



Bristol
Grammar
School

Scholarship Booklet
2018–2019

The Scholars' Programme

Recognising exceptional talent



There are loads of new opportunities so my advice is to seize as many as you can.

I have been challenged by teachers to do extra reading and research in my own time. I have taken part in the Junior Maths Challenge and in a coaching session led by an England Rugby coach. I have written down these activities, along with the visit to see the ballet adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, in my Scholar's Journal so that I can keep a record of the amazing things I have done this year.

Adiyat, Year 7

Academic Scholar



We take pride at BGS in recognising and celebrating the exceptional abilities of our pupils. Our Scholars' Programme aims to provide our most able students with a range of opportunities designed to stretch and challenge them.

Being invited to join the Scholars' Programme is a prestigious achievement. Your child may be invited to join our Scholars' Programme following exceptional performance in their entrance exam or at interview, audition or performance or, once in the School, by showing outstanding progress or ability in their studies.

All Scholars are invited to the Scholars' Investiture where they sign our Scholars book. They also complete a Scholar's Journal to record their activities and interests throughout the year.

Our Scholars look forward to the additional opportunities that are available to them. Whether they are taking part in the Junior Maths Challenge or the One-hour Essay Competition, or performing at our MADD Evening (music, art, dance and drama) or attending a ballet or an inspirational talk from professionals at the top of their field, there is something for everyone, regardless of what type of Scholar they are.

The financial scholarships listed in this booklet – which result in your child being invited to join the Scholars' Programme – are assessed through the admissions process in December and January.

Available awards

What awards are available

There are two types of financial remuneration that parents can apply for: bursaries or scholarships.

A scholarship is an award made in recognition of exceptional achievement during the Scholarship assessment process.

A bursary, through our School Assisted Places Scheme (SAPS), is a fee remission scheme granted to families with a low or limited income.

School Assisted Places Scheme (SAPS)

Applications for financial assistance are means-tested and a separate form must be submitted in advance of the January entrance examinations. For further information, please see the *Additional Information booklet* included with your prospectus pack.

Scholarships

There are a number of awards available at different points of entry; these are open to both students at Bristol Grammar School and candidates who are applying to join the School in September 2019.

Scholarships are available in the following areas:

Academic (Year 7 and Year 9)

Headmaster's (Year 7 only)

Creative and Performing Arts (Year 7 and Year 9)

Sport (Year 7 and Year 9)

All Scholars are expected to show leadership and loyalty to the School. School practices, rehearsals, events and fixtures must therefore be prioritised over external events or club matches.

Scholarships are also available for entry into the Sixth Form. For further details, please see our *Sixth Form Prospectus*.

Application deadlines for scholarships

Year 7 and Year 9 Creative and Performing Arts and Sport:

Thursday 22 November 2018

Year 7 and Year 9 Academic Scholarship (internal only):

Thursday 22 November 2018



A highlight for me as a Headmaster's Scholar was our visit to Bath University to meet an England netball player and learn about teamwork.

As a Scholar other students look up to me both in the classroom and on the sports field. It makes me want to challenge myself further and inspire others.

Zoey, Year 7

Headmaster's Scholar





Being an Academic Scholar is about trying to push yourself further and trying your very best. I don't spend my time comparing my marks to other people as it doesn't matter if you do not do as well: it is about how to improve and there are always teachers available to help you.

This year I had a go at the One-hour Essay Challenge and won a prize, which I am really proud of.

One of the best things about being an Academic Scholar is that I am encouraged to help others.

Lara, Year 7
Academic Scholar



Academic and Headmaster's Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

These awards are available to those who will be joining Year 7 or Year 9 and are open for children who are already a member of the BGS community (internal applicant) or those wishing to join the School (external applicant) in September 2019.

These are awarded on academic merit as demonstrated by achievement in the Year 7 and Year 9 scholarship and entrance examination papers and intellectual potential at interview.

Internal applications

Year 7 and Year 9 entry: Children are invited to apply by Thursday 22 November 2018.

Year 7 applicants are automatically entered following their application and can choose to sit alongside the external applicants on either Saturday 12 or 19 January 2019.

Year 9 applicants will be preselected by Dr Massey, Director of Scholars and Academic Challenge, according to applicants' achievements to date at BGS. The strongest Year 9 candidates will be invited to take the examination papers alongside the external applicants on Saturday 12 January.

External applications

All children who sit the Year 7 entrance examination on 12 or 19 January or the Year 9 entrance examination on 12 January will be considered for these: no separate application is needed for the Academic Scholarship.

All applicants

Those who do exceptionally well in the entrance exam will be invited in to meet with Mr Barot, the Headmaster, and Dr Massey.

Parents of the candidates shortlisted for interview will be contacted as follows:

Year 7: week commencing 21 January 2019

Year 9: week commencing 14 January 2019

Headmaster's Scholarships

These awards are available to those who will be joining Year 7 and are available for children who are already a member of the BGS community (internal applicant) or those wishing to join the School (external applicant) in September 2019.

Criteria

Any Year 7 applicant who is shortlisted for the Academic Scholarship as well as the Creative and Performing Arts or Sport Scholarship may be considered for this award. There is no need to complete a separate application.

Creative and Performing Arts, and Sport Scholarships

Overview

Initial selection for the Sport and the Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships is based on the statements written by parents and students for Year 7 and Year 9 entry.

The relevant online form(s) should be completed and submitted to the Admissions Office by 12.00 noon on 22 November 2018.

For candidates who are applying from schools other than Bristol Grammar School, a completed application form for the entrance examination must be received, along with the £25 registration fee, to be considered for the scholarship process.

