



DUKE *of* KENT  
SCHOOL

## Scholarship Information Booklet

# Scholarships Overview

Duke of Kent School nurtures and celebrates the talents and gifts of our pupils. Our School is a purposeful environment where students embrace all of the opportunities before them and specialise in areas where they are particularly adept.

We have a small but broad Scholarship programme which supports this ethos through the recognition of exceptional ability in the fields of Academia, Music, Performing Arts, Art and Sport as well as that of All-Rounders who excel across a range of disciplines.

All of our students are united by a love of learning and a heartfelt passion for their subject. Our dedicated teachers nurture this enthusiasm and inspire pupils to reach greater

heights. By the time they reach the end of their time at the School, our young people will be enriched by the confidence, qualifications and knowledge to succeed in the next stage of their educational journey.

Scholarships are awarded to pupils who are entering Year 7 from the current Year 6 Duke of Kent School cohort and also to pupils applying externally.

Scholarship holders are subject to a comprehensive annual review by the Head and the relevant Head of Department and, if the required standards are maintained, will last the duration of the pupil's enrolment at Duke of Kent School.

## Types of Scholarships



**Academic Scholarships**



**All Rounder Scholarships**



**Art Scholarships**



**Computer Science Scholarships**



**Music Scholarships**



**Performing Arts Scholarships**



**Sports Scholarships**

## Scholarship Assessment Day

Scholarship assessments take place at Duke of Kent School. Candidates are seen by subject specialists and are interviewed by the Head. Academic Scholarship Assessment generally takes place the first Saturday in November following candidate general assessment morning. Candidates will sit extension papers in English and Maths. All other scholarship assessments take place in the following week.

# Academic Scholarship

## Who should apply?

Academic Scholarships are offered to pupils of outstanding academic distinction, based on the results of the Scholarship Assessment Day. Academic Scholars are expected to take a positive and constructive lead in the academic life at Duke of Kent School, through their thirst for knowledge, intellectual curiosity and diligent approach to their studies. Academic Scholarships are offered to those who demonstrate distinguished academic attainment alongside a conscientious work ethic.

## Process for selection?

Following the Assessment morning, candidates will sit an extension paper in English and Maths. There will also be an interview with the Head of Duke of Kent School, Mrs Sue Knox and the Director of Teaching and Learning, Mr Alex Seeley.

# All Rounder Scholarship

## Who should apply?

All Rounder Scholarships may be awarded to pupils entering Year 7 following an assessment, a presentation of portfolio and interview. Pupils must show significant talent and potential in at least two of the following areas:

-  Academic
-  Art
-  Computer Science
-  Music
-  Performing Arts
-  Sport

Candidates must demonstrate academic talents and personal qualities necessary to make a significant and ongoing contribution to Duke of Kent School and scholarships will occasionally be awarded for particular ability and potential in a field other than those listed above.

## Process for selection?

Following the Assessment morning, candidates will sit an extension paper in English and Maths. There will also be an interview with the Head of Duke of Kent School, Mrs Sue Knox.

# Art Scholarships

## Who should apply?




The Art Scholarship is open to candidates who are able to demonstrate technical mastery, contextual understanding and broad subject knowledge. They should also demonstrate a passion for the visual arts and a desire to explore new media and ways of working.

The scholarship programme is designed to encourage the pursuit of excellence among our young artists. To this end, our growing group of Art Scholars and identified Stretch and Challenge pupils are regularly exposed to more advanced visual arts techniques, are encouraged to get involved in competitions and extra-curricular projects, and are taken on trips to galleries, events and artists' studios, that will broaden their existing knowledge of the subject.

## Process for selection

Candidates should provide a portfolio of work that demonstrates evidence of their ability in Art and Design. This will provide the starting point for an informal interview with the Head of Art and Design, Mr Mike Watson, giving candidates the opportunity to contextualise their work, and demonstrate their interest and passion for the subject. They should be prepared to discuss their favourite artists and movements, speak about exhibitions they have visited, and explain some of the thought processes behind their portfolio of work.

