



QUEEN'S
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TAUNTON

11+ Scholarships

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An Introduction to Scholarships

Scholars are at the heart of everything we do and stand for at Queen's College. They are important to us as they work hard and promote the qualities that make Queen's an individual school with family values. Working alongside other talented pupils is part of the challenge and creates a vibrant experience for our scholars.

Queen's College Scholarships and Awards recognise exceptional aptitude and talent in a range of specialist areas. The purpose of these awards is to attract students who:

- Q Strive for excellence in their thinking and creativity.
- Q Wish to be thoughtful, confident, reliable young people who will become leaders in society.
- Q Have strong moral and spiritual fibre.

We encourage our scholars to do the very best they can at all times. We want them to become individuals who will match or exceed our expectations. We support them and develop their potential and, in return, we expect a great deal from them. Our aspiration is that they will contribute to the Queen's community and be an inspiration to those around them.

If you think you would take up the challenge of being a scholar at Queen's then please do apply. We welcome applicants with proven excellence and clear potential in a specialist area but we also would encourage you to apply if your talents extend across the disciplines. For example if you are a top musician who also loves playing sport; an academic who is also appreciative of the arts or an excellent sports person who loves to lead a debate. All Queen's students contribute to the richness of the community and our scholars are there to be trail blazers to lead the way and set the standards.

Our teachers are talented in their own specialisms with many who are published authors, professional artists and musicians and sports specialists who have played at the highest levels.

Scholarship Applications for 11+ Candidates

Applications can be made throughout the academic year and assessment days will be arranged on an individual basis. Please submit your scholarship application form along with your son/daughter's most recent school report to:

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All applicants to Year 7 will sit the online cognitive ability tests, (CATs).

As part of their Assessment Day candidates will be invited to an interview with the Head of College, Mr Julian Noad. On the same day as they sit their CAT, they will also take part in specific assessments relevant to their scholarship application such as Academic, Music, Performing Arts, Sport and Art. Candidates should prepare for these assessments as outlined in the scholarship information attached.

The Queen's College Academic Scholarship

Queen's scholars are very much part of the vibrant community. The university destinations for our Academic Scholars include coveted places at Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Exeter, Bath, Imperial, Loughborough, Manchester and Birmingham.

Queen's College offers a number of Academic Scholarships each year. Scholarship candidates are assessed on their aptitude and potential across a range of disciplines.

Requirements

11+ candidates will sit a nationally standardised adaptive baseline test of academic potential. Students will also complete a range of academic activities during the assessment process. A reference will be requested from the candidate's current school, with special reference to the candidate's academic strengths, attitude to work, character, behaviour and interests.

Interview: Every Academic Scholarship candidate will be invited for an interview with the Head and Deputy Head (Academic), providing an opportunity for the school to discover more about the candidate's potential, ability and interests. We will then make a decision on any scholarship award based on this interview, the outcome of their test and their school reference.

The Queen's College Performing Arts Scholarship

Performing Arts Scholars enrich everyone's experience at Queen's. The evidence of their talent contributes to the rich, creative culture of the school. The depth and range of opportunity for performance in dance and drama or work behind the scenes is exceptional. The College has unique partnerships that open opportunities for our students to work with professionals in specialist areas of the performing arts.

Academically, Drama at Queen's is a popular choice at both GCSE and A Level with pupils consistently achieving outstanding results. Many of our students have achieved the high accolade of places at leading universities such as Birmingham, Warwick, The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, Oxford School of Drama, The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, RADA and Guildford School of Acting to name a few. Our dance students have recently taken up places at LIPA and Chichester University.

Requirements

- Q Both the practical skills and future potential of each candidate are taken into account.
- Q Demonstrated ability and an active interest in an aspect of the Performing Arts is essential.
- Q Proven acting, musical, or dancing ability or an interest and ability in the technical aspects of the subject - sound, lighting or design.

11+ Auditions

11+ candidates must prepare **ONE** of the following options:

- Q One solo monologue/soliloquy from any published play text.
- Q One solo dance piece (original or repertoire).
- Q One solo song from any established piece of musical theatre, (e.g. The Wizard of Oz, Les Miserables, Cats, Oliver) either unaccompanied or to a backing track.

