



PALMERS GREEN
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Scholarships & Bursaries

Academic Scholarships, subject awards
and financial assistance at Year 7

Scholarships and Bursaries at PGHS



I'm delighted that you're considering applying for a Scholarship or Bursary at PGHS. We have a long history of rewarding high achievement and 25% of our senior school pupils are currently in receipt of awards.

Our Academic Scholarships in Year 7 reward exceptional skill in Maths and English in our Entrance Examination, and our Specialist Scholarships reward talent and dedication in Art, Drama, Music and Sport following an assessment with our specialist teachers. Our scholars are expected to maintain their commitment and enthusiasm throughout their time at the school, act as ambassadors for their chosen area and represent the school externally.

Our means-tested Bursaries at certain entry points are designed to offer help to families who otherwise would not be able to afford a PGHS education. We're very proud to be able to support deserving pupils each year who undoubtedly benefit from the many advantages that independent education offers.

I hope this booklet gives you the information you need and I look forward to meeting you and your daughter very soon.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Sarah Proudlove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sarah Proudlove
Head

Academic Scholarships and Subject Awards at Year 7

Academic Scholarships and Subject Awards, for which internal and external candidates are equally eligible, may be awarded to candidates who perform well in the Entrance Examination in Mathematics and/or English. All pupils who sit the Entrance Examination for Year 7 in November will be considered for these Academic Scholarships and Awards.

Academic Scholarships and Awards may be offered to the candidate or candidates who have, in the opinion of the Head, achieved a high standard of attainment relative not only to the other candidates but also to the standards set by the School. If no candidate meets these requirements, then the School may decide not to offer any Academic Scholarships or Subject Awards.

Specialist Scholarships at Year 7

Your daughter can apply for any number of Scholarships, including an **Art Scholarship**, **Drama Scholarship**, **Music Scholarship** and **Sport Scholarship**, however it is unlikely that any candidate will be offered more than one Scholarship.

Value of Scholarships and Awards

Scholarships and Awards will be awarded at a rate of up to 10% of School fees. They may be awarded in conjunction with a Bursary. Scholarships and Awards are held for the duration of a pupil's time at the School, subject to sustained levels of performance and participation.

Bursaries

Bursaries at Year 7

A number of means-tested Bursaries giving assistance towards the tuition fees are available for entrance into the School at Year 7. Bursary forms are available from the School on request, and all parents wishing to be considered for a Bursary should complete and submit this form before **1st November** in the year of application. Before requesting a Bursary form, parents must first register their daughter for a place.

Bursaries at Year 3

The School offers a limited number of means-tested Bursaries for pupils entering the School at Year 3 onwards. To be considered for a Bursary, parents must complete and submit the Bursary application form at the time of registration and no later than the date of the child's entrance assessment.

Bursaries are means tested in accordance with the School's criteria. Both parents are required to provide proof of their income and assets. The level of support varies according to parental need and the funds available. Please note that for ad hoc admissions, the availability of Bursaries may be limited. Before the offer of a Bursary is confirmed, a member of staff and/or a member of the Governing Body may visit the family at their home.

Bursaries are reviewed annually and the School reserves the right to require parents to provide evidence of financial circumstances each year.

The retention of a Bursary, Scholarship or Subject Award will be dependent on continuing merit and satisfactory behaviour as judged by the Head.



PGHS 11+ Art Scholarship

The Art Department

The Art Department at PGHS prides itself on providing a challenging environment to stimulate creative and enquiring minds. We encourage all pupils to reach their true potential, to develop self-expression, and to value learning as a life-long process. We provide every pupil with the opportunity to explore, experiment and expand their imagination using a wide array of media and resources.

The arts curriculum is broad-based in order to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, promote enjoyment in learning and to provide skills to equip pupils for the rapidly changing world of work and leisure as active and confident participants. Art and Design makes a unique contribution to school life and to the learning experience of all pupils. We believe that Art is of fundamental importance, not merely to develop self-expression, but also to increase confidence and awareness of the world around us and current affairs.