## Candidates will need to bring the following for their assessment:

-  Sketchbooks
-  Completed drawings, paintings or sculptures
-  Examples of photographic work

**N.B.** Work does not need to be mounted or presented.

# Computer Science Scholarships

## Who should apply?

Computer Science Scholarships are awarded to candidates who are passionate about how computers operate, have an excellent programming ability and showcase a keen interest in the technology industry. Candidates should also acquire a sense of creativity, logical thinking skills and a desire to help out in the department. Candidates will be expected to take part in coding competitions and take Computer Science at GCSE.

## Process for selection

Candidates will undertake a 30-minute programming task that tests their knowledge of programming concepts and will assess candidates on how they apply these skills to a particular scenario.

Secondly, during a 10-15 minute interview, candidates will talk through their completed program with the Head of Department, Mr Andrew Boden. This will be an informal interview giving the candidates an opportunity to explain what they have programmed. Finally, the candidates are invited to bring in as much evidence to support their application as they wish. Generally, this consists of several projects from school with anything that they do independently, out of school, of a practical or technical nature (hobbies/interests) can really help.

## Candidates will need to bring the following for their assessment:

-  Examples of completed programs (may need login details if using an online platform)

# Music Scholarships





## Who should apply?

Music Scholarships are awarded to candidates who are passionate about music, perform to high standards and demonstrate a high level of commitment to the Music Department. Candidates are expected to sing in one of the many School choirs and, where appropriate, play in the orchestra or Big Band. Candidates will also help with the organisation of concerts and mentor, support and encourage younger musicians within the School.

## Process for selection?




Candidates should be able to demonstrate musical ability of at least Grade 3 standard and should be working towards Grade 4-5 standard on their first instrument. Grade examinations do not have to have been taken.

Candidates will be asked to:

-  Play two contrasting pieces on their first instrument. If a second instrument is offered, an additional single piece should be played. Voice is considered an instrument
-  Pieces can be unaccompanied or with accompaniment (backing track is fine and if piano accompaniment is needed, this can be provided)
-  Pieces should be between approximately 1 and 3 minutes long
-  Candidates should write a paragraph or two about themselves, their musical background and what they love about music and why

There will also be an interview with the Director of Music, Mr Nick Rye and this will give pupils an opportunity to talk about their love of music and aspirations in the department whilst at Duke of Kent School and beyond.

## Candidates will need to bring the following for their assessment:

-  Musical instruments
-  Music/Sheet Music
-  Backing track (if required)

# Performing Arts Scholarships







## Who should apply?

Performing Art Scholarships are awarded to pro-active young people who excel in an area of the Performing Arts.

Candidates should have passion and enthusiasm for performing arts, imagination and creativity and will be expected to take roles in School productions, either front or back stage and also mentor, support and encourage younger performers.

## Process for selection?

Candidates will be asked to:

-  Perform either two contrasting monologues or no less than one minute and no more than two minutes in duration or one monologue and a dance/movement performance.
-  The piece/s must be from a published play and all candidates must have read the play in its entirety as they will be questioned about the character in the context of the whole play.
-  The candidates should use voice and movement to portray the role which is in keeping with the context of the piece.
-  Candidates must also be able to reflect upon the performances they have made, including why they chose the monologue and how they created their role.
-  Pieces will be redirected by Mrs Honey to then show how candidates take direction.
-  Finally, candidates will be asked to improvise given a prop to show they can be spontaneous and react in the moment.

There will also be an interview with the Head of Performing Arts, Mr Nick Rye and this will give pupils an opportunity to discuss their



# Sports Scholarships

## Who should apply?

Sports Scholarships are awarded on the basis of sporting excellence and promise. Candidates should be performing at a high level of performance in at least two sports and demonstrate a very good level of fitness. Candidates should have a committed and dedicated approach to sport, health and exercise.





