



STRATHALLAN
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6th Form Scholarships

Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th November 2021

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 15% 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 2022 is Friday 28 January.

The Sixth Form Scholarships are open to current pupils in 5th form and those joining directly in Lower 6th form in September 2022.

The following categories of scholarship are available:



Academic



Performing Arts



Sport



Art



Drama



Music



Traditional Music



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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 candidates looking to enter 6th form. 6th Form (\$5/Year 12) Candidates should normally be sitting GCSEs or National 5s in the summer of 2021/2022. For external candidates, all examinations will be virtual.

Arrangements for entry in September 2022 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 2 subjects that they are planning to study for their A Levels.

In addition to the assessments, candidates will be interviewed by our Deputy Head Academic, Mr Sean Hamill and our Academic Scholarship Coordinator, Dr Isla Woodman.



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 Big Questions, Biology Society, Greek Club, Medical Ethics Group, Psychology Society, Robotics, Scottish Studies and STEM Club.

Extension Days, Activities and Visits including the Strathallan 'Build-a-Plane' Project; CSI (Crime Scene Investigation); 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 twice per year to monitor extension engagement and design bespoke programmes for students, particularly important in advance of UCAS applications.

MAADSS Week: *Music, Academic, Arts, Drama and Sports Scholars' workshops focused on a particular theme.*

2018: Commemorating WWI; 2019: Celebrating Space; 2020/21: 100 Years at Forgandenny.

Art



Awards are made on the basis of competitive examination and virtual assessment.

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

This should be submitted by **Friday 29th October 2021**. This portfolio should be accompanied by a covering letter from the pupil's present Art teacher.



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



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

MAADSS day project in which all the scholars will work collaboratively on a project. The project portrays a different theme every year.

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



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



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

- **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;**
- **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

*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 by **Friday 29th October 2021** in advance of audition. Candidates are also encouraged to send examples of their original compositions.

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.



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

Workshops with industry professionals. Recent workshops include a song writing session with Eurovision's SuRie and a masterclass with the Maxwell String Quartet.

Appearances at various Scottish music festivals.

Protected practice times with an accompanist.



Performing Arts



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.

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



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.



Pipe Band



Piping Scholarships at Strathallan School are made on the basis of a virtual assessment by members of the Music department.

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

- **Prioritise attendance at all appropriate ensembles. This will be in consultation with the Director of Music and Head of Piping;**
- **Perform in all concerts appropriate to their instrument;**
- **Meet with the Director of Music and Head of Piping annually to discuss musical progress and personal targets;**
- **Be actively involved in the musical outreach work of the 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)

Pipers looking to gain a scholarship should present a March, Strathspey and Reel set, as well as another style, preferably Piobaireachd.

Candidates are also encouraged to send 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 Music teaching staff.



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:

- **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. 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

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.

Mentoring sessions with staff to review goals, aspirations and assessing current performance. Mentors will also help achieve a balance between school commitments and sport. This also includes video analysis sessions.

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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