

Sixth Form Art Scholarship Information

The sixth form is looking for candidates of exceptional artistic ability who will be expected to make an outstanding contribution to the life of the school. Performance and progress will be reviewed regularly with the Head of Art. This award is made without regard to parental income and is worth up to 20% of the fees. Alternatively, parents who do not require financial assistance may accept their child's scholarship on an honorary basis.

All Art Scholars are expected to:

- Play a leading role in the artistic and general life of the school
- Be fully committed to their artistic studies, showing high levels of motivation
- Attend relevant Art & Design extension activities run by the school.
- Choose at least one of their A Level options from: Art, 3D Design or Textile Design.
- Be leaders, excellent role models and ambassadors within the school.

The Art department would expect to give extension work/tuition to the scholar alongside other pupils of similar ability where appropriate. Candidates must be willing to experiment with a wide range of techniques, materials and processes in their approach to making artwork.

Retention of the award will be dependent on consistently excellent performance levels and continual dedicated application to the subject. Acceptance of a scholarship implies acceptance of these terms, and a commitment to attending Thames for Sixth Form.

Standard required:

Scholarship assessment is based on artistic ability as well as whether the candidate demonstrates appropriate character, intelligence and community-mindedness.

The Application Process:

External candidates should provide references from relevant art teachers giving an accurate assessment of artistic ability and potential in support of their application. The application form and testimonial should be received by the school by **our deadline date which is stated on our [website](#)**. At the enrolment interview, applicants will be required to bring with them a portfolio with at least five pieces of artwork in it. Each piece should be in a different medium and a breadth of skills should be demonstrated.

Internal candidates should prepare a simple portfolio of their best 5 pieces of work. Each piece should be in a different medium and a breadth of skills should be demonstrated. The application form and portfolio should be submitted to the school by our **deadline date which is stated on our [website](#)**.

If the work is of sufficiently high standard, candidates will be invited to attend an assessment session in early **January** during which they will undertake a practical test and be interviewed.

- Candidates will have an hour in which they will complete a still life of two objects. Candidates will have some choice of medium to use for this assessment.
- Candidates will be given a short interview by the Head of Art, during which they will be asked about a recent exhibition which they have visited.