



STRATHALLAN PREP

Opportunities for all to excel



Prep School Entrance and Awards

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March 2026

Introduction

Prep School Awards are available in the following areas;



Academic



Performing Arts/Drama



Music



Art



Pipe Band



Sport

These awards are open to current and prospective pupils entering First Form. Awards are worth up to 10% of the school fees. Should additional funding be required an application for bursary can be made, further details can be obtained on our website along with the application form and guidelines. Deadline for Prep School Awards application is **Friday 20th February 2026**.

Entrance to Strathallan Prep School

All pupils wishing to be considered for a Prep School academic award are asked to undertake an online assessment which normally takes 60-90 minutes to complete. In addition candidates are asked to complete a written essay. Pupils then have an interview with the scholarship co-ordinator, the Head of Prep School and the Assistant Head Key Stage S3. Any award offer is subject to a satisfactory school report and reference.

Academic



Those wishing to be considered for an Academic Award will be asked to complete the entrance requirements if they are not a current pupil. In addition they will have a short interview with our Academic Scholarship Coordinator and an interview with our Head of Prep School, Mrs Emma Lalani.

Awards recognise outstanding academic ability and develop future academic potential through a structured programme.

Successful candidates 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:

- Our series of Humanities and STEM-based lectures, seminars and workshops;
- Participation in the annual Academic Essay Competition;
- Academic outreach work of specific academic departments;
- Regular meetings with the Academic Scholarship Coordinator to discuss individual academic progress and targets;
- Entry into external academic competitions, as appropriate;

Performing Arts/Drama



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, Music (Singing). In addition to this, candidates will also undertake a short interview with the Expressive Arts teaching staff, which includes the Director of Performing Arts & Drama, Mrs Carr-Bates.

Successful Performing Arts Award holders would be expected to:

- Prioritise attendance/participation in all Expressive Arts Events.
- Meet with the Director of Performing Arts to discuss progress and personal targets
- Be role models in Strathallan Prep School, setting the standards for their classmates, encouraging participation and making Expressive Arts accessible for all.



Music



Music Awards are available for boys and girls who show outstanding ability, talent and commitment to music. Candidates should be performing confidently on two instruments of which one may include voice.

Minimum Standards

Age 9-10 (Year 5 and Year 6) Grade 2
Age 11-12 (First and Second Form) Grade 4

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

Candidates are invited for an audition and interview with our Director of Music, Mr Jeff Wilson. Candidates are asked to prepare two contrasting pieces and if applicable a third piece on their second instrument. In addition candidates will be given aural and sight-reading tests appropriate to their practical ability.

Successful Music Award holders would be expected to:

- Prioritise attendance at all appropriate musical events
- Sing in the school choir
- Meet with the Director of Music to discuss progress and personal targets
- Be actively involved in musical outreach work

Please note that copies of the both the pupil part and piano accompaniment should be sent to jeff.wilson@strathallan.co.uk by **Friday 20th February** in advance of the audition.



Art



Awards are made on the basis of an assessment. A small and carefully selected digital portfolio of work should be submitted to the Head of the Art department, Mr Frank 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 **Friday 20th February**.

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

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 should prepare two contrasting pieces on their chosen instrument.

Candidates will also be given a sight-reading test appropriate to their practical ability, and should expect to undertake a short interview with a member of the Piping and Drumming department staff.



Sport



Sports Awards 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 highlight at least 2 of the following sports:

- Athletics
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Tennis

- Cricket
- Netball
- Swimming

For applicants of exceptional talent, sports outside the above will be considered.



What are we looking for?

- Outstanding natural sporting ability
- Current achievement and potential in your chosen sport(s)
- A positive mindset to train and perform
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Showing leadership potential
- Uphold the values of Strathallan School
- Be receptive of coaching

Candidates are asked to complete the relevant application form and provide the Admissions office with a reference for each sport they are applying for. Details of current playing level, achievements, awards and future goals should be included in the application.

The sports assessment will include a generic sports assessment focusing on athleticism, coordination, teamwork and decision making. There will be an individual interview with the Head of Prep Sport. This will include a discussion about current achievements in their sports, goals for their sports and role models. Finally, candidates will be assessed in their chosen sports focusing on technical and tactical ability.



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