study Fine Art, Design and Architecture degrees at their first choice University or foundation courses.

Assessment Day

The aim of the day is for the student to be able to express themselves in a number of different disciplines, be it through drawing, printing or sculpture.

After a controlled observational drawing exercise they will join other specialist tutors to participate in an intensive printmaking or sculpture workshop.

During the day they will also have the opportunity to talk through their portfolio presentation at length and explain their thoughts and ideas.

When the assessment day ends, parents are invited to join their children for an informal exhibition of the work in the Watson Gallery.

Portfolio Specifications

- Work should be presented in sketchbooks and/or on A1 mounted sheets or smaller (Maximum 10 sheets).
- Any 3D work or 2D work larger than A1 should be photographed, labelled and presented on A1 sheets or smaller.
- A hard A1/A0 portfolio for carrying work is recommended.





Music Scholarships

Stowe's Music Scholars are highly respected leaders in the School and play a vital role in its cultural life. As some of our busiest pupils, our musicians leave Stowe having learned and improved their organisational, leadership and team skills, as well as having developed their minds through regular practice, solo performance and ensemble work.

We are an All-Steinway School and are lucky to have facilities and teachers that rival many music colleges and universities.

A number of awards are made each year, ranging from Exhibitions (free instrumental tuition on one or two instruments) to Scholarships (a scholarship plus free instrumental tuition on two instruments).

A candidate's musicianship and practice ethic will have a direct bearing on any award granted, and successful candidates will be expected to play a full and active role in the Department, including membership of the choirs. We have an advanced programme for outstanding candidates, who receive an adjusted academic and sporting schedule to accommodate additional practice time, with the flexibility to attend Junior Academy or the Royal College on Saturdays.

An early informal meeting with the Director of Music is highly recommended before you make an application. We recommend organising free consultation lessons in advance of an application. To come and meet us and look round the Department, please contact the Music Administrator, Jane Horwood: jhorwood@stowe.co.uk. Please note scholarship applications should be made to the Admissions Office.

To apply, parents should obtain references from the candidate's Headmaster, Director of Music and their instrumental teachers. As an approximate guide, a Music Scholar should have a merit or distinction at Grade 6 or 7 on at least one instrument.

For those sitting Common Entrance, an average pass mark of 55% (with a minimum of 50% in the core subjects at Level 2) is expected. For those taking Stowe's Entry Papers a minimum pass mark of 55% is expected.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

- Interview with the Director of Music.
- An audition with a small panel of teachers from the Department, with aural tests, sight-reading, (or improvisation, candidate's choice), with performances of:
 - Two contrasting pieces on the instrument of first study.
 - One piece on the instrument of second study.
 - And, if neither of the above are the voice, a short unaccompanied folksong or brief selection from a musical.
- Interview with the Headmaster.

“Mixes the erudite with the sporty and studious, with space reserved for the eclectic and maverick. Ideal for those keen to learn within and beyond the bounds of the classroom.”

Good Schools Guide





Drama Scholarships

Creativity, empathy, leadership, collaborative skills and confidence - Drama is a vibrant and thriving aspect of education at Stowe, offering pupils the opportunity to develop their potential as performers, designers and directors as well as building core skills including emotional intelligence, risk-taking, problem solving and team spirit. There are many opportunities to participate in school productions enjoying the state of the art facilities provided by The Roxburgh Hall and for more intimate work, The Dobinson Studio. The Drama Department and Technical team offer a wealth of expertise that enables pupils to pursue their ambitions.

Drama Scholarship expectations:

Drama Scholars play a vital role at Stowe, contributing positively to the community through the Arts.

Drama Scholars are expected to take the subject at GCSE and to audition for all co-curricular school productions including Congreve and Junior Congreve. Academically, Drama Scholars are expected to show devotion and enthusiasm, maintaining high standards of academic achievement throughout the GCSE course, with the expected outcome of a Grade 9/8 A*/A. In School Productions, scholars are expected to show commitment to the development of skill and dedication to the process of making theatre, setting an example both on stage and in the rehearsal room and acting as ambassadors across the broader School body and as representatives of the School at public performances.

Drama Scholars at Stowe can expect an excellent education within the field of Drama which becomes more personalised as pupils move through the School. The committed pupil will attend NT Live events at The Roxburgh Hall, frequent the theatre and potentially opt for A Level Drama.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

- Candidates are required to submit a portfolio of achievements in Drama one week prior to the scholarship. Creativity and imagination should be shown in the presentation, and the inclusion of relevant certificates and photographs is also welcome.
- Performance of an audition piece of the candidate's choice from memory of between 2-4 minutes, from a recognised published play. Candidates should be prepared to receive feedback on their monologues and to perform sections again, responding to direction.
- Participation in a workshop where candidates will be expected to work collaboratively on a range of practical drama activities (no prior preparation is necessary).
- Interview with the Director of Drama.





