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OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

Thank you for your interest in the Scholarships available at King Edward's. We are proud to offer a diverse range of Academic, Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships; these recognise those children with outstanding ambition and aptitude via the provision of dedicated enrichment programmes designed to nurture our pupils' curiosity and realise their potential as they learn and progress through our School.

Every year, we offer Scholarships at year 7, year 9 and Sixth Form to new pupils joining King Edward's, and to those continuing their studies with us. I hope the information we've included is helpful to you and your family; please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team if you'd like further detail around the inspirational programmes on offer here and our application processes.

Joanna Wright,
Head

THE PROCESS

Academic scholarships are awarded as part of our overall application process, which includes standardised assessments at 11+ and 13+ entry and interviews for all pupils. No further application is required to be considered for an academic scholarship.

For all other 11+ and 13+ scholarships, application is via a scholarship application form, available on our website, submitted to our Admissions Office by 1st November. More information on subject-specific assessment requirements is included in this guide.

Scholarship assessments are held in January with results being sent to you in early February, prior to our offer acceptance deadline of 1st March, including the level of fee remission awarded; this is typically 10% of our fees.

For sixth form entry, no further application form is required and achievements in these areas will be considered within our overall application process.

Our Scholars inspire their peers with aspiration and determination; they are expected to attend and fully engage with all opportunities offered in addition to taking GCSE and/or A level studies in their area of Scholarship. Scholarships are normally awarded for the duration of a pupils' time at King Edward's, subject to an annual progress review with the Head of Department.



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ACADEMIC







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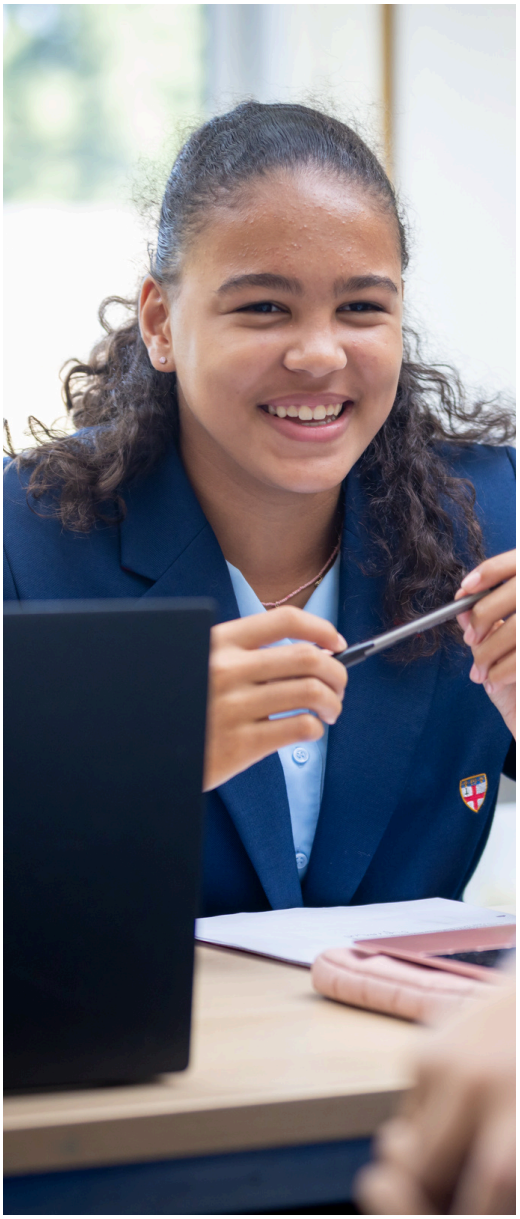
Undertake a suite of AQA extended qualifications whilst at King Edward's, enabling academic challenge, including the Foundation Project Qualification (FPQ) in years 7 and 8, the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) in years 9 and 10 and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in Sixth Form, developing academic writing and presenting research to parents and peers;

Extend their knowledge and interests in their chosen academic subjects via a structured programme of enhancement opportunities, including the UK Maths Trust and Royal Society of Chemistry competitions and Further Mathematics at GCSE and A level;

Lead and participate in academically focussed clubs and societies, entering cross-curricular competitions with our Sixth Form scholars encouraging younger pupils to broaden their academic horizons via leadership of these wide-ranging opportunities;

Engage with University academics and experts in their field, including our Old Witleian alumni community, stimulating debate and learning in our Bridewell Speakers Series;

Access careers and University-focussed opportunities via dedicated Scholars' trips and visits to King Edward's, including from high quality US Universities, and follow our Highly Competitive Courses programme in Sixth Form, focussed on entry to Oxbridge, Medicine and other competitive University programmes.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Our academic scholars enjoy a comprehensive programme of enrichment opportunities to nurture their intellectual curiosity and enable them to achieve academic excellence throughout their time at King Edward's, whilst preparing for success after leaving School.

