

SHERBORNE
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Sixth Form Scholarships and Awards

For entry 2024



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Being recognised as a scholar at Sherborne Girls is an honour and a privilege. We provide an extensive Sixth Form Scholarship Programme designed to support and guide exceptional pupils across a range of disciplines, including Academic, Art and Design, Drama, Music and Sport.

Identification and development of our scholars is an integral element in our culture of aspiration and ambition. We foster a deep interest in all aspects of each girl's learning journey and aim to cultivate curiosity, enquiry, investigation, achievement and personal growth in every scholar.

Bright, talented and inquisitive individuals find abundant support at Sherborne Girls across the curriculum. Every scholar is assigned a personal tutor who offers assistance and mentorship throughout their educational journey. Our full-boarding education offers a unique opportunity to extend the school day and learning experiences into the co-curricular programme and through joint activities with Sherborne School.

Scholars are expected to maintain a high standard of work, behaviour and commitment at all times, and to act as role-models for other pupils.

Girls wishing to be considered for a scholarship must be registered for entry to Lower Sixth (Year 12) in September 2024. Applicants are required to complete a scholarship application form available from our website www.sherborne.com. Candidates will usually be under 17 on 1 September in the year in which the scholarship assessments are held.

Candidates can only apply to be considered for one scholarship award from academic, art and design, drama, music, or sport.

Bursarial support may be available – please see details on page 16.

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Deadline for applications is Monday 9 October 2023

- Assessments will take place on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November 2023

Academic

At Sherborne Girls we aim to nurture academic curiosity and critical thinking. We actively support pupils' exploration as independent learners and encourage them to take measured risks in their learning. We want our academic scholars to thrive on the wisdom that can be gained through making mistakes, to listen to the views of others, and to follow their own individual lines of enquiry.

It is an honour to be recognised as an academic scholar at Sherborne Girls. We have an extensive scholars' programme and every scholar receives bespoke support from their personal tutor. They are part of a significant group of bright and curious individuals who are supported to thrive at Sherborne Girls through both the A Level curriculum which allows for up to four A Level subjects, and a range of additional activities, including internationally recognised language qualifications, designed to excite and stretch our scholars.

Our full-boarding education provides a unique opportunity to extend the academic school day and learning opportunities into the extensive co-curricular enrichment programme. Collaboration with scholars at Sherborne School adds a unique and very valuable additional facet to our academic scholarship programme.

Provision for scholars includes:

- A themed programme of cross curricular lunchtime lectures and tutorials across the year, exclusively for scholars, delivered by external and internal speakers.
- Twice termly meeting with the Academic Enrichment and Oxbridge co-ordinator which provides a bespoke pathway for academic nourishment.
- Extra enrichment opportunities: university trips, including to Oxford and Cambridge, on-line lectures, and academic competitions shared via the dedicated area of our OneNote platform.
- Collaboration and communication with other Scholars via OneNote.

Award holders are expected to maintain a high academic standard and take a full and active part in the Scholars' Programme.

Applicants will be required to sit a General Paper consisting of a choice of questions covering a range of subjects, an academic interview, and participate in an assessed group task.



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INSPIRATION TO
HERSELF AND OTHERS

Art and Design

At Sherborne Girls we aim to nurture exceptional creativity and artistic achievement. Our Art and Design Scholarship Programme is overseen by our professional Artist in Residence, with whom the scholars have regular contact and scholar workshops. In addition to extra development in academic lessons, our Art and Design scholars also benefit from exhibitions of their work, visits to galleries, and bespoke support for applications for relevant higher education courses.

Specialist workshops are held regularly and there is a comprehensive programme of visits which enhance and further extend the artistic provision at the School. Considerable inspiration is gained from these visits which include overseas trips organised in conjunction with the History of Art department.

We are fortunate to have our own dedicated Art and Design exhibition space, the Wirth Gallery within our stunning, light-filled Merritt Centre. Here, we host regular Art and Design exhibitions including local artists' and scholars' exhibitions. It is an honour to be an Art and Design scholar at Sherborne Girls.

Award holders are expected to be studying at least one Art or Design subject as part of their Sixth Form course. They must be willing to participate fully in

activities, attending workshops and events regularly. Award holders will have the opportunity to work with a number of specialist staff to develop and explore a variety of media.

Applicants for an Art and Design scholarship (this includes Art, Textiles, Design Technology and, Photography) are required to submit a digital portfolio two weeks before the assessment to allow time for their work to be examined in advance. The portfolio should include 12 images of work with annotation, ideally as a PowerPoint presentation. This may include anything that best represents their own interests and talents – sketch books, paintings, drawings, collages, prints and 3-dimensional work.

