



St Gabriel's

NEWBURY



13+ Scholarship & Bursary Awards
2021

AWARDS AT ST GABRIEL'S

Awards at St Gabriel's recognise the pursuit of learning at a level of excellence.

St Gabriel's offers Academic, Art, Performing Arts (Dance, Drama & Music) and Sports scholarships to pupils entering Year 9.

These awards are recognised by a number of schemes within the school, primarily the Challenge & Extension Programme, which

- Offers our gifted and talented students extended and differentiated work in lessons to ensure that they reach their full potential
- Runs an exciting programme of co-curricular events throughout the year, including termly scholars' breakfasts, guest speakers and workshops as well as departmental activities and trips, that are additional to the curriculum
- Provides a mentor scheme for Academic Scholars, whereby a chosen member of staff meets regularly with their mentee to extend their learning outside of the curriculum in a variety of different ways. For Art, Performing Arts and Sport Scholars there are regular opportunities to work with the appropriate Head of Department alongside other scholars in their discipline
- Academic Scholars will be encouraged to read widely beyond the curriculum and the school will provide them with a subscription to a publication of their choice to support them in this.

Requirement of Entry

It is a requirement of entry that all scholarship candidates are a current pupil or have passed the 13+ entrance examinations.

Scholarship Mornings

Scholarship candidates are invited to attend a scholarship morning at the school.

Applications

Application forms and further information are available from the Admissions Manager.

Completed applications must reach the Admissions Office by **Friday, 23 October 2020**.

Annual Review

13+ scholarships are tenable until the end of Year 11 when pupils may then apply for a Sixth Form scholarship.

All awards are subject to a satisfactory annual review of progress based on the candidate's continued suitability for the award.

HOW TO APPLY

- All candidates who would like to be considered for an award must be a current pupil or be registered to join the school
- Applicants for the 13+ Academic Scholarships and awards in Art, the Performing Arts (Dance, Drama & Music) and Sport may apply for one or more award
- Candidates who meet the selection criteria listed in this prospectus will be invited to attend a scholarship morning
- Candidates will be informed, in writing, within one week of the scholarship morning whether they have been successful
- The closing date for accepting a place and a scholarship award is Monday, 1 March 2021
- Scholarship application forms are available from the Admissions Office.

ADMISSIONS CALENDAR FOR ENTRY TO YEAR 9 IN SEPTEMBER 2021

2020

3 October	Open Morning
9 October	Closing Date of 13+ Entrance Examination Enrolment
23 October	Closing Date for 13+ Montagu Award Applications; Art, Performing Arts (Dance, Drama & Music) and Sports Scholarship Applications
2–13 November	Candidate Interviews (<i>Remote through Microsoft Teams</i>)
7 November	13+ Senior School Entrance Examinations
21 November	Academic Scholarship Morning
5 December	Art & Performing Arts (Dance, Drama & Music) Scholarship Morning
14 December	Sport Scholarship Morning

2021

1 March	Closing Date for Acceptances
15 June	Year 9 Senior School Induction Day

13+ MONTAGU AWARDS

The Award

Montagu Awards are monetary awards made available at 11+ and 13+ with the specific aim of making St Gabriel's accessible to girls who would otherwise not be able to enjoy the unique education we offer.

The awards, made at the Principal's discretion, are offered to girls who show particular academic ability or to Art, Performing Arts or Sports Scholars. Montagu Awards are subject to financial means-testing.

Requirements for Entry

Applications for Montagu Awards should be supported by the girl's current head teacher. Montagu Award candidates who perform particularly well in the entrance examinations will be invited to the 13+ Academic Scholarship Day.

All candidates are required to sit the 13+ Senior School entrance examinations.

Bursary guidance and a Montagu Award application form may be downloaded from our website, www.stgabriels.co.uk/bursaries.

13+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Award

Academic Scholars are fully involved in our Challenge & Extension Programme, which includes a termly Academic Scholars' Breakfast with the Principal and Director of Studies, a year's subscription to a publication of their choice and a programme of talks and seminars to promote a love of learning.