Students who are awarded a Sport or a Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship will be expected to make a significant contribution to School sports, productions, concerts and exhibitions as well as to School clubs and activities.

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There are so many opportunities! I do quartet every Tuesday and Orchestra on Fridays. I've played in concerts and performed at MADD Evening, the Scholars' Showcase and at Prize Giving.

There will always be someone better than me but I was chosen for a reason so I always work to be the best I possibly can.

Joel, Year 7
Creative and Performing
Arts Scholar (Music)



Criteria (Year 7 and Year 9 only)

Art

Candidates are required to submit **four pieces of artwork** (2D only) showing their range of subject matter and techniques with the application form to aid the shortlisting process.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited in for a group drawing task (all materials will be provided). They will be asked to bring a portfolio of their recent work with them, which should include work produced at home as well as at school; the candidates will have the opportunity to show and discuss their portfolios during the session. The assessment process will take approximately ninety minutes.

Dance

Shortlisted candidates will be expected to perform at audition level to a high degree of both technical and expressive skill. They will be required to prepare a solo performance in their preferred style of dance lasting between one-and-a-half to two minutes in length. The solo can be in any genre of dance but at least thirty seconds of it must be choreographed by the student, and they should be prepared to answer questions relating to their movement choices. They will also be discussing and analysing a piece of professional work. The rest of the audition will be a discussion on their interest, involvement and influences in the subject.



Drama

Shortlisted drama candidates will be required to prepare a short monologue in advance (no longer than two minutes) for performance. They will also be given a script to read along with one of our current students and will receive some further direction on both performances at the audition. The rest of the audition will be a discussion on the student's interest and involvement in drama and their ideas about it as an art form.

Creative and Performing Arts Year 7 and Year 9



As a Scholar I got a good part in the next School production, *School of Rock*, which I look forward to performing in February 2019.

Naturally the older students get the better parts, but a school production is a great opportunity to work not only with other Scholars, but with other talented individuals.

Alex, Year 7
Creative and Performing Arts Scholar (Drama)



A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a light blue school uniform, is seated at a piano. She is looking down at the keys. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting. The piano is a dark wood color.

Assessment dates

Year 7 and Year 9

Music

Shortlisted music candidates will be expected to demonstrate at audition a high degree of proficiency on their main instrument: this will normally equate to at least grade 4 standard, but the number of years of learning will also be taken into account.

Candidates should play a short piece on their main instrument, and may if they wish play something on a second instrument. An accompanist will be available, or candidates may bring their own if they prefer. Candidates will also be given some ear-tests and a short piece of sight-reading. The audition will generally last about twenty minutes, and the emphasis will be on allowing the candidate to show their potential as well as their current achievements.

Assessment dates

Parents will be contacted in December if their son/daughter has been shortlisted for consideration.

Year 7

For [Art](#), the assessment will take place on [11 December 2018](#).

For [Dance](#), [Drama](#) and [Music](#), interviews/auditions will be held on [10 or 11 January 2019](#).

Year 9

For [Art](#), the assessment will take place on [11 December 2018](#)

For [Dance](#), [Drama](#) and [Music](#), interviews/auditions will be held on [14 January 2019](#).

Sport

Year 7 and Year 9

Sport

Applications are invited from those who have demonstrated an ability to excel in a number of team and individual sports, or who are considered to have the potential to do so. We are looking for individuals capable of performing at a regional or international senior school level in one or more of the School's main sports: Rugby, hockey and cricket for the boys and hockey, netball, athletics and tennis for the girls. The potential for high-level achievement in individual sports such as fencing and swimming will also be considered. Students who are awarded a Sport Scholarship will be expected to make a significant contribution to School sport.

Assessment dates

Parents will be contacted in December if their son/daughter has been shortlisted for consideration.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the School on **7 December 2018** (Year 7) and **10 December 2018** (Year 9) for a practical assessment and interview where their potential for involvement in the range of sporting opportunities offered at BGS will be assessed.



Being a Sport Scholar has motivated me to do more, and I have gained leadership skills while doing so.

I have had opportunities to help others, for example, in cricket I have helped others with their bowling, and in rugby I try and motivate the team. It helps us to all to develop and to play better.



Will, Year 7
Sport Scholar



Key dates

Application deadlines for scholarships

Year 7 and Year 9 Creative and Performing Arts and Sport:
Thursday 22 November 2018
Year 7 and Year 9 Academic Scholarship (internal only):
Thursday 22 November 2018.

Entrance examination dates

Year 7: Saturday 12 or 19 January 2019
Year 9: Saturday 12 January 2019

Academic Scholarship interviews

Parents of the candidates shortlisted for interview will be contacted as follows:
Year 7: week commencing 21 January 2019
Year 9: week commencing 14 January 2019

Creative and Performing Arts, and Sport Scholarship assessment dates

Parents will be contacted in December if their son/daughter has been shortlisted for consideration.

Year 7

For **Art**, the assessment will take place on **11 December 2018**.
For **Dance, Drama and Music**, interviews/auditions will be held on **10 or 11 January 2019**.
For **Sport**, the practical assessment and interview will be held on **7 December 2018**.

Year 9

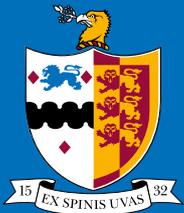
For **Art**, the assessment will take place on **11 December 2018**.
For **Dance, Drama and Music**, interviews/auditions will be held on **14 January 2019**.
For **Sport**, the practical assessment and interview will be held on **10 December 2018**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the **Admissions Office** on **0117 933 9885**.

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