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## SIXTH FORM DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP



Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our Scholarship provision here at Pangbourne College. Pangbourne College is a NACE Challenge accredited school, one of only a few 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 or, in the case of Academic Scholars, exceptionally able across the board. It is this individualised care for every child, every lesson, that makes our able provision so impactful. Every one of the Scholarship pathways has their own programme, expertly designed to help your child flourish in that 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 Scholarship and Challenge



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

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

Holding a Scholarship at Pangbourne College is recognition of a pupil's potential in their specialism, as well as to participate actively in the life of the College. Scholars are College leaders, and their contribution as a positive role model in their specialism allows for positive growth to happen. As such, while the College does not provide automatic fee remission for Scholarship holders, we do recognise award holders with a dedicated scholarship programme.

All Scholars can expect additional opportunities depending on the type and specialism of the award they are holding. We want Scholars to dive into their area and show their passion, whilst also upholding all of our Flag Values in all that they do. Most importantly, all Scholars work closely together throughout the College and help to carry out positive contributions to support their peers.

Scholars will regularly meet during ensembles and meetings. There is also an annual and prestigious Scholars' Dinner, which is a significant date in the College calendar.

## **APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE**

The scholarship 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 Policy](#).

## **HOW SCHOLARSHIPS WORK**

Sixth Form Scholarships are awarded through various means; either through merit or through assessment day. These vary upon the Scholarship. Pupils may apply for One Scholarship only, however, Academic Scholarships are only awarded following excellent GCSE results.

Upon confirmation of a Scholarship, a pupil will be asked to sign our Scholarship Agreement, which pledges to uphold the highest standards and to contribute fully to that discipline. This is constantly reviewed throughout their time at the College.

## 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. Above all though, Drama Scholars promote a love of Drama and act as leaders within the discipline.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PANGBOURNE SCHOLAR?

Scholars have the opportunity to attend weekly Trinity College London Drama exams (LAMDA equivalent) from Grades 1-8, which act to improve a pupil's disciplinary knowledge of the subject.

All Scholars get to be an active part of the Drama department and have a say in its future direction and are role models inside and outside of the department. They also will take active parts in speaking within assemblies and Open Mornings. If they wish to pursue the Technical

side, then pupils work alongside 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.

Adding to this is the fact that all Sixth Form Scholars will take a leading role in Drama at the College. This leadership role also includes mentoring younger pupils in their Devitt and Moore Award, alongside leading Drama Scholar meetings. This builds up skills in empathy, kindness and communication, which are heavily valued in the world of work. They will regularly meet with the Senior Scholars and the Head of Drama, passing on the views of their peers to make a positive contribution to life at Pangbourne. Above all though, each Sixth Form Scholar sets a strong example to all other pupils at the College.

The Scholarship 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 Scholarship are expected to play an active role in the drama department and its co-curricular life, including annual College productions. 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.

## **WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?**

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.



## Scholarship Award Calendar for 2025 entry

| <b>YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP</b> | <b>APPLICATION CLOSING DATE</b> | <b>SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT DATE</b>   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Academic                  | No application required         | Awarded for potential high performance shown during the entrance assessment.                             |
| Art & Design              | 29 November 2024                | 28 January 2025  |
| Drama                     | 29 November 2024                | 28 January 2025  |
| Music                     | 29 November 2024                | 28 January 2025  |
| Sport                     | 18 October 2024                 | 16 November 2024 - Assessment will take place for applicants on the same day as the entrance assessment. |
| <b>YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIP</b> | <b>APPLICATION CLOSING DATE</b> | <b>SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT DATE</b>   |
| Academic                  | 29 November 2024                | 24 February 2025   |
| Art                       | 29 November 2024                | 28 January 2025  |
| Drama                     | 30 September 2024               | 18 November 2024   |
| Music                     | 30 September 2024               | 19 November 2024   |
| Sport                     | 30 September 2024               | 7 November 2024  |

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To apply for a scholarship, please download our application form from our website and send this over to our admissions team or contact our admissions team for further details.

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