Each half term, Academic Scholars attend an Academic Lunchtime Seminar, which is designed to encourage them to explore a range of topics outside of their usual curriculum.

They also complete the Higher Project Qualification in Year 9, which is equivalent to a short course GCSE.

Requirements for Entry

Whilst applications are open to all, academic scholarships are honorary and may be awarded to pupils who possess academic excellence, intellectual curiosity and excel across a broad range of subjects.

Scholarship Morning

Candidates sit a general paper for which no preparation is required.

Candidates attend a joint interview with the Principal and Head of Upper School, where they will be asked about their school life, interests and aptitudes.

13+ ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The Art Department at St Gabriel's is set in an exciting and stimulating environment. Students work with a wide variety of mediums, including fine art, ceramics, textiles and photography. Standards achieved are very high and exam results are outstanding. Art Scholars meet with the Head of Art half-termly to review progress and set creative extension tasks to encourage scholars to expand their creative skills and maximise their potential.

The Award

Art scholarships are honorary and may be awarded to an outstanding candidate. The scholarship is based on the strength of the candidate's portfolio and a practical assessment and interview.

Requirements for Entry

- Candidates must submit a portfolio of their own work and provide a written report on their suitability for scholarship from their art teacher
- Candidates should have a desire to self-develop as an artist by learning and mastering a range of techniques
- Candidates should have a willingness to become an ambassador for art through helping others
- The Head of Art is looking for proof of the candidate's enjoyment, passion and enthusiasm for art and their potential for progress.

Scholarship Morning

- Candidates attend a 15 minute interview with the Head of Art
- Candidates complete a practical task that involves an observational study and a short written task, where they will be asked to analyse an artwork. Candidates will have approximately 30 minutes to complete each task.

The Portfolio

Candidates must submit examples of their work on scholarship morning to the Art Department in art folders/boxed up. Portfolios should demonstrate the development of the candidate's work as far back as possible, and reflect a genuine interest and passion for art with pieces produced in school, in art clubs and at home.

The portfolio should include:

- An outline/brief of the work contained in the portfolio
- A demonstration of work in a variety of different mediums including, if possible, three dimensional art eg sculpture, ceramics or papier mâché
- Other work eg drawings, paintings, collage, mixed media work
- Evidence of the use of other artists' work to influence the candidate's own
- Evidence that the candidate is interested in art as well as skilled (contents should include work from previous years which was carried out at home as well as in school)
- Work should include pieces produced for pleasure, showing spontaneity and a passion for the subject, rather than specially produced for this portfolio.

13+ DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Dance scholarships are awarded to foster and enhance the strong tradition of dance within the whole school. Dance Scholars are expected to contribute in as many aspects of the school's dance and performance activities as the Head of Dance can reasonably require.

There are numerous opportunities for Dance Scholars to perform in front of an audience at a professional venue, including the biennial dance show and external performance events. In addition, Dance Scholars are invited to join Angelis, the St Gabriel's elite dance company.

The Award

Dance scholarships are honorary and may be awarded to outstanding candidates. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of audition.

Requirements for Entry

Candidates should have a good level of knowledge and understanding of dance as a whole as well as:

- A minimum of two years dance experience in a group outside of school
- Experience in ballet, tap, modern or contemporary dance preferred, **but not essential**
- Syllabus or grade examinations **not essential**
- A written report on the candidate's suitability for scholarship from their dance teacher (external candidates only)
- Enjoyment, enthusiasm and appreciation for dance is paramount and should be demonstrated in a personal statement detailing their suitability for the role.

Scholarship Morning

Candidates attend an audition, which will include:

- The performance of a prepared one minute solo, choreographed by the candidate, in their own chosen style
- The participation in a short class in which the candidate will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their technical ability and creative skills
- A short interview conducted by the Head of Dance.

Dance Scholars are supported by highly qualified and experienced dance practitioners who will provide guidance, advice and support, enabling them to achieve their true potential.

