

Scholarship Information

2020-2021





Introduction

Scholarships

A respect for scholarship and intellectual values is at the core of Woldingham's vision for our students and a clear goal of Sacred Heart education. Academic and co-curricular scholarships are offered at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form.

As for all students, scholars are encouraged to develop a growth mind-set, to draw value from their experiences and approach their studies with creativity and resilience.

In addition to the financial award, the school provides ongoing mentoring for scholars and progress is monitored by teachers and the school leadership team.

Dependent on the type of scholarship, awards are typically made as a reduction of between 5% and 20% of day fees per year. We may also award Music Exhibitions to applicants with potential and this is usually offered as music tuition in their first instrument.

It is intended that a scholarship award will be appropriate for a student's entire education at Woldingham, conditional upon the maintenance of expected standards of behaviour, attendance, performance and effort.

Within this booklet you will find guidance on the scholarships Woldingham offers, timelines to follow, and all of the relevant application forms.

Bursaries

Woldingham School remains committed to broadening access to the school by offering eligible parents/guardians means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees. We call these 'Entry Bursaries'.

The school supports the full costs of these bursaries, which means we cannot commit to a set number of bursaries or an amount in any one year. We are committed to providing bursaries on day tuition fees only each year. These are intended for girls who demonstrate strong academic potential and will contribute to, and benefit from, the many opportunities offered by the school and whose family's financial circumstances would make attending Woldingham School impossible.

If you have any questions at all please contact the Admissions Office.

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Scholarships available

Academic Scholarships

There is no application form to complete at 11+ and 13+ entry; all students will be considered based upon their results in the assessment tests held in the autumn prior to entry. Scholarship offers are made to the top students.

Candidates wishing to be considered for a Sixth Form Academic Scholarship need to indicate their interest on the application form and offers will be made based on the results of their assessments.

Co-Curricular Scholarships

Co-curricular scholarships are available in Art, Drama, Performing Arts (11+ only), Music and Sport. To apply, please complete the relevant application forms. If selected, your daughter will be invited to attend an audition day.

All Rounder Scholarships

The All Rounder Scholarship is available at 11+ and 13+ entry. It is awarded at the school's discretion and is for girls who are academically strong and also achieve scholarship standard in at least two of the co-curricular scholarship areas. Students are eligible if they have taken part in at least two of the co-curricular scholarship assessments. A specific scholarship cannot be awarded alongside an All Rounder Scholarship.

There is no additional application form to complete, girls will be automatically selected if appropriate.

Local Girl Scholarship (11+ only)

Applicants must be attending a local state maintained school within a five mile radius of Woldingham School and will be chosen on academic merit and interview only. There is no application form to complete. Girls will be automatically selected if appropriate following the results of the 11+ assessment day.

Science Scholarship (16+ only)

Candidates wishing to be considered for a Sixth Form Science Scholarship will be required to complete two subject tests from Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics. They must be able to demonstrate, through school reference and/or a report, a high level of achievement in at least two of these subjects. Science Scholars must take at least two Science A Levels, of which one can be Mathematics. All candidates will be interviewed, by Skype if overseas.

11+ Scholarships	13+ Scholarships	16+ Scholarships
Academic	Academic	Academic
All Rounder	All Rounder	Science
Art	Art	Art
Drama	Drama	Drama
Performing Arts	Music	Music
Music	Sport	Sport
Sport		
Local Girl		

Timetable

2 October 2020

Deadline for 2021 Registrations

9 October 2020

Deadline for all Scholarship Applications (11+, 13+, 16+)

14 October 2020

13+ Assessment Day

2 November 2020

11+ Assessment Day

16 November 2020

16+ Assessment Day and 16+ Academic Scholarship Day

18 November 2020

16+ Co-curricular Scholarship Audition Day

11-15 January 2021

11+ and 13+ Co-curricular Scholarship Trials / Audition Week

Provisional Co-curricular Scholarship Trials / Auditions

11 January 2021 - Sport

13-14 January 2021 - Music

12 January 2021 - Art

15 January 2021 - 11+ Drama and Performing Arts

13 January 2021 - 13+ Drama

Academic Scholarships

What does being an Academic Scholar at Woldingham School mean?

Academic scholarships are offered on the basis of excellent results in Woldingham's entrance assessment tests, which identify girls with high academic potential.

Within the classroom, academic scholars are encouraged and stretched with differentiated activities. We expect academic scholars to continue to meet the highest academic standards and to take part in a variety of enrichment activities from the wide range available.