Candidates are welcome to present more than one of the above suggestions, if they so wish.

All audition pieces should be learned by heart and candidates are expected to perform without the text/lyrics. The piece should be introduced and candidates should know the context of the extract and understand what material to perform to show off their strengths. Music for dances or backing tracks should be provided by the candidate on CD/ iPod/iPhone/YouTube link etc.

Expectations

We are looking for candidates with enthusiasm and commitment who will make a positive contribution to Queen's College Performing Arts. Successful 11+ candidates are usually expected to go onto take GCSE Drama as part of their GCSE programme. All successful candidates are expected to contribute to major school productions.

The Queen's College Sports Scholarship

The Queen's Sport Scholarship will give students access to a program which aims to develop the sporting capability of the athlete, putting them on a pathway to elite performance. Above the regular and competitive fixtures which all students have access to, the program will provide:

- Q An enhanced coaching program with experienced and qualified coaches, through our sport.
- Q Academies (small group ratios).
- Q Regular tracking of athletic development.
- Q Further development of technical skills, tactical knowledge and game play.
- Q Sport-specific strength and conditioning programmes.
- Q Nutritional guidance.
- Q An athlete mentoring program, giving the athlete access to our experienced coaches.
- Q Access to our links with local sports clubs and Somerset Performance Pathways.
- Q Access to injury rehabilitation if required.

Requirements

In order to gain a full sport scholarship, students must show exceptional ability in a minimum of two of the main sports at the College. The sports played at the college include:

Main	Other
Cricket (boys & girls)	Athletics
Hockey (boys & girls)	Swimming
Netball (girls)	Football
Rugby (boys)	Equestrian
Tennis (boys & girls)	

Applicants can be assessed in a maximum of three sports. These must be declared in advance for assessment planning purposes.

Assessment and Trials

The assessment day will involve a range of practical tests, including a general fitness evaluation which will identify the particular physical strengths of each candidate. In addition, there will be a practical assessment for each of the sports. Applicants will interview with the Director of Sport.

The sports staff will assess each candidate in the following areas:

- Q A selection of fitness tests, to include speed, agility and power.
- Q Practical ability (skill and game play related) in the applicant's chosen sport(s).
- Q Personality and attitude throughout the day.
- Q Any personal accolades which may support the application, such as personal bests or involvement in the sport outside of school.

Applicants will need to ensure that they bring the necessary kit with them for the entire day.

Expectations

In recognition of the additional support Sport Scholars will receive, they will be required to sign a contract which commits them to fully engaging in the Sport Scholarship programme. As recognisable figures in the school community, they will be expected to be positive role models both in their sporting arenas and away from them. Along with full engagement in the Sport Scholarship programme, a positive attitude towards academic achievement is a necessity.

The Queen's College Art Scholarship

Art is at the heart of Queen's College and we are looking for candidates with enthusiasm and commitment to become Art Scholars. Our impressive art studios and excellent teaching team combine to inspire young people. There are no limits to what can be created at Queen's and we welcome people with exciting ideas. We celebrate the successes of our scholars who have gone on to study at top destinations like Central St Martins, Falmouth and Glasgow.

Assessment, Interview and Portfolio Requirements

11+ candidates will take part in a 30 minute drawing assessment. They will then have an interview to discuss their portfolio. The portfolio should demonstrate their passion and the extra work that they do in their own time, as well as art work completed at school.

Expectations

Successful candidates will be expected to spend time in the Art Department over and above the normal lessons. They will be expected to go onto take GCSE Art as part of their GCSE programme as well as taking a full part in the student life of the Art Department.

The Queen's College Music Scholarship

Our music facilities are excellent, with a spacious, purpose-built Music School complete with practice rooms and a music technology suite. This adjoins the Queen's Hall auditorium – a 570 seat, fully equipped concert hall, complete with Steinway Model D concert grand piano and 30-stop pipe organ with mobile console, as well as state-of-the art lighting and sound systems.

Queen's College has excellent instrumental teaching support with a highly qualified team of nineteen visiting teachers, who cover every aspect of orchestral and band performance. There is also a skilled line-up of keyboard teachers and vocal teachers, specialising in jazz, modern and classical music. Queen's Music Scholars also have wonderful opportunities with our orchestra-in-residence, the Southern Sinfonia.

