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## Sixth Form Scholarships

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# Introduction

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

Scholars are enrolled on to a structured programme for the duration of their time at school. The scholarships can be worth up to 10% of the school fees. If families seek 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.

The Sixth Form Scholarships are open to current pupils in 5th form and those joining directly in Lower 6th form in September 2026.

The following categories of scholarship are available:

-  **Academic**
-  **Art**
-  **Music**
-  **Performing Arts**
-  **Drama**
-  **Pipe Band**
-  **Sport**



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# Academic



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

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

Successful candidates for scholarship will demonstrate a high level of academic ability, 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 and passion for the area of their academic study.

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

- **Our series of Humanities and STEM-based lectures, seminars and workshops;**
- **Participation in the annual Academic Essay Competition;**
- **Where appropriate, 'mentoring' of younger Academic Scholars;**
- **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;**
- **Attendance at the annual Scholars' Dinner after the annual Scholars' Lecture by a distinguished visiting speaker.**



Scholarships are awarded on the basis of competitive examination to **external candidates** looking to enter 6th form. 6th Form (S5/ Year 12) Candidates should normally be sitting GCSEs or National 5s in the summer of 2026.

Arrangements for entry in September 2026 are as follows:

Candidates will be asked to undertake an online cognitive abilities assessment lasting approximately 90 minutes. Following this assessment, candidates will be asked to complete two assessment papers - the subjects are optional but they should choose two subjects that they are planning to study for their A Levels, or three for Highers.

In addition to the assessments, candidates will be interviewed by our Deputy Head Academic and our Academic Scholarship Coordinator.



Candidates are encouraged to bring with them any portfolios, prize certificates and other evidence of academic success to their interview; this is however not compulsory.

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** student-led and capitalising on Strathallan staff expertise. These include, but are not limited to Discussion Groups, Biology Society, Greek Club, Medical Ethics Group, Psychology Society, Robotics and STEM Club.

**Extension Days, Activities and Visits** including the Formula Green Project and visits to various industries and universities.

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

**Student mentoring:** Sixth Form Scholars mentoring younger Scholars in academic leadership and community outreach.

**Tracking and Reporting:** ASC (Academic Scholarship Coordinator) and STEM lead meet with students to monitor extension engagement and design bespoke programmes for students, particularly important in advance of UCAS applications.



# Art



## Scholarship Application Process

### External Candidates:

**Portfolio Submission:** Submit a digital portfolio showcasing your relevant work.

**Review and Selection:** Your portfolio will be carefully reviewed by our selection committee.

**Interview (if shortlisted):** Only candidates whose portfolios meet our high standards will be invited for an interview.

### Internal Candidates:

If you are a current Strathallan student, your academic records and recent work will be considered for the scholarship.

**Important Note:** Please ensure your portfolio is submitted by October to allow sufficient time for review and potential interviews.

Successful digital portfolio candidates will then be asked to have an interview with the Head of Art to discuss the scholarship and their portfolio in further detail.

The art scholarships programme is tailored to individual needs and features...

**Scholars work** entered in to a range of local and national Art competitions, awards and opportunities during the school year.

**A variety** of scholar art projects take place in school throughout the year (age specific).

**Work featured** in the annual exhibition of GCSE and A Level art work.

**Attendances** at gallery visits, artist talks and specialised workshops throughout the year



# Music



*Outstanding music education in a safe and supportive environment*

Strathallan music department is at the heart of our school and community. Music at Strathallan is taught with enthusiasm and in a culture of encouragement and the Scholars Programme is central to the life of the department.



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

- **Participate fully in the musical life of the school**
- **Prioritise attendance at all appropriate ensembles. This will be in consultation with the Director of Music;**
- **Sing as part of the School Choir;**
- **Perform in all concerts appropriate to their instrument;**
- **Meet with the Director of Music annually to discuss musical progress and personal targets;**
- **Maintain high standard of musical excellence**
- **Be actively involved in the musical outreach work of the department.**

A prospective candidate is expected to be able to perform confidently and fluently to the following minimum standard\*:

### *Age 16+: Grade VII*

We look for potential as well as high achievement and musicality.

\*Please note that the corresponding examination need not have been sat.

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 in advance of audition.

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

Strathallan School attracts and nurtures outstanding Music Scholars. Scholars will perform in Scholars Recitals and Senior Showcases every term. Scholars will have a key role in all of our concerts and events and take a leadership role in the SPS Music Mentoring Week and in the life of the Music Department. They will also get the opportunity to take part in workshops, trips and outside engagements.



# Performing Arts



Performing Arts Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of an assessment by members of the Expressive Arts department. If students have Drama as part of their offering then they should be involved in all school productions either in performance or design.



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.

# Drama



Perspective 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
- Music (Singing)

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

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)

} To be between 2  
& 4 minutes each

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 Expressive Arts teaching staff.



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

- **Prioritise attendance for all rehearsals. This will be in consultation with the Head of Drama.**
- **Perform/crew in all school productions;**
- **Meet with the Head of Drama annually to discuss development and personal targets;**
- **Be actively involved in the Drama and Expressive Arts outreach work of the department.**



# Pipe Band



Piping and drumming Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of a live assessment by members of the Department of Traditional Music and Scottish Culture.

Upon the successful awarding of a Pipe Band Scholarship a pupil will:

- **Have a traditional weekly lesson, as well as a one to one session with one of the specialist staff within the Traditional Music and Scottish Culture Department. This will focus on preparing the pupil for the further study of traditional music, performing at the highest level in solo and pipe band settings and discovering different styles of music.**
- **Have access to a wealth of resources including rare collections of music.**
- **Have access to the piping and drumming building throughout the week for individual practice.**
- **Prioritise all appropriate ensemble in consultation with the Director of Traditional Music and Scottish Culture.**
- **Be required to compete and perform with Strathallan School Pipe Band.**
- **Be actively involved in the outreach work of the department.**



All prospective Scholars are asked to audition by preparing:

*Three contrasting sets on their first instrument including a March, Strathspey and Reel and, if possible, the ground of a piobaireachd.*

(If a pupil has not begun their study of piobaireachd, this should not stop them applying).

Candidates are also encouraged to send examples of their original compositions and will be given aural and sight reading tests appropriate to their practical ability. This will be followed by 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 sporting activities.



We are looking for candidates who:

- **Demonstrate natural sporting ability**
- **Show strong leadership qualities or leadership potential**
- **Are motivated to train and perform and are tactically and technically aware in their chosen sport/s**
- **Are ambitious and driven in pursuit of their goals**
- **Display potential and the personality to success and show the desire and drive to excel in sport beyond Strathallan**
- **The ability to inspire peers to higher levels of performance**



**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. Detail 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.

### **Expectations**

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**

These 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:

- Assessment of fundamental movement and fitness
- Assessment of fundamental skills and abilities
- Assessment of specific sports
- Interview with Director of Sport, Mr Jim Thompson & Heads of Sport

The sports scholarships programme is tailored to individual needs and features...

**Specialised coaching** and weekly one-to-one Strength and conditioning sessions in our state of the art gym with the School's own strength and conditioning coach. This is all organised to fit around studies.

**Additional support** from specific sports staff to review goals, aspirations and assessing current performance. Our specialist sports staff will also help achieve a balance between school commitments and sport.

**Organised talks** and seminars on topics like nutrition, careers in sport and the psychology of sport.

**Developed relationships** with local clubs, professional clubs, constituent bodies and National Governing Bodies to offer clear pathways for development and excellence for our sports scholars.





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