Independence of thought and action is encouraged, together with application, perseverance and initiative. Pupils' artwork is always celebrated through the School's art displays, exhibitions, awards, competitions and social media.

The Art Department is accommodated in a large, bright studio and includes:

- » 3D sculpture equipment including air-drying ceramics and wire
- » Traditional drawing and painting resources including ink, charcoal and acrylic paints
- » Monoprinting and screen-printing equipment

Each teacher brings to the department their own area of interest and expertise and we have specialist teachers in sculpture, printmaking, textiles, painting, drawing and graphics.

Our class sizes are small. 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.

GCSE pupils benefit from our wonderful in-school artist workshop programme, which sees established artists facilitating courses such as figurative life drawing and portraiture. Our pupils excel in these workshops.

We believe in the importance of learning away from the classroom and seeing artwork in real life is an essential tool in supporting pupils' understanding of the wider world of art and the artists they study. Therefore, trips to art galleries and museums are an important experience. Residential art trips, which include gallery visits and workshops, are arranged for GCSE groups. Career events related to the Arts are also showcased.

One of the Art Department's highlights each year is our formal Art Exhibition which features work from all our GCSE pupils. Family and friends are invited to a private viewing where we are able to celebrate each pupil's creativity, dedication and success.

What are we looking for in an Art Scholar?

Art Scholarships are offered to candidates who show a genuine enthusiasm for Art and Design and are fascinated by, or passionate about, a particular aspect of the arts curriculum.

Art Scholars not only have exceptional technical skills but also use their creative and inquiring minds to find new approaches towards media and techniques. Art Scholars should show outstanding achievement or potential in a particular artistic area and stretch themselves, extending their learning by continually developing their skills. They should show a love for the subject beyond traditional expectations.

Candidates should:

- » Demonstrate an exceptional skill level in traditional forms of Art and Design (drawing, painting, sculpture or print-making) showing an expertise of formal elements relating to their area of interest
- » Show detailed knowledge in a wide range of contexts and be particularly creative
- » Have experience of working away from the classroom, demonstrating a genuine love of learning and the ability to work independently

- » Critically analyse their own artwork and the artwork of others and be able to communicate their thoughts and ideas well
- » Be determined and interested in their work

Application Process

Stage 1

Applicants are required to submit a digital portfolio of work to the Head of Art by 1st November in the year of application. The portfolio should include between five and ten pieces of artwork that show a variety of media and which have been completed in the last 2 years. The portfolio should be submitted in a single file, for example, as a PowerPoint presentation or PDF and emailed to admissions@pghs.co.uk along with their 11+ Art Scholarship Application Form.

Please ensure that all images are of good quality and ideally presented on a white background. A ruler should be added to the image to indicate the scale.

Stage 2

After the 11+ Entrance Examination, the Head of Art will select candidates, from those who have reached the required academic standard and demonstrated their potential as an Art Scholar, to be invited for an interview, which will be in addition to the usual pupil interview.

Candidates will be asked to bring with them a physical portfolio of ten to fifteen pieces of artwork; it is likely that this will consist of the pieces submitted in the digital portfolio as well as any more recent pieces. During the interview, the candidate will have the opportunity to discuss their work with a member of the Art Department. Candidates will also undertake a short practical task.



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 class sizes are small. 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 admissions@pghs.co.uk for the attention of the Head of Drama by 1st November in the year of application.

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.



PGHS 11+ Music Scholarship

The Music Department

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

The Music Department is made up of one main classroom and two individual teaching rooms for visiting music teachers. We have ten visiting teachers per week who offer a huge range of instrumental lessons for our pupils. In the Music classroom, we have a computer suite connected to MIDI keyboards for composition.

Our class sizes are small. 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.

The department takes full advantage of being able to take pupils to live performances at concert venues and theatres in London to support the work they are doing in class.