## Process for selection?

Candidates will be required to perform sports based assessments, which will provide information regarding their speed, agility and cardiovascular fitness level. They will then perform skills and techniques linked to a number of sports.

Where possible the candidates will be asked to play in small-sided matches to demonstrate their ability in competitive situations, their leadership qualities and their capacity to work within a team.

There will also be an interview with the Director of Sport, Mr Graham Herbert and Head of Girls' Games, Miss Josie Vickers.

## Candidates will need to bring the following kit for their assessment:

-  PE Kit – tracksuit, shorts / skirt, polo shirt, long football / hockey socks, swimming trunks / costume and a towel.
-  Trainers
-  Gum shield
-  Shin pads

# Additional Information

## How to Apply

Please complete the relevant forms at the end of this booklet and email the completed forms back to Mrs Jane Hopwood on **[jhopwood@dokschoo.org](mailto:jhopwood@dokschoo.org)**

## Our Terms and Conditions

All scholarship candidates are judged on their ability and Duke of Kent School reserves the right not to make an award if there are no candidates judged to the required standard. Although general feedback may be given on a candidate's performance, we do not release individual marks or papers. The value of any Scholarship awarded must remain strictly confidential between parents and the school. Pupils should not be told the value of their awarded scholarship. Any discount offered as a scholarship is applied to the School fees. Scholarships are reviewed annually and the School reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship if, in the opinion of the Head, the pupil is performing below expectation or if the recipient's conduct at School falls below the standard expected, in accordance with the school's behavioural Code of Conduct.

## Contact details

For all general Scholarship enquiries, please contact our School Registrar, Mrs Jane Hopwood by telephone on **01483 277313** or alternatively by email **[jhopwood@dokschoo.org](mailto:jhopwood@dokschoo.org)**. Mrs Hopwood will guide all applicants through the Scholarship process.

# Candidate Information

All candidate's should complete this form, plus the required forms for the particular awards they are interested in.

Candidate's name

Date of birth

Name of Parent / Guardian

Email

Contact telephone number

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Please use the **tick box** to indicate the award/s the candidate is applying for:

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Academic

☐

All Rounder

☐

Art

☐

Computer Science

☐

Music

☐

Performing Arts

☐

Sport

# Academic Scholarship Application

All candidates interested in Academic Scholarships should complete this form

Candidate's name

What subjects, activities, hobbies do you enjoy?

Please provide details about any positions of responsibility you hold or have held in or out of school

# All Rounder Scholarship Application

All candidate's interested in All Rounder Scholarships should complete this form

Candidate's name

Please indicate below which of two, or more, areas you would like to be considered for an All Rounder Scholarship

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Performing Arts
- ☐ Sport

# Art Scholarship Application

All candidates interested in Art Scholarships should complete this form and submit it along with their portfolio.

Candidate's name

Please provide details of main area of interests ie drawing, textiles, photography etc.

# Computer Science Scholarship Application

All candidate's interested in Computer Science Scholarship should complete this form.

Candidate's name

Please provide information about any Computer Science based projects you have undertaken both in or out of school. You can submit this information via email to our Head of Computer Science – Andrew Boden, [aboden@dokschoool.org](mailto:aboden@dokschoool.org)

# Music Scholarship Application

All candidates interested in Music Scholarships should complete this form.

Candidate's name

Please provide details of main instrument, 2nd instrument (if offered) how long you have been playing/singing and Grade achieved of relative performance.

Please provide details about performance experience



# Performing Arts Application

All candidates interested in Performing Arts Scholarships should complete this form.

Candidate's name

Please provide details of any productions in which you have taken part in.  
(for whom, where and roles undertaken)

Please provide details about the scholarship pieces you will be performing:

- Two contrasting dramatic monologues or
- A monologue and dance/musical theatre performance or two dances

# Sports Scholarship Application

All candidates interested in Sports Scholarships should complete this form

Candidate's name

Please provide details of sports participated in, including any relevant information regarding standard or level.



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