

THIRD FORM SCHOLARSHIPS



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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 during 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 the Scholars' Clubs and Societies that stretch and challenge pupils beyond the limits of the examined curriculum and without the bounds of normal subject disciplines.

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.

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.

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

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

Art Scholarships

Art Scholarships are offered to candidates who show evidence of outstanding ability and a strong interest in Art.

Our splendid Watson Art School is the perfect environment for our pupils to explore the fine arts. With galleries, classrooms, a study centre, Art and History of Art Library and individual studio spaces, it is simply the best facility of its kind in any school in Britain. The Art Department boasts some of the best exam results in the UK. Pupils are encouraged to develop their awareness of contemporary art and aesthetics, while exploring every facet of making and learning about art.

Depending on the number of applications, we may require candidates to be pre-assessed. If necessary, they will be asked to submit a cross-section of their work on DVD. A shortlist of candidates will then be invited to the Assessment Day when they will be asked to complete an A2 drawing from a still-life set up and present their portfolio to the Art Department.

They should bring a portfolio of recent work including a broad selection of work in whichever field of Art the candidate has studied. Two-dimensional work need not be mounted. Photographs or slides of three-dimensional work are preferred. In general, particular attention will be paid to good objective drawing.

For those sitting Common Entrance an average pass mark of 55% (with a minimum of 50% in the core subjects at Level 2) will be expected.

For those taking Stowe's own Entry Papers a minimum pass mark of 55% will also be expected in the Entrance Examinations.

It should be noted that an Art Scholar will be expected to continue Art as a major examination subject up to and including A Level.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

- Submission of portfolio of recent work.
- A2 still-life drawing assessment.
- Interview with the Head of Art.





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 are particularly interested to receive applications from string players and former choristers of cathedral and collegiate foundations. Additionally, 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 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, Sarah Searle: ssearle@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.

Sports Scholarships

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 or tennis for girls. Expertise in netball in addition to one of the key girls' sports will also be considered seriously. Each application is reviewed individually on its merits and due consideration given to the contribution they would make to sport at Stowe.

Initiative, perseverance, leadership skills, team spirit, self-esteem – sport is a crucial element in building confident young people. Our key sports of rugby, hockey, cricket, lacrosse and tennis are supported by some of the best facilities in the country. Coaching styles vary but all foster a love of being active, healthy and positively competitive.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate significant potential for sporting achievements at a high level. Each boy or girl must offer one or two of our key sports they are considered to be specialists in. 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.

Sports Scholarships are decided over a two day assessment at Stowe. For those sitting Common Entrance an average pass mark of 55% (with a minimum of 50% in the core subjects at Level 2) will be expected. For those taking Stowe's own entry papers a minimum pass mark of 55% will be expected.

Scholarship Entry Day 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. In the case of bad weather affecting the outdoor sports, our Director of Sport will organise an alternative assessment programme which may not necessarily include the candidate's chosen sport.
- 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 during the Scholarship Assessment Days.





Roxburgh Scholarships

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

In addition to strong academic potential which will be demonstrated by tests in English, Maths and Science, 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. For those sitting Common Entrance an average pass mark of 70% is expected. For those not taking Common Entrance, the papers taken during the Scholarship Assessment Day will serve as the Entry Examinations and a minimum pass mark of 70% will be expected.

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.
- 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. In the case of bad weather affecting the outdoor sports, our Director of Sport will organise an alternative assessment programme which may not necessarily include the candidate's chosen sport.

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 5 minutes.
- Interview with the Director of Drama.

Scholarship Examination and Assessment Dates

Closing dates for applications

25 November 2016

Academic

ISEB Common Academic Scholarship Days

20-22 February 2017

Stephan Scholarship Examination Day

20 February 2017

Art

Portfolio Assessment and Practical Test Day

1 February 2017

Music

Assessment Day

23 January 2017

Sport

Entry Examinations and Assessment Days


29 - 30 January 2017

Roxburgh

Entry Examinations and Assessment Days

29 - 31 January 2017

The Registrar 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.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a weathered stone lion sculpture, likely a sphinx or similar mythical creature, resting on a tiered stone pedestal. The lion's head is turned slightly to the left, showing its mane and facial features. The background is a blurred view of a classical building with columns and a pediment, suggesting an ancient or historical setting. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

“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”

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