



STRATHALLAN
SCHOOL

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Third Form Scholarships

Introduction

...recognising outstanding ability and future potential...

Scholars are enrolled onto a structured programme for the duration of their time at school. The scholarships can be worth up to 10% of school fees. For further financial assistance, a bursary application can be obtained from the Admissions Office. The deadline for bursaries for entry in September 2026 is **Monday 2nd February 2026**.

Third Form Scholarships are open to current pupils in Second Form and those joining directly in Third Form in September 2026. Deadline for Third Form Scholarship application is **October**.

The following categories of scholarship are available:



Academic



Art



Music



All Rounder Awards



Performing Arts



Drama



Pipe Band



Sport

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Academic



Academic Scholarships at Strathallan School are awarded on the basis of a series of assessments and interviews.

Scholarships are awarded to both recognise outstanding academic ability and develop future potential through a structured scholarship programme for the duration of a scholar's time in the Third Form to the Fifth Form.

Scholarships not only lift the performance of scholars but, through the academic leadership we expect of scholars, lift outcomes for all pupils in the school.

Successful candidates for scholarship will demonstrate a high level of academic ability, also the potential to develop this further, the attitude to learning and intellectual challenge commensurate with the highest academic standards relative to their age, and a natural interest in and passion for the area of their academic study.

For Third Form, the Academic Scholarship Assessment comprises

1. **A full report and reference from the candidate's current school in advance of the assessment day**
2. **A 90 minute online cognitive abilities assessment**
3. **Assessments in English and Mathematics**
4. **Assessments in TWO further subjects from the following: Combined Science, French, Geography, History, Latin or DT.**

Please note for those interested in DT there will be no assessment but a discussion with our Head of DT, Mr Barrett, who will discuss candidates portfolios/previous work. A portfolio of previous work is desirable but not essential.

Interviews with the Deputy Head Academic, Mr Andrew Watt, and the Scholarship Co-ordinator, Mr Brian Miles, will be part of the process also.

The Headmaster may also choose to interview some of the candidates.

Successful candidates will be expected to embrace the academic opportunities that the Scholarship Programme offers by engaging fully with the following:

- **Our series of Humanities and STEM-based lectures, seminars and workshops;**
- **The annual Academic Essay Competitions;**
- **The academic outreach work of specific academic departments;**
- **Entry into external academic competitions, as appropriate;**
- **Regular meetings with the Scholars' Coordinator to discuss individual academic progress and targets;**
- **The Annual Scholars' Dinner**



The academic scholarships programme is tailored to individual needs and features:

Lectures and Seminars from Humanities and STEM-based external speakers.

Internal seminars and societies led by students and capitalising on Strathallan staff expertise. These include Ancient Greek Club, Medical Ethics Group, Psychology Society, Robotics Group, Model United Nations, Debating, EGaming and STEM Club.

Extension Days, Activities and Visits including STEM enrichment and visits to various industries and universities.

Participation in olympiads, competitions and additional events including public speaking, debating and quizzes.

Tracking and Reporting: The Academic Scholarship Co-ordinator meets with pupils to monitor extension engagement and design bespoke programmes for pupils, particularly important in advance of Sixth Form scholarship and UCAS applications.



Music



Music Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of an internal assessment by members of the Music department.

All prospective Scholars are asked to audition by preparing

- two contrasting pieces on their first instrument
- a third piece on their second instrument (if applicable)

Photocopies of both the pupil part and piano accompaniment should be emailed or posted to the School by **November** in advance of audition. Candidates are also encouraged to send examples of their original compositions.

In addition, candidates will have brief aural and sight-reading tests appropriate to their practical ability and undertake a short interview with the Music teaching staff.

Art



Awards are made on the basis of virtual assessment.

A small and carefully selected digital portfolio of work should be submitted to Mr Glancy. (PDF or PowerPoint presentation not exceeding 10MB). Any three dimensional work can be photographed and included in the digital portfolio.

This should be submitted by **November**.

Successful scholarship candidates will have an interview with Mr Glancy to discuss the scholarship and their portfolio in further detail.



Performing Arts



The music scholarships programme is tailored to individual needs and features:

Performance opportunities in school and at external festivals and concerts.

Workshops with various professional staff, extending and challenging their musical experience.