Scholars are role models for their peers and contribute towards our overall culture of high levels of academic scholarship amongst our pupil and staff community. Our programme is delivered by colleagues across King Edward's and a dedicated Scholarships lead, who supports and mentors our academic scholars, and oversees our Highly Competitive Courses programme at Sixth Form.







SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

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ART



SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Candidates applying for Art Scholarships are required to submit a digital copy of five pieces of their portfolio work, along with a short paragraph explaining their passion for art, and what they aim to achieve through a scholarship, in addition to their application form and reference, by mid-December. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to attend the Scholarship Assessment Day.

On our Assessment Day, candidates bring a physical portfolio showcasing the breadth of their artistic skills. This portfolio must include at least two pages demonstrating observational drawing skills. In addition, there should be several pages that reflect the candidate's personal artistic interests. Any 3D work should be photographed and included in the portfolio, as large or fragile items should not be brought in person. The physical portfolio should be no larger than A3 or A2 in size and must be clearly labelled with the candidate's name.

The assessment will also include an interview with the Head of Art, and Artist in Residence focused on the portfolio, along with a timed drawing test.

OUR ART DEPARTMENT

King Edward's offers expertise and excellent facilities in fine art, ceramics, textiles, printmaking, photography and digital image making and we offer scholarships each year to pupils who demonstrate a high level of aptitude in, and passion for, art.

Our Scholars thrive in an inspiring, artistic environment, demonstrating their strong passion for creativity, whilst fully engaging with the opportunities we provide.







OUR SCHOLARS

- Meet weekly with our Artist in Residence, providing mentorship through both individual and collaborative projects, building skills and trying new techniques;
- Access bespoke workshops during the academic year, developing a personal sketchbook of work and attending additional classes and workshops;
- Participate in group critiques throughout the year, sharing good practice and inspiring each other in their progress;
- Exhibit work in our School Gallery, and present their work internally and externally via local and national art competitions;
- Demonstrate their leadership qualities in lessons, workshops and activity sessions with younger pupils, and access a peer mentorship programme.





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DRAMA



OUR SCHOLARS

Attend a weekly session, focussing on skills development and the exploration of new techniques, giving opportunities to experiment, rehearse, and devise work in a supportive environment whilst preparing for the demands of GCSE Drama, external auditions and beyond;

Benefit from increased contact time with specialist staff who nurture individual performative style and creative voice, optimising the quality and authenticity of their work. Support is offered for external auditions, Drama school applications and audition tapes;

Audition for each production available to their year group, participating in at least two School productions each academic year. In addition a Scholars' project provides an opportunity to explore a more distinctive or challenging style of performance, culminating in a performance at our Founders' Day;

Participate in a series of evening workshops focused on different styles and practitioners of theatre, broadening their understanding of performance beyond the curriculum; Scholars benefit from workshops led by visiting theatre professionals and enjoy dedicated theatre trips;

Enjoy a collaborative and supportive ensemble culture, actively supporting each another and benefitting from regular group critiques and performance sharing, improving their performance technique and evaluative skills.



