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SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

Drama





Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our Drama Scholarship provision here at Pangbourne College.

Pangbourne College is a NACE Challenge accredited school, one of only two independent senior schools with a Sixth Form to have this accolade in the United Kingdom. This award is only given to schools that demonstrate excellence in teaching and learning, leadership, and challenge across the board, and our scholarship programmes are at the very heart of that.

Holders of scholarships can expect recognition across the College. Each one of your child's teachers will know that they are talented within a particular aspect of the curriculum. It is this individualised care for every child, every lesson, that makes our more able provision so impactful.

Our scholarship pathways have their own programme, designed to help your child flourish in that particular area, and eventually lead in it, as they progress through the College. Each scholar is recognised as a leader in our community and is expected to take full ownership and accountability for their role, judged against our Flag Values and Academic Standards.

In exchange, we offer the finest level of enhancement of their skillset to help them pursue their passion.



I invite you to read through this booklet and see for yourself the fantastic diversity of opportunity that every prospective scholar can expect at Pangbourne College. Our small size and award-winning more able provision means that we can assure you that your child will indeed flourish as a scholar in our special community.

I hope to meet you soon.

Best wishes,

Jack Sims, MSci, PGCE

Head of Scholars





Pangbourne College offers a limited number of scholarships and exhibitions to pupils who demonstrate exceptional academic ability or excellence in a major co-curricular specialism. The following pages describe the entry criteria, scholarship programme benefits, and expectations.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Holding a scholarship or exhibition at Pangbourne College is recognition of a pupil's excellence in their specialism, their potential to participate actively in the life of the College, and their contribution as a positive role model and leader in their specialism. As such, while the College does not provide automatic fee remission for scholarship or exhibition holders, we do recognise award holders with a dedicated scholarship programme.

Award holders can expect **additional lectures, visits, and opportunities**, depending on the type and specialism of the award they are holding. Their progress will be closely monitored and mentoring within their specialism will be available. There is an **annual Scholars' Dinner** which is a significant date in the College calendar.

APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE

The scholarship or exhibition award does not carry automatic fee reduction. Pupils who are awarded a scholarship or exhibition may be eligible for additional assistance with payment of school fees in the form of means-tested financial assistance. This is traditionally known as a 'bursary', and the bursary application process is run in tandem with an application to Pangbourne College. The means-testing process is administered by the Bursar. Click [here](#) for the Bursary Application Form.



HOW SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS WORK

In Year 7, exhibitions are offered for two years and will be reviewed prior to the end of Year 8. Those pupils who have demonstrated a consistent dedication to their specialism are able to reapply, in competition with any new scholarship applicants, for the award prior to the entry into Year 9.

In Year 9, scholarships and exhibitions are awarded for three years until the end of Year 11, provided that the pupil's conduct across the College and performance in their scholarship specialism is preserved during the time in which they hold the scholarship or exhibition. Pupils may apply for one award only, which can be held in addition to an Academic Scholarship.

Exhibition holders will be treated as talented within their individual specialism, and extra provision will be provided at the discretion of the Head of Department.

SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

At Sixth Form, incoming new entrants are able to apply for scholarships via the normal admissions process. Internal Sixth Form scholarships are awarded by the Head and senior leaders to current Year 11 pupils as recognition of outstanding endeavour or achievement; there is no application process. Just like external candidates, holders of internal Sixth Form scholarships are welcome to apply separately for means-tested financial assistance.

All Sixth Form scholarships and exhibitions are awarded for two years, are conditional upon achievement of predicted GCSE results, and are subject to continued performance.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

Year 9 and Sixth Form

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A DRAMA SCHOLAR?

We offer both Technical and Acting Scholarships at Pangbourne. We want enthusiastic dramatists/ stage crew who love supporting others with drama and taking part in productions, be they big or small. We have four major productions a year; two aimed at Years 7, 8 and 9, and the other two are whole school productions open to all year groups. We also have a visiting Speech and Drama teacher who teaches **Trinity College London Drama** exams (LAMDA equivalent) from Grades 1-8.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PANGBOURNE SCHOLAR?

Scholars have the opportunity to attend weekly Trinity lessons free of charge, be a part of the drama department and have a say in its future direction, be a drama role model inside and outside of the department, speak in assemblies and lead Open Morning, take part in Drama Trinity exams and help younger pupils with their exams, and be a part of the technical crew on our many productions, learning all of the disciplines of working backstage and focusing on one specific area of interest as required.

The scholarship or exhibition award does not carry automatic fee reduction. Where appropriate, scholarship award holders may benefit from fee remission in the form of a means-tested bursary. Applications for bursaries may be submitted alongside the scholarship application.



WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF A PANGBOURNE SCHOLAR?

Pupils holding a drama award are expected to participate in the drama department and its co-curricular life, including annual College productions. Drama Scholars are expected to select Drama as one of their GCSE subjects, which is also excellent preparation for future A Level Drama study.

In addition, we expect Pangbourne Scholars to be an upstanding and responsible member of the drama team, a role model within lessons, rehearsals, and around the College, and involved with all of the College productions (either in a performance or supportive capacity).

Other expectations are supporting the Key Stage 3 (KS3) Activities sessions (Year 11 Scholars and above only), giving talks to Year 9 about GCSE Drama and Theatre Studies, attending termly meetings with the Head of Drama to take an active part in improving drama at Pangbourne, representing the College in promotional activities (such as marketing videos), and participating in filming and photography for the purpose of promoting the College and drama department.





WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

Year 9

In the assessment workshop session, drama candidates should be prepared to:

- Perform from memory two contrasting monologues from any play (between 1-2 minutes per monologue).
- Perform a prepared improvisation for three minutes, based on one of the following titles:
 - Memories
 - Relationships
 - Holidays
 - Ambitions
- Take part in a practical workshop run by our award holders.
- Participate in an interview with the Head of Drama about the role of a scholar, as well as a discussion on the work presented.

Sixth Form

Drama Scholarship auditions are held at the College. Candidates should be prepared to:

- Perform two contrasting monologues from any play that the candidate knows and understands (two minutes per monologue).
- Perform a prepared improvisation on a theme related to one of the monologues.
- Perform a sight reading which will be given to the student on the day.
- Take part in a practical workshop, involving our award holders.
- Discussion with the Head of Drama on the work presented and what being a scholar means.



WHAT DO OUR CURRENT SCHOLARS SAY?

“I have been a Drama Scholar for three years now and, if you want a supportive and enriching environment, both academically and emotionally, I can wholeheartedly recommend being a Drama Scholar, and, if not, to most definitely get involved with the department.”

“This is my third year of being a Drama Technical award holder, and I would thoroughly recommend both the award and the department. Taking part in the productions is a great experience and a really fun time, and drama is such a creative and comfortable environment. I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to give it a go.”

“This is my first year as a Drama Scholar and I have loved every minute of it! It’s given me so much confidence and made me feel like I belong to something at school. I loved being in ‘Great Expectations’ and doing the ‘Alice in Wonderland’ Open Morning. I hugely encourage you to join in and get involved with the drama department as it is the best place to be at Pangbourne.”

WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF AN EXHIBITION HOLDER?

The expectations of an exhibition holder are the same as those of a scholar. Exhibition holders are not expected to be crafted actors, but they are expected to have a positive and driven attitude towards developing their acting talents.

Exhibition holders will be treated as talented within drama, and extra provision will be provided at the discretion of the Head of Drama.

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PANGBOURNE COLLEGE AWARD APPLICATION 2024

Academic, Sport, Design Technology, Art or Drama

PLEASE NOTE: Candidates need to be registered for entry in order to apply.

Name of Candidate:

Date of Birth:

Current School:

Address of current school:

Telephone number of current school:

Name of Headmaster/mistress:

Headmaster/mistress email address:

I wish my child to be entered as a candidate for the following award (in the event of an award being offered, we undertake to withdraw from any other scholarship negotiation):

Please indicate ONE award only by ticking the box next to the appropriate subject. If you are applying for an Academic Scholarship, it is possible to apply for ONE other award also.

Year 7 Academic (No application form required. Academic Exhibitions are awarded for exceptional performance during entry assessment).

Year 9 Academic Sport Art Drama Design Technology

Lower Sixth Academic Sport Art Drama

Signature: (Parent/Guardian)

Date:

Please return this form to:

The Head of Admissions, Pangbourne College, Pangbourne, Reading, Berkshire, RG8 8LA

admissions@pangbourne.com

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SCHOLARSHIP AND EXHIBITION AWARD CALENDAR 2024

YEAR 7 EXHIBITION	APPLICATION CLOSING DATE	EXHIBITION ASSESSMENT DATE
Academic	No application necessary	Awarded for exceptional performance during the entrance assessment.
Music	30 November 2023	30 January 2024
YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIP	APPLICATION CLOSING DATE	SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT DATE
Academic	30 November 2023	19 - 21 February 2024
Art	30 November 2023	30 January 2024
Design Technology	30 November 2023	30 January 2024
Drama	29 September 2023	20 November 2023
Music	29 September 2023	21 November 2023
Sport	29 September 2023	9 November 2023

Please note: Lower Sixth Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarship applications are considered and assessed by individual arrangement.

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