Candidates should bring one piece to the assessment day, to be used as a focus for discussion during the interview. All large-scale or 3D work should be photographed. Applicants will be asked to produce a piece of work from a given stimulus during the day, with materials provided by the department.

When completing the scholarship application form, candidates must indicate which area of Art and Design they are interested in to ensure appropriate assessment.



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SELF-EXPRESSION



Drama

At Sherborne Girls we aim to nurture talent in all areas of Drama. In addition to awarding scholarships for theatrical performance, scholarships may also be awarded for technical theatre or stage management.

Drama scholars will be supported to complete an Artefact EPQ or the Gold Arts Award; take an RSL qualification in Screen Acting or gain some professional work experience within their area of technical theatre. They may also take part in the New Views playwriting competition; and receive bespoke advice and assistance to apply for relevant higher education courses. The department arranges regular theatre trips and workshops with professional companies, and Drama scholars are encouraged to attend these to broaden their practical knowledge of theatre at every opportunity. All award holders can audition for a range of productions each year, including one shared with the boys at Sherborne School and they will be alerted to opportunities, auditions and national competitions in the Scholar's Teams Chat. Sixth Form Drama scholars will also have access to either complimentary Speech and Drama lessons or subsidised theatre trips / bespoke workshops as best supports each individual.

Scholars will have the opportunity to work with younger year groups to stage performances and will be expected to direct, or take a lead role, in House Drama competitions. Technical Award holders would be expected to assist with the lighting, sound or stage management for all school productions.

All Drama scholars are expected to study Drama as part of their Sixth Form course and be fully committed to all Drama activities at Sherborne Girls - assisting with each School production either front of house or backstage (if not involved); attending

screenings, workshops and talks; and joining regular meetings with the department to act as student voice representatives.

For the Drama scholarship assessments, all performance applicants should prepare a short section of a published play script (lasting no longer than two minutes and not taken from a musical or film/TV show). Candidates should fully understand and connect with the character they are playing; be able to explain why they chose the piece; and be prepared to discuss the full play and their intended effect on the audience. It is expected they will have an in-depth knowledge of at least one theatre practitioner they admire and be able to discuss their work and how it inspires them.

Technical applicants would be required to discuss their previous experience in technical theatre /stage management and productions they have seen where their specialist area was particularly impressive. If possible, they should present a portfolio of relevant experience. It is expected they will have an in-depth knowledge of at least one theatre practitioner they admire and be able to discuss their work and how they are inspired by them.

If appropriate, all candidates may also be asked to take part in a group workshop when their natural ability, directorial ideas and ability to work collaboratively will be assessed.

All applicants will be interviewed to discuss their understanding and interest in Drama as a wider subject. They should be prepared to discuss any recent performances they have taken part in and any productions they have seen, either professional or amateur.

Music

Music holds a very special place in the tradition of cultural excellence at Sherborne Girls. We aim to foster a deep love of music and a sense of ambition and humility in our musicians, and most especially our Music Scholars.

Scholars are celebrated at the very heart of our Music Department, performing as soloists, in ensembles and orchestras or taking lead roles in our exceptional choirs. Each one plays or sings with enthusiasm, providing exemplary musical leadership to girls across the School.

The school calendar incorporates a vibrant programme of large-scale choral and orchestral concerts, alongside a wide-ranging series of jazz and popular music concerts and events. A concert series of world class professional artists brings a variety of musicians to give masterclasses and recitals. The annual Harriet Tory Masterclass, in memory of a former pupil, is a very special event focusing on a specific area of the girls' musical work. Masterclasses in recent years have been given by such distinguished figures as Dame Emma Kirby, Richard Standage, Samuel Coles, Ken Burton, Richard Dickins and The Carducci Quartet.

Our Music Scholarship Programme is led by our Director of Music, with support from his team of expert specialist staff. In addition to full involvement in the life of the Music Department, specific provision for Sixth Form Music Scholars includes:

- An individual mentor from the Music Department who meets with them in a weekly or fortnightly meeting. Together they develop a personal set of targets and a plan that embraces the scholar's musical aspirations. The sessions also support the pupil with logistical and practical help in their daily lives, enabling them to fit practice time in alongside their other commitments

- A specific enrichment programme for scholars featuring group sessions to explore a range of musical topics and broaden musical horizons, to provide opportunities to work with an accompanist and performance coach and other enrichment activities
- Support to develop an artistic portfolio of achievements, concert performances and wider enrichment undertaken alongside targets for the following year
- Up to three complimentary instrumental lessons per week; two main instruments are encouraged but a third can be supported where appropriate
- A course of four Alexander Technique sessions during their time in school
- Music scholars who wish to pursue music beyond school will be provided with a tailored programme that allows them time to devote to practice and musical progress alongside their other school commitments.