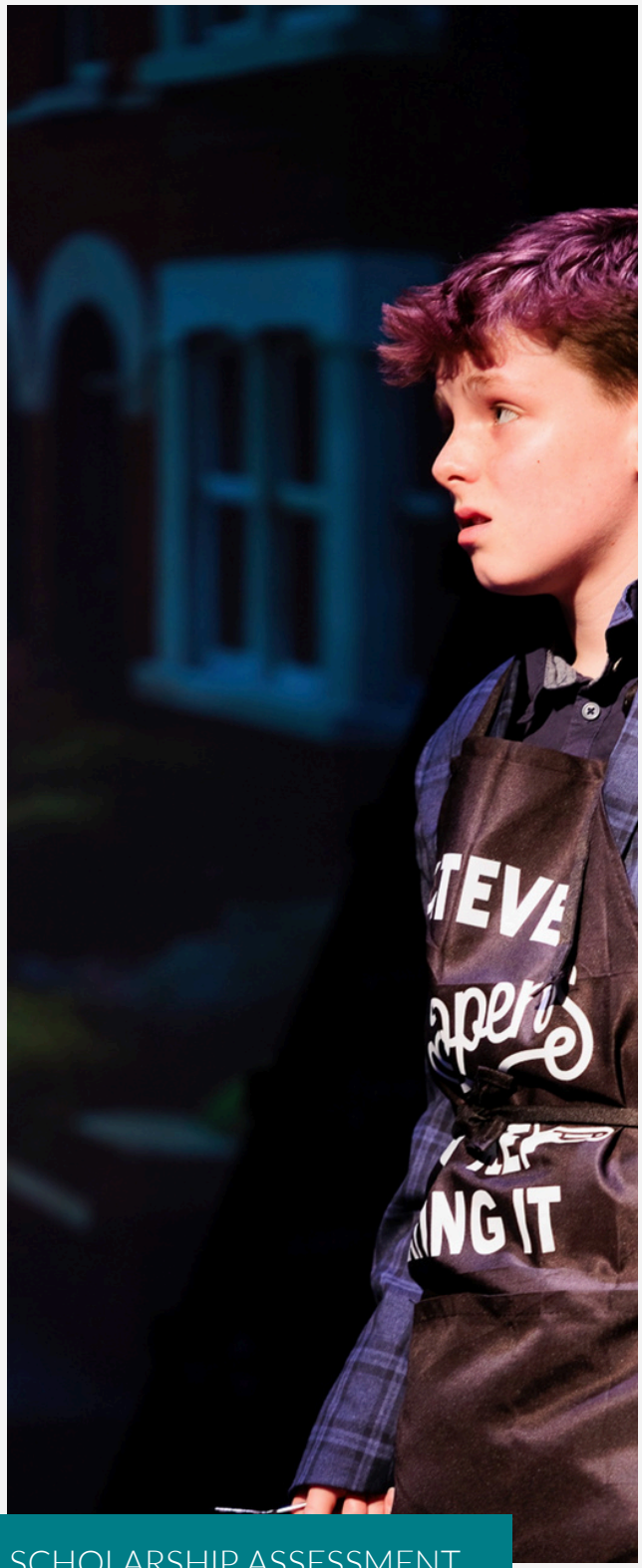
OUR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Our Drama department offer opportunities for our pupils to attend theatre trips and to take part in a wide range of productions and acting showcases. Our 450-seat Charter Hall stages large school productions with our 60-seat Studio Theatre hosting experimental work, examination performances and acting showcases; we host LAMDA teachers with an excellent track record of results.

Our Drama Scholarship programme provides pupils with structured opportunities to develop practical performance skills, creative confidence, and their individual artistic voice beyond the classroom.







SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Candidates applying for a Drama scholarship complete an application form and will be invited to attend an audition with the Director of Drama. The audition will include:

- Performance of a monologue, chosen freely from a published play, of 2 minutes in length (free choice from a published play)
- Response to direction on the monologue given by the Director of Drama
- Undertaking a solo off-text improvisation task
- Demonstration, through discussion, of a passion for theatre

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DESIGN & TECNOLOGY



OUR D.T DEPARTMENT

Housed in a purpose-built and fully refurbished facility, our Design Technology department is a hub of creativity and industry where cutting edge tools meet vivid imagination. Pupils have the opportunity to explore wide-ranging projects and develop an awareness of how excellence in design and technology positively benefits a rapidly changing society.

Our Design and Technology Scholarship programme is designed to recognise and support pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent, creativity, and passion in the fields of design and technology. The programme aims to encourage innovation, problem-solving, and digital literacy in the next generation of creators, engineers, and designers.





SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Scholarship applicants complete an application form, including letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor, and submit a portfolio or project showcasing their design or technology work, with 2–5 samples of work. These may include CAD models, graphic design, prototypes, coding projects or any relevant skills or interests. Producing a portfolio especially for this purpose is not required.

Our Scholarship Assessment Day includes an interview with the Head of Design and Technology, including review of the submitted portfolio. A short design and making task to include sketching and modelling is also included during the day.



OUR SCHOLARS

Develop hands-on advanced practical and workshop skills, taking part and leading a range of activities designed to broaden their technical understanding and strengthen their engagement with Design and Technology. These opportunities include the Engine Refurbishment Club and 3D Printing Club, and the opportunity to represent King Edward's in the Scalextric4Schools and Design Ventura competitions;

Complete the the Onshape training programme delivered by external tutors, ensuring they gain industry-standard CAD experience, in addition to participating in a design challenge set by a professional car design company, applying their creativity and problem-solving skills to real-world briefs;

Develop organisational skills, teamwork, and event-management experience via leadership opportunities, including the creation and delivery of internal Design and Technology competitions, and the mentorship of younger pupils;

Attend a series of lectures, trips, and events related to Design and Technology, providing broader exposure to engineering, manufacturing, and design-led industries whilst encouraging independence, creativity, leadership, and a deeper understanding of the subject.