What are we looking for in a Music Scholar?

Music Scholarships are offered to candidates who demonstrate a natural musicality, enthusiasm for Music and above all an obvious potential on their instrument(s). There is no expected standard for applicants to have reached, and applications are encouraged from musicians of all standards. Scholarship tests will assess all the required skills.

It is hoped that they are already making a good contribution to Music at their current school and/or in the local community.

It is expected that Music Scholars will act as ambassadors for Music within the School, displaying high quality performance skills and demonstrating their potential for further development. They will make an outstanding contribution to PGHS through Music.

It is hoped that they will take Music for GCSE and apply to become the Performing Arts Prefect in their final year.

Music Scholars are expected to take part in the wide range of extra-curricular Music activities that are available which include choirs, orchestras and ensembles. 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 be involved in external trips to concerts and musical theatre productions.

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 Music Scholarship. This should be submitted with their 11+ Music Scholarship Application Form by email to admissions@pghs.co.uk for the attention of the Head of Music by 1st November in the year of application.

Stage 2

After the 11+ Entrance Examination, the Head of Music 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 perform two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one piece on their second/third instrument (if applicable). The assessment will include aural tests and sight reading. The Head of Music will also talk to the candidates about their musical experiences.



PGHS 11+ Sport Scholarship

Introduction

Physical Education has benefited from a high political profile over the last decade with the conviction that investing in sport offers wider benefits, in terms of health, educational achievement and social inclusion.

In 2012, the Chief Medical Officer for England highlighted that: Promoting physical health in schools creates a virtuous circle reinforcing children's attainment and achievement that in turn improves their wellbeing, enabling children to thrive and achieve their full potential.

The PE Department strongly agrees with the above statement and are delighted to be able to offer a Sport Scholarship to the successful candidate.

The PE Department delivers a broad and balanced Physical Education curriculum to provide pupils with the opportunity to experience a variety of sports and physical disciplines. Activities provide a balanced range of individual, paired and group opportunities, in addition to co-operative, collaborative and competitive situations, which aim to promote a broad base of movement knowledge, skills and understanding.

The Department delivers a broad, relevant, and differentiated curriculum. This allows pupils to improve their communication and listening skills whilst also promoting qualities such as creative and aesthetic awareness, self-esteem, and self-discipline.

Aims and objectives of the Scholarship programme

- » To develop further physical competence to excel in a wide range of physical activities, including competitive sports.
- » To develop further an increasing ability to select, link and apply skills, tactics and compositional ideas.
- » To continue to improve observation skills and the ability to describe and make simple judgements on their own and others work, and to use their observations and judgements to improve performance.

- » To nurture talent and to provide opportunities to showcase their skills in competitive events and to direct and link the Scholar with established clubs in their chosen sport and to give them the opportunities to trial and, if successful, compete at an elite level.

What are we looking for in a PGHS Sports Scholar?

The successful candidate will be a sporting role model to the entire School. They will make a full contribution to the sporting life of the School and they will share their sporting journey and experiences during whole school events.

A passion for sport, commitment, motivation, dedication and a positive attitude are fundamental traits required by the candidates.

Candidates should show the potential to be successful at an advanced or elite level. All candidates should represent their current school team/s at a level of excellence and should be involved in sporting clubs outside of school.

Representative experience or its equivalent at county level or above should be aspired to.

Application Process

Stage 1

Candidates are required to submit a supporting statement, of no more than 500 words, outlining why they should be considered for a Sport Scholarship. This should be submitted with their 11+ Sport Scholarship Application Form by email to admissions@pghs.co.uk for the attention of the Head of PE by 1st November in the year of application.

Stage 2


After the 11+ Entrance Examination, the Head of PE will select candidates, from those who have reached the required academic standard, to be invited for a practical sport session and interview, which will be held in addition to the usual pupil interview. The Head of PE will also talk to the candidates about their experiences of sport.



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