13+ DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Drama scholarships are awarded to foster and enhance the strong tradition of drama within the whole school. Drama Scholars are expected to contribute in as many aspects of the school's drama and performance activities as the Head of Drama can reasonably require. There are numerous opportunities to perform in front of an audience in a professional theatre, including the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival and the biennial Senior School production.

The Award

Drama scholarships are honorary and may be awarded to outstanding candidates. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of audition.

Requirements for Entry

Candidates should have a good level of knowledge and understanding of drama, as a whole, as well as:

- Drama experience in a group outside of school
- A written report on their suitability for scholarship from their drama teacher (external candidates only)
- Enjoyment, enthusiasm and appreciation for drama is paramount and should be demonstrated in a personal statement detailing their suitability for the role.

Scholarship Morning

Candidates attend an audition, which will include:

- The performance of a prepared monologue, maximum 2 minutes in length
- Participation in a short class in which the candidate will be given the opportunity to demonstrate her technical ability and creative skills
- A short interview conducted by the Head of Drama.

Drama Scholars are supported by highly qualified and experienced drama practitioners who will provide guidance, advice and support, enabling them to achieve their true potential.

13+ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music scholarships at St Gabriel's are awarded to foster and enhance the strong tradition of music within the whole school.

The Director of Music will work closely with Music Scholars to provide a range of opportunities to develop their individual talents. Music Scholars are expected to contribute in as many aspects of the school's musical activities as the Director of Music can reasonably require.

The Award

Music scholarships are honorary and may be awarded to outstanding candidates. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of audition.

Requirements for Entry

- Candidates are required to have reached a minimum standard of Associated Board (or equivalent) grading as follows:

First instrument: 13+ Grade V

Second instrument: 13+ no minimum requirement but demonstrate strong potential

- Enjoyment and enthusiasm for making-music and potential for progress are strong considerations of the Director of Music, as is commitment to music-making activities in school
- A written report from the candidate's music teacher for their principal instrument
- A reference from the candidate's current Head of Music (external candidates only)
- Enjoyment, enthusiasm and appreciation for music is paramount and should be demonstrated in a personal statement detailing their suitability for the role.

Scholarship Morning

Candidates attend a 30 minute audition that consists of:

- The performance of two pieces on the candidate's first instrument (or voice)
- The performance of one piece on the candidate's second choice instrument (or voice). If a candidate plays more than two instruments she may perform a further piece on another instrument if she wishes
- Aural tests appropriate to the candidate's standard
- A short interview conducted by the Director of Music.

13+ SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sport at St Gabriel's offers a balanced curriculum for physical education. The PE Department has a strong all year round fixture list aimed at inclusion with every year group having fixtures. All pupils are encouraged to enjoy our main sports, hockey, netball, tennis, swimming and athletics.

More able pupils are challenged and mentored by our expert staff to achieve their sporting potential. Sport Scholars take part in both the Challenge & Extension Programme and Sport Scholarship Programme, where they will be invited to attend additional training sessions, talks and trips.

The Award

Sports scholarships are honorary and may be awarded to outstanding candidates. The scholarship is based on the sports levels and awards obtained by the candidate and a practical assessment.

Requirements for Entry

- Candidates must produce evidence of their sporting achievements eg national awards, team membership, individual successes
- A written report from the candidate's present Head of PE or teacher responsible for their PE lessons.

Scholarship Morning

Candidates' skills and fitness will be tested in a variety of sports/activities during the practical assessment. Leadership skills will also be observed and assessed.

Please contact the Admissions Manager or visit our website, www.stgabriels.co.uk, if you require any of the following:

- St Gabriel's Prospectus
- Registration Form
- Open Morning Dates
- School Visit
- Appointment with the Principal
- Further information regarding Entrance Examinations
- Information on how to apply for a Montagu Award
- Scholarship Application Form

St Gabriel's

NEWBURY

Sandleford Priory · Newbury · Berkshire RG20 9BD
01635 555680 · admissions@stgabriels.co.uk · www.stgabriels.co.uk