

Sixth Form Performing Arts Scholarship Information

The sixth form is looking for candidates of exceptional performing arts 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 Drama. 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 Performing Arts Scholars are expected to:

- Play a leading role in the performing arts department and general life of the school
- Be fully committed to their performing arts studies, showing high levels of motivation
- Attend relevant performing arts activities run by the school
- Choose at least one of their A Level options from: Drama and Theatre Studies, or Music
- Be leaders, excellent role models and ambassadors within the school.

The Drama / Music 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 and processes in their approach to developing performance skills.

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 performance ability as well as whether the candidate demonstrates appropriate character, intelligence and community-mindedness.

The Application Process:

Candidates should provide references from relevant Drama / Music teachers giving an accurate assessment of performance 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](#)**.

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

- Applicants with a Drama focus will be required to perform two contrasting 2-3 minute monologues from different scripts. They may also choose to perform a 2 minute dance routine and/or song.
- Candidates with a Music focus should prepare a 2-3 minute originally composed piece.
- Candidates will be given a short interview by the Head of Performing Arts, during which they will be asked about a recent performance they have watched (live or recorded).