As part of our usual co-curricular programme, we have two orchestras, the exuberant Swing Band, Wind Band, College Choir and a variety of specialist ensembles focusing on different disciplines.

The Music Department enjoys performing a diverse range of musical styles from medieval choral to instrumental modern jazz and everything in between. Students take part in a number of events throughout the year, with numerous concerts and services to perform in. Our excellent Music Technology facilities allow us to record and mix all of our performances and Music Technology is a vibrant entity in itself with well-subscribed clubs on a weekly basis.

Requirements

Music Scholarships are awarded on the results of auditions and musicianship tests, conducted by the Director of Music. It is not expected that exams should have been taken but for pupils currently in Year 6 entering Year 7, a standard equivalent to Grade 4 is expected on their primary study.

Candidates will usually be expected to be proficient on two instruments and be required to perform on both. However, those who can demonstrate exceptional ability and potential on one instrument alone will be seriously considered. In the event of being successful, tuition on a second instrument may be offered in addition to tuition on their primary study.

Auditions

Auditions will last between 25-30 minutes and take place in an audition room. Time will be given for a warm-up beforehand in a separate practice room. The following will be required of all candidates:

- Q To perform two pieces on their first study and one piece on any further instruments offered.
- Q To sight-read on their primary instrument.
- Q To respond to questions about their chosen pieces.
- Q To undertake ear tests - this will include answering questions on an unknown piece of music played to them.

Plenty of opportunity will be given for candidates to give indications of their interests in the subject and any evidence of extra musical ability will also be welcomed.

Accompanists – Candidates should bring piano accompaniments for instrumental pieces. If particularly complex accompaniments are required, some advance warning would be much appreciated since there will not be an opportunity for a rehearsal together prior to the auditions. Backing tracks are perfectly acceptable as long as the solo line is not doubled.

Expectations

Candidates gaining an award will be expected to participate actively in the musical life of the school as and when required. Holders of Music Awards are expected to set an example by their standards of musicianship and their commitment to school music. Participation in some aspects of choral activity will be expected. Award holders are usually expected to take Music to at least GCSE level.



Queen's Outdoor Education Scholarship

Queen's College is a centre of excellence for Outdoor Education. It is embedded into the curriculum and Co-Curriculum throughout the Prep and Senior Schools. We see Outdoor Education as an umbrella term to describe a wide range of learning in the outdoors. This includes adventure education and outdoor pursuits, personal and social development and environmental awareness. Queen's embraces all of these key areas in producing a programme that fosters leadership, teamwork and communication skills as well as enhancing pupil's health and wellbeing. We aim to instil an appreciation of the environment around us and enable pupils to challenge themselves and learn to manage risk in order to help develop resilience and initiative. There is a wide range of different activities on offer as well as residential (domestic & overseas) expeditions and links to Outdoor and development training centres in the local area.

The Outdoor Education Scholarship Programme aims to provide:

- Specialist coaching in a wide range of outdoor activities.
- The opportunity to gain a range of national governing body awards in activities such as paddle sport, climbing and sailing (both personal proficiency and coaching).

A mentoring programme giving access to specialist coaches as well as local clubs.

- Access to national performance pathways in both canoe polo and climbing.
- Opportunities to develop coaching skills in a range of outdoor activities.
- Enhanced access to domestic and overseas outdoor expeditions.

Requirements

Outdoor Education scholars are expected to be fully involved in the outdoor programme at school. They will act as role models around school and will show enthusiasm, teamwork, resilience, leadership and initiative when engaged in outdoor activities. They will also be expected to help enthuse their peer group as well as younger members of the Queen's community as outdoor ambassadors.

Assessment

Applicants will be expected to provide an Outdoor CV / diary outlining their experience of outdoor activities including: type of outdoor activity, approximate dates, venues, details of activity.

Applicants will then have an opportunity to demonstrate their ability in a kayak (if this is one of their specialisms).

All Applicants will also be interviewed by the Head of Outdoor Education who will assess their personality as well as attitude and aptitude towards the outdoors. Applicants will be required to give a short presentation on an outdoor experience that has inspired them.



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