Sports Scholarships

Initiative, perseverance, leadership skills, team spirit, self-esteem - sport is a crucial element in building confident young people and is recognised as having a vital role to play in a Stowe education. Our sports programme is supported by fantastic facilities, inspirational coaches and our unique and beautiful environment at Stowe provides the perfect arena for those who are passionate about sport to pursue their sporting ambitions.

Sport Scholarships may be awarded for exceptional candidates showing outstanding potential in at least one of the following sports: rugby, hockey or cricket for boys and hockey, lacrosse, netball or tennis for girls. Exceptional ability in individual sports may also be considered. Each application is reviewed individually on its merits and due consideration is given to the contribution they would make to sport at Stowe. Our Sports Scholars follow a programme that is tailored to work alongside their studies and other School commitments. Candidates must be able to demonstrate significant potential for sporting achievements at a high level, as well as a willingness to learn, have a positive attitude and provide inspiration and leadership to others. As a guide, candidates will usually be the top sportsmen or sportswomen in their schools and should be performing at the equivalent of County level.

Successful applicants will be invited to join the Stowe Performance Programme, through which they will get support with strength and conditioning, training programmes, and will be able to develop their understanding of the broader world of performance sport through lectures on nutrition, psychology, life as a top performer and self-organisation. Stowe enjoys prestigious links with local academies and clubs which allow for individual development for those selected.

Sports Scholarships are decided by assessment days at Stowe, and those offered a Scholarship are then expected to pass either Common Entrance or Stowe's own entry papers before entry.

Scholarship Entry Days Process

- Candidates must submit a Sports CV, showing clear evidence of their sporting achievements, and two references from people who have coached them.
- Candidates will be assessed in their declared Stowe key sport(s), but will also participate in other sporting activities as this can help indicate other skills as well as general agility and sporting acuity. It is the performance in their key sport(s) which will be given greatest priority in the Scholarship Assessment.
- Interview with a member of the Sports Department.
- If the candidate is not sitting Common Entrance, they will sit Stowe's entry papers in English, Maths and Science in February 2020.

Other Scholarships

Each year we award a single Golf Scholarship and a single Equestrian Scholarship to a pupil joining our Third Form. Please contact Admissions if you would like further information.

The Roxburgh Scholarships are named in memory of Stowe's founding Headmaster, J. F. Roxburgh. These Scholarships are intended to enable any girl or boy of outstanding all-round ability and leadership potential to benefit from Stowe's unrivalled environment where they can develop their talents.



Roxburgh Scholarships

In addition to strong academic potential which will be demonstrated by exams in English, Maths and Science (in which we would expect candidates to achieve 70%+), it is expected that candidates will display excellence in at least one of the following: Sport, Music, Art or Drama. This will be assessed through practical sessions and by an interview at Stowe. Successful Roxburgh Scholars from Prep Schools will still be expected to sit and pass Common Entrance.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

- Personal portfolio of achievements (to be submitted one week prior to the scholarship). This should be more than just a CV and should include the candidate's interests and achievements. Creativity and imagination should be shown in the presentation, and the inclusion of relevant photographs is also welcome.
- Exam papers in English, Maths and Science. For those not taking Common Entrance, the papers taken during the Scholarship Assessment Day will also serve as the Entry Examinations.
- Participation in Stowe's Leadership Challenge.
- Interview with the Headmaster or the Second Master.

Optional areas:

Sport

- Candidates will be assessed in their declared Stowe key sport(s), but will also participate in other sporting activities as this can help indicate other skills as well as general agility and sporting acuity. It is the performance in their key sport(s) which will be given greatest priority in the Scholarship Assessment.

Music

- A brief audition (normally 15 minutes) with a member of the Music Department.

Art

- Presentation of portfolio of recent work to the Head of Art.

Drama

- Performance of a short piece of the candidate's choice from memory of between 2 and 3 minutes, from a recognised published play.
- Participation in a workshop where candidates will be expected to work collaboratively on a range of creative Drama activities (no prior preparation is necessary).
- Interview with the Director of Drama who is particularly keen to see evidence in the Roxburgh portfolio to support the candidate's dramatic experience.

Scholarship Examination and Assessment Dates

Closing dates for applications

12 July 2019 for Sport

15 November 2019 for Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Roxburgh and Stephan

Scholarship Assessment Dates

Academic

ISEB Common Academic
Scholarship Days
24-26 February 2020

Stephan Scholarship
Examination Day
22 January 2020

Art

Portfolio Assessment
and Practical Test Day
5 February 2020

Drama

Assessment Day
5 February 2020

Music

Assessment Day
27 January 2020

Sport

Entry Examinations
and Assessment Days
7-8 October 2019

Roxburgh

Entry Examinations
and Assessment Days
3-4 February 2020

The Admissions Team would be pleased to discuss any aspect of the scholarship application process with parents. Please feel welcome to contact the Admissions Office on +44 (0)1280 818205 or email us at admissions@stowe.co.uk.



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