Academic scholars in Years 7-11 follow Woldingham's Kritikos programme to encourage critical flexibility and nurture independent and enquiring minds.

Kritikos is Woldingham's programme for academic scholars in Years 7-11. Kritikos comes from the ancient Greek idea of intellectual discernment. It is the ability to judge and evaluate rather than simply recite information.

The Kritikos programme comprises:

- One-to-one meetings between each student and the Kritikos Coordinator. These sessions consist of a discussion of students' interests within and beyond the curriculum and their wider reading, and develop into mini seminars where students have to think on their feet and respond to probing questions on their field of research.
- Small group debates and discussions. Some are prompted by a series of 'What If' statements such as 'What if there were no laws?' These give students the opportunity to explore current affairs, philosophy, sciences, arts and humanities.
- Staff and student led short lectures. Recent examples include cryptic crosswords, the psychology of obedience to authority, growth mind-sets and history of art.
- Students complete a 'Curiosity Project', a significant piece of independent research often inspired by a trip to a museum. This culminates in a presentation to parents and peers over afternoon tea and discussion.

Students compile these experiences into an electronic Kritikos Review document.





Art Scholarships

What are the requirements to apply for an Art Scholarship at Woldingham?

The Art department is looking for artists with excellent skills, who are inspired and excited by the art world. Successful applicants will be working outside of the curriculum and able to consider the concepts involved in both their own and others' work. Problem solving, risk taking, readiness to learn and teamwork are all valuable attributes.

What does being an Art Scholar at Woldingham School mean?

Art Scholars will work in a vibrant and exciting department that is well resourced and has outstanding facilities. Scholars are able to take advantage of the extensive resources to develop their own art practice outside of lessons. There is a weekly Art Club and specific scholars' sessions that run throughout the year. In addition, ongoing mentoring is provided by the Head of Art.

Depending on point of entry it would be expected that Art Scholars take Art at GCSE.

Why is art important at Woldingham?

Art at Woldingham is extremely popular and many girls take it as an option at both GCSE and A level. Draughtsmanship skills form a strong foundation for the girls' achievements, with Life Drawing classes included as part of the teaching programme. The department ensures that students are kept up to date with the wider art world, arranging trips to galleries and identifying exhibitions of interest.

Woldingham students secure places at the very best art colleges, scholarships at prestigious art institutions worldwide and have gained places at Cambridge to read architecture.

Many Woldingham alumnae are now successful practising artists, architects or fashion designers.

Applications for Art Scholarships

To apply for an Art Scholarship, please complete **Form 1** and **Form 3** found on pages 16 and 20 of this brochure.

Candidates will also be required to submit a portfolio of work for pre-assessment by the Head of Art. Portfolios can be submitted as hard copies or digitally. We expect a portfolio to represent the candidate well, and to demonstrate a wide range of artistic ability.

This can include: sketch books, pencil/ink drawings, paintings, prints, photography, gallery and exhibition responses, textiles and photographs of 3D work. Portfolios and forms should be submitted by **9 October 2020**. Any physical portfolios submitted will be returned. After this pre-assessment, the Head of Art will invite a number of candidates to attend our Art Scholarship Day (appropriate for their point of entry). On this day, candidates are requested to bring their portfolio and sketch books with them, but no art materials. They will also be expected to complete the following task and bring this with them:

Produce an observational study of a view through a window, in any media or scale you wish.

On the day all candidates will be required to undertake a still life drawing, followed by a painting of the same still life. Candidates will also be interviewed individually by the Head of Art.



Drama Scholarships

What are the requirements to apply for a Drama Scholarship at Woldingham?

Our philosophy is based on the principles of ensemble work in which generosity of spirit and co-operation within the group are conducive to artistic achievement. Spontaneity, inner confidence and an enthusiasm for experimentation are of more interest to us than an ingrained, over-directed performance style. It should be noted that we are looking for real potential as much as for existing talent. Whilst high grades in Speech and Drama exams will be noted, these results are not the only criteria we will be considering. It will be just as possible for a student to achieve a scholarship at Woldingham having taken no exams in Speech and Drama.

What does being a Drama Scholar at Woldingham School mean?

Drama Scholars will join the Drama Scholar Society which holds regular meetings and works with the Drama Ribbon (Sixth Form prefect) to create innovative new dramatic pieces. They will perform in a Drama Scholars' performance each year, as well as taking part in school productions. There is a significant production every term to ensure that Year 7s through to Sixth Formers have the opportunity to perform. These are always of an extremely high standard and attract large audiences. Ongoing mentoring is provided by the Director of Drama and Assistant Director of Drama. Depending on point of entry it would be expected that Drama Scholars takes Drama at GCSE.

