

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Art scholarships are available to candidates entering Leicester Grammar School at 11+, 12+, 13+ 14+ and Sixth Form level. For consideration, it is a prerequisite that Lower and Middle School applicants pass the academic Entrance Examination and, for Sixth Form applicants, that they satisfy the basic academic requirements of entry at that level. Recipients of the Junior Art Scholarship are expected to study the subject to GCSE level at least whereupon the award will come to an end. However, those who wish to continue their study of Art to A-level may apply for a Sixth Form Art Scholarship.

Junior Art Scholarships

Lower and Middle School candidates will be asked to sit a drawing exam, submit a portfolio of artwork and provide a confidential reference. The exam comprises a series of preliminary studies and a timed test. The portfolio should contain material produced both at school and at home. There is no prescription concerning the contents, but a good submission is likely to include work based on direct observation and derived from the candidate's imagination. Experience of a range of media would also be expected. Copies can be included but they should not predominate. Sketch books or sheets of experimental work are of interest as is more 'finished' artwork. Photographs of 3-D pieces may be included.

The reference is to give an indication of the child's strengths, interests and particular enthusiasms as well as their recent progress. It should be written by a teacher or an art club leader who is qualified to comment on the child's aptitude and recent progress.

The scholarship will be awarded to candidates who demonstrate a high level of technical proficiency for their age and show evidence of creative potential, originality and imagination. Scholars must commit themselves to pursue the subject to at least GCSE level and meet the following expectations:

1. To mount a small exhibition of recent work at the school's Open Day each November and they are to be present in the Art Rooms to talk to visitors.
2. Towards the end of each term they will meet for about half an hour with their teacher to discuss their work.
3. To opt in to extra-curricular Art & Design activities generally. (However, whilst they are encouraged to go on foreign trips, it is not an expectation that they should).

Application for the Junior Art Scholarships should be made to the Headmaster before the end of the Advent Term preceding entry to the school. The exam paper will then be issued before the start of, or during the early part of the Christmas holidays.

Sixth Form scholarships

Sixth Form scholarships are available to both external and internal candidates. Applicants will be asked to attend an interview and present a portfolio of work. External applicants will also require a reference. No additional assignment will be set. Discussion at interview will revolve around the work in their portfolios and their knowledge of the visual arts.

In addition to pursuing the subject to A2 level, applicants must commit themselves to meet these expectations:

1. The Lower Sixth Form scholar will mount an exhibition of their GCSE artwork for Open Day in November and be present to talk to visitors;
2. Sixth Form scholars are expected to opt in to Art & Design extra-curricular activities though, whilst they are encouraged to go on foreign trips, there is no expectation that they should;
3. Regular attendance of the weekly life class;
4. Art scholars are expected to achieve to their full potential in all their subjects and to benefit from the wide range of opportunities that sixth form life presents. However, if they accept an Art scholarship they must engage fully and deeply with the subject and this will inevitably restrict what they commit themselves to in other areas. It is unlikely that they could take on more than one major regular extra-curricular activity and meet our expectations for achievement within the subject.

Applications should be made in writing to the Headmaster by the end of February preceding entry to the Sixth Form. The decision will be made in June.