Live Music programme of regular and varied concerts by leading orchestras and group professionals.

Répétiteur classes with an accompanist in protected practice times.

Support with repertoire and portfolio through professional recordings of your performances and work.

Performing Arts Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of an assessment by members of the Expressive Arts department.

Upon the successful awarding of a Performing Arts Scholarship a pupil would be expected to:

- **Take an active role in all Performing Arts opportunities appropriate to their age**
- **Sing as part of the School Choir**
- **Study towards an annual LAMDA qualification**
- **Take an active part in the school's Dance programme**
- **Meet with staff annually to discuss progress and personal targets**
- **Be actively involved in the outreach work of the school**

A Scholar is expected to show a willingness to develop all areas of Performing Arts (Acting, Singing and Dance), but will not necessarily be a specialist in all.

Prospective candidates should show evidence of experience and progression in at least one of the disciplines. This includes, but is not limited to; Dance Awards, LAMDA certificates and Music Performance Awards.

All prospective scholars will be asked to prepare two out of the three following disciplines:

- Dance, Drama or Music (Singing)

In addition to this, candidates will also undertake a short interview with the Expressive Arts teaching staff.

Drama



Drama Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of an assessment by members of the Expressive Arts department.

All prospective scholars are asked to audition by preparing two monologues;

A classical drama piece

A contemporary drama piece (post 2000)

They may be asked to read from an unseen script during the audition.

In addition to this, candidates will also undertake a short interview with the Head of Drama and Performing Arts.



Pipe Band



Piping and Drumming Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of an assessment by members of the Piping and Drumming department.

All prospective Scholars are asked to audition by preparing two contrasting pieces on pipes or drums.

Candidates can indicate on the application if they wish to present a second instrument, but this is not essential.

We would encourage candidates to bring examples of their original compositions.

In addition, candidates will be given aural and sight-reading tests appropriate to their practical ability and undertake a short interview with the Director of Traditional Music and Scottish Culture.



Sport



Strathallan Sports Scholarships are available for boys and girls who demonstrate outstanding sporting ability, talent and potential to contribute strongly to sport at Strathallan and beyond. Applicants may select at least 2 sports.

We are looking for:

- **Outstanding natural sporting ability**
- **Achievement in chosen sport(s)**
- **Potential: just as important as current level of performance**
- **Motivation to train and perform**
- **The ability to work as part of teams or squads**
- **Leadership potential**
- **The ability to inspire peers to higher levels of performance**
- **The desire and drive to excel in sport beyond Strathallan**
- **The ability to manage academic and other school commitments**



Candidates will need to fill out an application form and attend an assessment day. References will also be required to be submitted with your application from the candidate's current school and coaches. Details of honours, awards and achievements, current district/regional or national teams, targets and intended goals plus any supporting information should be included in the application. A covering letter should also be written detailing why you should be awarded a sports scholarship and sent to the Director of Sport, Mr Jim Thompson.

It is anticipated that award holders will display the potential and motivation to achieve national honours in their age groups and beyond. Award holders will be expected to make significant contribution to Strathallan sport and to show commitment in their specialist sport beyond school term times.

Nature of assessment days

Sessions are designed to allow candidates to demonstrate the best of their abilities in a challenging and competitive environment. The day is split into different categories and the sports department will look at a pupil's development over time and not just raw talent at a young age.

- Welcome with the Director of sport
- Practical assessment of fundamental movement skills, physical performance & athletic motor skill competencies
- Practical assessment of specific sports (Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics, Netball, Swimming, Clays', Golf & Tennis) We also welcome applications for other sports, which have not been named.
- Interview with Director of Sport & specific Heads of Sport
- Q&A with current Sports Scholars

All-Rounder Awards



All Rounder Awards are a combination of academic, sport and one other discipline.

The individual aspects of the awards (as detailed in the pages above) are also what is expected for an All Rounder award.

There are 2 All Rounder Awards:

The Harry Riley Award

The Harry Riley Award rewards pupils who display strength and talent in Academics and two further non academic disciplines. Harry Riley believed in an holistic all-round education and this award continues this ethos at Strathallan to this da

The Headmasters Award

For students displaying strength and talent in three non academic disciplines. Holders of this award are selected by the Headmaster following the Scholarship process to reward those pupils who are often participating in non-core activities.





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