Why is drama important at Woldingham?

Woldingham School has an outstanding reputation for drama. The industry standard facilities and specialist drama staff support students to create productions of the very highest standard. The school has high specification technical support with

state-of-the-art sound and lighting run by a highly-qualified technical crew. Drama staff work hard to bring out the full potential of each and every pupil. Students get the opportunity to attend some of the best live theatre in the country, with many trips to local and London theatres. Current and previous Scholars have gained places in The National Youth Musical Theatre, The National Youth Theatre and West End productions. Our Sixth Form leavers have gained places at institutions such as RADA, Central School and LAMDA, chosen to study Drama at top universities such as Cambridge or gone on to have successful careers within the industry.

Applications for Drama Scholarships

To apply for a Drama Scholarship, please complete **Form 1** and **Form 4** found on pages 16 and 22 of this brochure.

Using the space on Form 4, candidates should outline the achievements and experiences that evidence their involvement in Drama and Theatre including, but not limited to: examinations, theatre trips taken, description of roles played, as well as the candidate's personal experience and involvement with drama both in and out of school. Photographs may be attached, but certificates and/or folders recording achievements should not be submitted. References from current drama teachers/theatre group leaders should also be included.

The Director of Drama will invite a small number of candidates to attend our Drama Scholarship Audition Day (appropriate for their point of entry) in January 2021, where they will be asked to prepare and present an acting monologue of no more than two minutes (16+ candidates are asked to prepare two contrasting monologues). Candidates will also be interviewed individually by the Director of Drama.



Performing Arts Scholarships - 11+ Only

What are the requirements to apply for a Performing Arts Scholarship at Woldingham?

Those applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship are required to demonstrate performance versatility in a range of performance disciplines, specifically acting, dance and singing. A successful performing arts scholarship candidate requires discipline and a strong sense of dedication to all theatrical art forms and, with an open and willing mind, they will explore all styles and projects with enthusiasm and creativity in the pursuit of excellence. Whilst some candidates will have attained performing arts grades in acting, dance and singing prior to audition, it is not a prerequisite for application. Candidates who demonstrate a real sense of creative and theatrical potential are of more interest to us than those with an overly-directed style of performance.

What does being a Performing Arts Scholar at Woldingham School mean?

Performing Arts Scholars will be joining a new and exciting programme of training and performance opportunities at Woldingham School. All Performing Arts (PA) Scholars will be required to attend scheduled PA training classes, workshops and meetings, as well as participate in significant school and external productions. A PA Scholar must ensure that they are attending scholar training in at least two out of the three main performance disciplines. There is a desired aim for those awarded a PA Scholarship to move towards excellence in musical theatre as their main performance style. In addition to the department lead projects the scholars are encouraged to become role models for other students by developing student-led performance projects under the guidance of the Drama Ribbon and their council members. Throughout a scholar's academic career, they will receive mentorship from the Director and the Assistant Director of Drama. Depending on the point of entry it is expected that the scholar will take GCSE or A Level in a performance subject.

Why are performing arts important at Woldingham?

Woldingham School has an outstanding reputation for drama and intends to expand that reputation into the performing arts. The industry-standard facilities and specialist staff support students to create productions of the very highest standard. Students get the opportunity to attend some of the best live theatre in the country, with many trips to local and London theatres. Current and previous students have gained places in the National Youth Musical Theatre, the National Youth Theatre and West End productions. The opportunities and training provided through being a Performing Arts Scholar could open pathways to higher educational establishments such as Mountview, ArtsEd and Bird College to name but a few.

Applications for Performing Arts Scholarships

To apply for a Performing Arts Scholarship, please complete **Form 1** and **Form 5** found on pages 16 and 24 of this brochure.

Using the space on Form 5, candidates should outline their achievements and experiences that evidence their involvement in performing arts including but not limited to: examinations, theatre trips taken, description of roles played as well as the candidate's personal experience and involvement with performing arts both in and out of school. Photographs may be attached, but certificates and/or folders recording achievements should not be submitted. References from current drama teachers/theatre group leaders should also be included.

The Director of Drama will invite a small number of candidates to attend our Performing Arts Scholarship Audition Day in January, where they will be asked to prepare and perform two pieces from the following three options: an acting monologue; a solo dance, or a solo song. Each piece should be no more than two minutes in length. The candidates will also be interviewed individually by the Director of Drama.



