

PGHS 11+ Drama Scholarship

The Drama Department

The Drama Department at PGHS offers a broad range of performance opportunities both in and out of lessons. It works in collaboration with the Music department to deliver high quality performances throughout the year.

The Drama Department uses the multi-purpose School Hall as its large performance space and the smaller Elizabeth Smith Hall as required. Both can be set with a stage, or not, depending on the requirements of the performance.

Our group sizes are small. KS3 are set at a maximum of 16 pupils. GCSE classes are smaller, with approximately 10 pupils per group. The small groupings allow for a closer teacher-learner experience and all pupils receive individual feedback and support throughout their lessons. This enables pupils to develop their own personal creative journey.

Pupils benefit from performances and integrated workshops delivered by visiting external theatre companies. The department also takes full advantage of being able to take pupils to live performances at theatres in London to support the work they are doing in class.

What are we looking for in a Drama Scholar?

Drama Scholarships are offered to candidates who demonstrate a natural talent, enthusiasm and potential for Drama. They should be confident performers who are reliable and committed to achieving at a high level in Drama. It is hoped that they are already making a good contribution to Drama at their current school and/or in the local community.

It is expected that Drama Scholars will act as ambassadors for Drama within the School, displaying high quality performance skills and demonstrating their potential for further development. They will make an outstanding contribution to PGHS through Drama. It is hoped that they will take Drama for GCSE and apply to become the Drama or Performing Arts Prefect in their final year.

Drama Scholars are expected to take part in enrichment activities such as Drama Club, School productions and, for example, LAMDA lessons. They will be expected to take a lead in these activities as they progress through the School, offering guidance and direction to younger pupils. They will be given opportunities to work with external companies and practitioners who come into the School as well as being involved in external trips to theatres.

Application Process

Stage 1

Applicants are required to submit a supporting statement, of no more than 500 words, outlining why they should be considered for a Drama Scholarship. This should be

submitted with their 11+ Drama Scholarship Application Form by email to office@pghs.co.uk for the attention of the Head of Drama by **Friday 31st December 2021**.

Stage 2

After the 11+ Entrance Examination, the Head of Drama will select candidates, from those who have reached the required academic standard, to be invited for an interview and audition, which will be held in addition to the usual pupil interview. They will be asked to prepare a short audition piece in advance as well as to take part in an ensemble workshop on the day. The Head of Drama will also talk to the candidates about their experiences of drama and theatre.