Award holders are expected to practise regularly, to participate in appropriate ensembles and attend rehearsals promptly, being ambassadors for the Music Department and the School. They will perform regularly both as members of musical groups and as soloists in a broad variety of musical styles. Girls living overseas are required to arrange their end-of-term travel arrangements to allow them to attend all final services and concerts.

Music Scholarship candidates should be prepared to play two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and where they study another instrument, one piece on their second. A member of music staff will act as an accompanist. Sufficient time will be given for rehearsal before the audition. There will also be some sight-reading and aural tests appropriate to the experience of the candidate. Any original compositions will also be considered.

Candidates should have reached Grade 7 standard on their first instrument, and where appropriate, have demonstrated good potential on a second. Music candidates are encouraged to book a pre-audition with the Director of Music before entering for a Music Scholarship.

Additional Information for Music Scholars

In addition to Piano and the full complement of orchestral instruments, tuition is offered on Baroque Recorder, Saxophone, Harp, Organ, Percussion, drum kit, songwriting, music production and acoustic and electric guitar. Many girls also study singing. The Music Department also offers courses in the Alexander Technique. By helping musicians improve the quality of the physical movements involved in playing an instrument or singing, the Alexander Technique also helps improve the quality of the music itself.

Class Music

Music and Music Technology are offered as options at A Level

Co-Curricular Music

Orchestras

- Sherborne Schools Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonia – in conjunction with the other Sherborne schools
- String Orchestra

Instrumental Ensembles

- Recorder Consort
- Guitar Ensemble
- A variety of Woodwind and String Chamber Ensembles
- Jazz Swing Band
- Rock Bands

Choral Music

- Senior Choir – responsible for singing services in School and Sherborne Abbey
- Madrigal Society – performs regularly at many outside venues in a variety of repertoire
- Joint Chapel Choir – with Sherborne School.
- Musical Theatre Choir – singing repertoire from musicals from the 1920s to the present day
- Sherborne Choral Society – involves the Senior Choir, Sherborne School Chapel Choir and members of the community in annual performances of the major choral works

Specific Obligations for Music Award Holders

- For those learning an orchestral instrument – to audition for the Sherborne Schools' Joint Orchestras and, if selected, attend rehearsals and concerts as required
- For String players – to play in the String Orchestra, and to attend rehearsals and concerts as required.
- To audition for the Senior Choir and the Madrigal Society and, if selected, attend rehearsals and concerts as required
- To take music lessons at the School, to play in school concerts and, when selected, concerts outside the School
- To sit practical examinations as appropriate
- To represent the Music Department as an ambassador and as a role model for younger pupils.

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Sport

The standard of competitive sport played at Sherborne Girls is outstanding and we welcome applications for Sport scholarships from exceptional sportswomen. We aim to develop the existing skills and talents of our Sports scholars to equip them to excel at the highest levels in their chosen sport or sports.

Our scholars are recognised as key athletes – they contribute enormously to the success of competitive sport at Sherborne Girls and provide sport leadership to girls across the School. Scholars have access to our excellent facilities, including a dedicated performance gym.

The Sixth Form Sport Scholarship Programme includes the following provision for each scholar:

- Membership of our Athlete Development Programme
- General and scholar-specific strength and conditioning coaching
- A personal mentor to help guide and develop their sporting excellence throughout the duration of the programme
- Progressive stage appropriate technical and tactical development programme for their chosen sport, or sports
- Access to sports masterclasses and seminars
- The opportunity to regularly represent the School in competitive fixtures.

Award holders are expected to maintain a high standard of fitness, represent the School in various sporting competitions and house matches, trial for representative sides and demonstrate the behaviours that would be expected of a higher performing athlete.

Candidates for the Sports Scholarship will offer one or more sports, preferably having reached county standard or higher. Ideally the candidate's expertise will be in one of the School's major sports - Athletics, Cricket, Cross-Country, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Netball, Swimming, Tennis.

Within the assessment, candidates will be expected to undertake a range of performance-based fitness trials. Components of acceleration, agility, power and game based aerobic/anaerobic endurance will be assessed. The candidates will also be required to demonstrate their technical skills and tactical knowledge of their chosen sports. Within the session they may also be asked to coach a number of junior players in their specialist sport.

All candidates will be interviewed by the Deputy Head Operations and Co-Curricular and a senior member of the Sports department.

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Bursaries

Bursarial support may be available in cases of demonstrable need. Bursaries may be awarded on the receipt of a means-test form and are subject to regular review. Families may write to the Bursar to be considered for bursarial support once the girls are registered. Means-test forms will need to be submitted to the Bursar no later than 9 October for Sixth Form entry in any year for bursaries to start the following September. Full details are available from the Bursar.

Please contact the Bursar,
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The Bursary Policy and the means-test form are available on the website www.sherborne.com.





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