Music Scholarships

What are the requirements to apply for a Music Scholarship at Woldingham?

Woldingham School has high expectations and invites applications from girls who have achieved Grade 4 or above (11+), Grade 5/6 (13+) and Grade 7 or above (16+) on their main instrument. Many girls who audition offer a second instrument; this is desirable, but not a formal requirement. We will consider exceptional candidates who have yet to sit formal music examinations (ABRSM or Trinity Guildhall), but who can demonstrate a similar level of ability for their age.

What does being a Music Scholar at Woldingham School mean?

All Music Scholars take part in the Scholars' Ensemble (orchestral) or Amaris (choral), both of which perform regularly to a very high standard. Commitment to rehearsals and learning repertoire is expected. Our Scholars perform in assemblies, at Mass, major school events and chamber concerts throughout the year. Our musicians also perform externally, at venues such as Westminster Cathedral, on tour abroad and at competitions and music festivals and have regular performance coaching and aural training with a professional accompanist. Depending on point of entry it would be expected that the Music Scholar takes Music at GCSE.

Why is music important at Woldingham?

The Music department is well resourced, dynamic and busy, providing many and varied opportunities for our musicians to perform. Standards and expectations are very high. In each term there is a large-scale concert and a number of informal and formal recitals. Our musicians perform in the numerous joint productions

with the Drama department and the choirs lead the singing at Westminster Cathedral for Masses and the school carol service. Students' strengths across a diverse range of skills are also developed: choral singing, orchestral and chamber performance, musical theatre, popular music and jazz. Woldingham musicians have been extremely successful, securing music scholarships to Cambridge, the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music amongst others. Woldingham musicians have been Music for Youth Finalists on a number of occasions. Current Scholars are touring with the National Youth Choir and the National Youth Wind Orchestra of Great Britain.

Applications for Music Scholarships

To apply for a Music Scholarship, please complete **Form 1** and **Form 6** found on pages 16 and 26 of this brochure.

References from current music teachers or ensemble/group leaders should also be attached. The Director of Music will use this information to shortlist candidates, with successful candidates invited back to the Scholarship Audition Day. On the day, candidates will be required to perform two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument, and one piece on a second instrument (if studied). We also give the candidates a short study to prepare, and assess general musicianship and aural awareness. This is followed by an individual informal discussion with members of the Music department.



Sport Scholarships

What are the requirements to apply for a Sport Scholarship at Woldingham?

The Sport department is looking for girls who excel in either an individual or team sport, or who have been identified as having the potential to excel. It is expected that girls will be competing for their school A team and be aiming to join the initial County Pathway, or be participating in Junior Academies. Playing in a club side is an advantage but not essential.

What does being a Sport Scholar at Woldingham School mean?

Scholars attend the Sports Seminar programme, a series of inspirational and educational talks covering all areas of sporting development.

Sport Scholars are also invited to weekly strength and conditioning sessions, developing their base fitness levels, refining techniques and learning about injury prevention. Scholars will compete for the school in their relevant sports and act as role models in PE and extra-curricular activities. A Sports Leadership programme is offered in the Sixth Form. Scholars are helped to develop motivational, teaching and umpiring skills with younger students, both at Woldingham and with our feeder schools. The Director of Sport also provides ongoing mentoring for Scholars.

Why is sport important at Woldingham?

Girls are supported and encouraged to develop their skills in their chosen sporting field which in turn develops leadership and goal-setting skills, builds self-confidence and friendships, and promotes good health. Woldingham's sports coaches are experts in their fields, having played and coached to national level. In addition to the core sports of hockey, netball, cricket and tennis, Woldingham also has strengths in cross country, athletics, fencing, swimming and skiing, making good use of the 700 acre Marden Park grounds. We ensure that girls' individual sporting achievements in less mainstream sports are also recognised. Sport Scholars have been supported by our US educational advisor in securing scholarships to top US universities.

Applications for Sport Scholarships

To apply for a Sport Scholarship, please complete **Form 1** and **Form 7** found on pages 16 and 28 of this brochure.

Using the space on Form 7, candidates should outline their achievements in sport thus far. Their top three sports should be identified, but all sports played can be mentioned, as well as events and competitions attended. Any relevant references from coaches can be included.

The Director of Sport will invite a small number of candidates to attend our Sports Scholarship Trial Day (appropriate for their point of entry) in January. All candidates will take part in skills demonstrations and have an individual interview with members of the Physical Education department.



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