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MUSIC



OUR SCHOLARS

Are members of three ensembles including our Chapel Choir, and at least one instrumental group, performing in a wide range of concerts and musical events including dedicated Scholars' recitals;

Receive up to thirty lessons free tuition in a maximum of two instruments, including voice within an individually tailored enrichment programme;

Enjoy a dedicated mentoring scheme which includes meetings with the Director of Music to discuss individual progress, provide individual support and develop experience beyond the curriculum and instrumental lessons;

Take advantage of opportunities to experience a broad range of music at external concerts as well as participating in masterclasses, workshops and performances, including performances with the Royal Academy of Music at King Edward's;

Develop a portfolio of their musical year, including the meeting and exceeding of personal targets and the identification of performance opportunities.



OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Countess of Munster Music School at King Edward's provides over 5,000 individual lessons and concerts, competitions, UK and international tours and examinations. We have over twenty -five choirs, orchestras and bands; our musicians regularly perform externally, in venues including St Peter's Vatican City, St Mark's Venice, St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle and in a wide variety of local and national concerts.

Our Scholars are at the heart of the Music Department and enjoy a specially designed programme to nurture and support their musical development, whilst developing their talents and qualities of personal leadership during their time at our School.







SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Candidates applying for a Music scholarship complete an application form and musical reports and references, and will be invited to attend an audition and interview with the Director of Music to assess passion, potential and musicianship.

Our Scholarship Assessment Day includes the preparation of two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument and one piece on each of their subsidiary instruments. In addition, each candidate will be given sight-reading, a short series of aural tests and a viva voce. Any compositions or special musical projects which the candidate may have completed will be considered.

Candidates with only one instrument, which may include voice, may be considered, with exceptional achievement, musical potential and commitment needing to be demonstrated for an award to be made.

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SPORT



OUR SPORT DEPARTMENT

A very wide range of sports are offered at King Edward's, delivered via an intentionally inclusive and aspirational programme. In 2026, our Boys' Under 15 Football team reached the ISFA Trophy Final and our Girls' 1st XI have been ranked in the top eight in the country. We have retained our place in the Cricketer Magazine's Top 100 Senior Schools, with our Boys 1st XI beating the MCC for the first time.

Our ski team are the English Schools' mixed champions and our Under 15 mixed Padel team are currently national champions. Our Sports Scholarship programme supports athletes in individual and team sports to reach the highest levels, including current and recent national selection in Hockey, Sailing and Swimming following our alumni Scholar Toby Roberts' Gold medal at the 2024 Olympic Games.





SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT

Sports Scholarship applicants complete an application form and provide references from current School and clubs. Evidence is required of performance at, or potential for, county or higher standard representation in one or more sports offered at King Edwards, and/or evidence of national or international level representation in any other sport.

Our Scholarship Assessment Day includes an interview with the Director of Sport and colleagues, sports specific assessments and a strength and conditioning session, together with the opportunity to understand more around our Elite Performance Programme and life as a Sports Scholar from current pupils and staff.



OUR SCHOLARS

Balance their academic studies with high-level training and competition, becoming well-rounded athletes who demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship, both on and off the field;

Access our Elite Performance Pathway (EPP); a comprehensive programme designed to support and extend the our most gifted and talented athletes. The EPP provides a professional-style training environment including specialist guidance in partnership with the Surrey High Performance Institute, whose staff work with King Edward's to perform fitness tests and design individual programmes, which includes personalised 1:1 strength and conditioning sessions;

Benefit from personal mentoring from a staff member with personal experience competing at an elite level, integrated with Scholar specific weekly gym sessions;

Visit laboratories at the Surrey High Performance Institute and enjoy sports-specific visits to Loughborough University and other elite performance providers;

Enjoy seminars from elite performers, focusing on developing high-performance mindsets and the resilience required to perform on the highest stage.



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Join Us for a Personal Visit or Open Morning

Our Admissions process is designed to be as seamless as possible with our friendly and experienced team on hand to offer support and guidance through each important step towards joining us.

Visiting our beautiful campus is the perfect way to discover more about King Edward's. During your visit we'll show you our excellent facilities, including our boarding houses, and you'll have opportunity to meet with senior staff and our pupils.

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Book an Open Morning

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