



# The Queen's School Scholarships: 2026/27

## Queen's Academic Scholarships

There are a number of Queen's Academic Scholar awards available each year to girls joining the Senior School at Year 7, and these are offered to girls of outstanding academic distinction based on either the results of the entrance examination or on academic performance during Year 6. The Scholarship carries with it the title of *Queen's Academic Scholar* which a girl is entitled to use, for example, in her applications to university, to give further evidence of her high ability level. The names of all recipients are published in The Times. This Scholarship includes a one-off financial award of £250.

*No application required.*

## Performing Arts Scholarships

This Scholarship offers two specialisms: music or drama.

### Music Specialism

The Queen's School is pleased to offer Performing Arts Scholarships in Music to outstanding young musicians who demonstrate exceptional ability and potential in their first instrument. Scholarships are open to internal and external applicants entering Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 (A-level Music) in September 2026.

The Performing Arts Scholarship in Music at The Queen's School celebrates girls who exemplify musical excellence, commitment, and leadership, contributing positively to the cultural life of the school and wider community. Through high standards of performance and participation, Scholars inspire strong musicianship and collective achievement across the school.

Each Scholarship includes one year of peripatetic tuition (30 × 30-minute lessons) on the Scholar's first instrument, delivered by experienced specialist teachers. Scholars are awarded the title of *Queen's Music Scholar* or *Queen's Senior Music Scholar*, which may be used in academic and university applications to give further evidence of high ability level and commitment.

### Scholarship Benefits

Music Scholars benefit from:

- Individual specialist tuition on a first instrument
- Leadership and mentoring opportunities within co-curricular activities
- Involvement in prestigious concerts and musical events
- Workshops with the Hallé Orchestra and Choir, including rehearsal attendance and complimentary tickets

### Expectations of Music Scholars

Music Scholars are expected to:



- Participate fully in the musical life of the school, including ensembles, concerts, competitions, productions, festivals, and whole-school events at Chester Cathedral
- Represent the school with commitment and professionalism
- Act as positive role models, promoting music within the school community
- Assist in the organisation of concerts and musical events
- Work on a project of their choice during their Scholarship Year, that will contribute towards the ethos and community of the Music Department

## Eligibility

Year 7 Applicants (current Year 6) should:

- Be at least Grade 3 standard on their first instrument (this does not require candidates to have taken a formal music examination).
- Have experience in ensembles, concerts, competitions, or events
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a strong commitment to music

Year 10 Applicants (current Year 9) should:

- Be at least Grade 4 standard on their first instrument (this does not require candidates to have taken a formal music examination).
- Have experience in ensembles, concerts, competitions, or events
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a strong commitment to music

Year 12 Applicants (current Year 11) should:

- Be at least Grade 6 standard on their first instrument (this does not require candidates to have taken a formal music examination).
- Have relevant ensemble and performance experience
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and musical commitment

All candidates must meet the academic entry requirements and fully engage in the school's co-curricular music programme.

## Application Process

Apply here: [Performing Arts Scholarship in Music Application Form](#)

Applicants must complete the form and send an audition video on their first-choice instrument to Mrs Davies at [hdavies@thequeensschool.co.uk](mailto:hdavies@thequeensschool.co.uk). This can be done through [WeTransfer](#). Please note that within the application form we require one written reference from a music teacher, teacher, or mentor. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a face-to-face interview, including sight-reading, and aural test.

## Key Dates

- Application Deadline: 3 February 2026
- Interviews and Practical Assessments: w/c 9 February 2026
- Awarding Date: 27 February 2026

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*school reserves the right to remove the Scholarship Award. The successful Scholar will receive funding for one year only but will continue to hold the title if all expectations are met.*

## Drama Specialism

The Queen's School is pleased to offer Performing Arts Scholarships in Drama for exceptional young performers who demonstrate outstanding ability and potential in drama. These Scholarships are available to internal and external applicants for Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12.

The Performing Arts Scholarship in Drama at The Queen's School celebrates girls who demonstrate dedication to excellence, both as an individual actor and as a committed performer within the school and its community. By exemplifying these core values and striving towards aspirational goals, our Scholars not only enhance their own achievements but also inspire a culture of unity, dramatic excellence and performance success across our vibrant school community.

Each Scholarship includes one year of LAMDA lessons (30 x 30-minute sessions), delivered by a highly experienced and committed peripatetic Drama teacher. The Scholarship also carries with it the title of *Queen's Drama Scholar* or *Queen's Senior Drama Scholar*, which may be used in academic and university applications to give further evidence of high ability level and commitment.

### Scholarship Benefits

- One-to-one private LAMDA lessons.
- Drama Scholars receive a programme of additional enrichment opportunities each year, tailored to support their development as performers and enhance their drama and leadership skills. These may include:
  - Opportunities to participate in external events, activities or workshops.
  - Leadership roles mentoring younger pupils in co-curricular activities.
  - Experiences that deepen understanding of theatre and performance career pathways.

*A detailed programme of Scholar opportunities will be confirmed annually.*

### Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama Scholars are expected to:

- Participate in all school drama events
- Work on a project of their choice over the course of a year that contributes to the work of the Drama Department in some way.
- Act as positive role models, inspiring and supporting their peers in lower and senior school, promoting drama within the community and school life.

### Eligibility

Successful applicants are expected to demonstrate a true passion for drama and theatre with participation in at least 2 or more of the following:



- Their participation in school productions
- Their study of drama through LAMDA lessons
- Their regular involvement in extra-curricular drama societies
- Their attendance at external drama clubs
- Their study of GCSE Drama and/or A-level Theatre and Drama

Please note that there is an expectation for Scholars to fully participate across the breadth of our co-curricular programme and in representing the school at productions and competitions. Candidates must also satisfy the academic requirements for entry to the school.

### Application Process

Apply here: [Performing Arts Scholarship in Drama Application Form](#)

Applicants must complete the application form and send an audition video of a monologue performance, from a script of their own choice (max 3 minutes in length) to Mrs Larder at [klarder@thequeensschool.co.uk](mailto:klarder@thequeensschool.co.uk). This can be done through [WeTransfer](#). Please note that within the application form we require one written reference from a drama teacher, teacher, or mentor. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a face-to-face interview, which will also include a sight-reading exercise of a script.

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## Sports Scholarships

The Queen's School is pleased to offer Sports Scholarships for exceptional young sportswomen who demonstrate outstanding ability and potential in one or more of our main sports: Netball, Football, Hockey, Tennis and Athletics. These Scholarships are available to internal and external applicants for Years 7, Year 10 and Year 12 in September 2026.

The Sports Scholarship at The Queen's School celebrates dedication to excellence, both as an individual athlete and as a committed team player. By exemplifying these core values and striving towards aspirational goals, our Scholars not only enhance their own achievements but also inspire a culture of unity, growth, and success across our vibrant school community.



Each Scholarship carries a financial award of £250, which should be used to support future development in the sport. Scholars are awarded the title of *Queen's Sports Scholar*, which may be used in academic and university applications to give further evidence of high ability level and commitment.

### Scholarship Benefits

Our Sports Scholars enjoy a wealth of opportunities to enhance their athletic and leadership skills, including:

- Personalised strength and conditioning training and nutritional advice and support.
- One-to-one and group coaching with specialist mentors.
- Seminars, masterclasses, and half-term Scholar workshops.
- Leadership roles mentoring younger pupils.
- Fitness testing, tactical and technical development, and training schedule management.

### Eligibility

Candidates should:

- Be performing at club (for U11 only), county, regional, or national level, or hold a recognised ranking in their sport.
- Be outstanding 'A' team players or equivalent in their current school or elite performers at club level.
- Display leadership qualities, unwavering determination, and a passion for sport.

Please note that there is an expectation for Scholars to fully participate across the breadth of our co-curricular programme in representing the school at matches and tournaments. Candidates must also satisfy the academic requirements for entry to the School.

### Expectations of Sports Scholars

Successful applicants are expected to:

- Fully engage in the sporting life of the school including clubs, competitions and fixtures (including Saturday fixtures)
- Represent The Queen's School in their chosen sport and demonstrate dedication to our sports programme by competing in a range of sports.
- Act as positive role models, inspiring and supporting their peers both on and off the field.

### Application Process

Apply here: [The Queen's School Sports Scholarship Application Form 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Candidates must submit the application form and can choose to share an additional supporting letter outlining their suitability for the Scholarship to [skiernan@thequeensschool.co.uk](mailto:skiernan@thequeensschool.co.uk). Please note that within the application form we require two written references from a PE teacher, coach, or mentor.



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## Headmistress' Award for Academic Excellence

A number of Scholarships are awarded each year to students on entry into Queen's Sixth Form (Year 12), for academic excellence. Each Scholarship includes a £1,000 discretionary award for students to invest in their own development, and is awarded on the basis of GCSE examination results.

*No application required.*

## Amanda Latham Arts Scholarship

This Scholarship is awarded in Year 12 to a student who is taking A-level Art. It is based on a portfolio assessment and interview in the Spring Term of Year 12, assessing outstanding ability in Art. This Scholarship carries a financial award of £500.

Application Process

All Year 12 A-level Art students are invited to apply for the scholarship with more details on the application shared in the Spring Term of each academic year.