



THE
KINGSLEY
SCHOOL

SHOOT FOR THE MOON



A guide to *Scholarship opportunities* at
The Kingsley School

A SCHOLARLY APPROACH TO LEARNING

Academic excellence, achievement and high aspirations are key features of a Kingsley education. Each of our subject departments promotes a stretch and challenge ethos in different ways by putting into place opportunities relevant to their subject areas. This happens both in and out of the classroom, giving all of our pupils the chance to excel. As the saying goes, “A rising tide raises all ships.”

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All pupils at Kingsley are provided with opportunities to stretch and challenge themselves. Our scholars also gain access to various opportunities and systems of support aimed at extending their learning further, both in lessons and outside the normal curriculum, as part of our Scholars' Programme.

This includes:

- A biannual review of pupils' strengths, accomplishments and areas for development with a teacher-mentor.
- Support from older scholars at various points throughout the year, such as mentoring or enrichment activities.
- Priority access to subject specific workshops, masterclasses and trips

BECOMING A SCHOLAR

We offer a range of scholarships in a number of areas at different points of a student's educational journey at Kingsley.

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded at the point of entry to our Senior School and these continue through to Year 11.

Scholars are expected to be committed to their scholarship area and demonstrate a continued and sustained engagement in the development of their talents.

Scholarships on offer in the Senior School include:

Academic Scholarships – by invitation

Creative and Performance Scholarships – in Art, Drama, Music and Sport

Kingsley Scholarships

With the exception of Academic Scholarships, all other scholarship areas can be applied for, and pupils may apply for one or more area. Successful pupils who are awarded a scholarship receive an annual fee reduction in recognition of their excellent performance. Students who narrowly miss out on a scholarship may instead be given an award, e.g. a Sports Award, Academic Award or Kingsley Award, with a smaller monetary value associated with it. It is possible for a student with strengths in multiple areas to be awarded more than one type of scholarship and/or award.

ACADEMIC

Academic Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the Year 7 entrance assessment process, and the top performing candidates will be invited back for a special Academic Scholarship Selection process.

Academic Scholars are expected to maintain high levels of achievement and engagement across their subjects. They are actively encouraged to involve themselves in academic enrichment opportunities both inside and outside of school. This includes the Academic Scholars' Programme; a stimulating series of termly twilight masterclasses promoting cross-curricular thinking and learning, based on a different theme each year. The programme culminates in a presentation event with each Academic Scholar producing their own individual response to the theme.

ART

Applicants for Art Scholarships will be invited to present a portfolio of their work which they will discuss with the Head of Art during an interview. Pupils should show the range of skills and techniques that they have acquired and had the chance to develop in their portfolio.

Art Scholars are generally expected to take art as a subject for their GCSE options. They are encouraged to actively involve themselves in art opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Art Scholars' Programme.

DRAMA

Applicants for Drama Scholarships will be invited to attend a drama assessment. They will be required to prepare a short monologue for performance. During the assessment candidates will also participate in a devising workshop. Following introductory warm-up tasks, candidates will be allocated groups and given 20 minutes to devise an original piece of theatre based on a given title or stimulus material. This will then be performed and discussed.

Drama Scholars are generally expected to take drama as a subject for their GCSE options. They are encouraged to take LAMDA Speech and Drama lessons and actively involve themselves in performance opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Drama Scholars' Programme.

Copies of any LAMDA grade certificates or similar should be brought along to the assessment. References and letters of recommendation from current teachers or drama institutions outside of school are welcome though not required.

MUSIC

Applicants for Music Scholarships will be invited to attend a Music assessment. They must play two contrasting pieces on at least one instrument (voice included) and, above all, demonstrate a willingness and the potential to improve further. Please note that it is not vital to have reached a particular grade, or to present more than one instrument.

Any piano accompaniments should be sent to school at least two weeks before the performance. Candidates will be given time to rehearse with the pianist before the audition. Candidates need to be relaxed so are advised to wear something comfortable. Above all, we want them to enjoy themselves. The aural tests will be similar to those done as part of the ABRSM or Trinity exams. Candidates will not need to play any scales.

Music Scholars are generally expected to take music as a subject for their GCSE options. They are encouraged to take instrumental music lessons and grades as well as actively involve themselves in performance opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Music Scholars' Programme.

Copies of any music grade certificates or similar should be brought along to the assessment. References and letters of recommendation from current teachers for music institutions outside of school are welcome though not required.

SPORT

Applicants for Sport Scholarships will be invited to attend a sports assessment. During the assessment they will take part in various practical sessions. They will also have an interview with the Head of PE and Sport.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a high level of competence in at least two sports/activities such as hockey, netball, football, tennis, athletics, skiing, horse-riding, gymnastics, swimming, badminton or dance.

Sport Scholars are generally expected to take PE as a subject for their GCSE options. They are encouraged to take part in sports clubs and teams and actively involve themselves in sporting opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including evening and weekend fixtures/training as well as the Sports Scholars' Programme.

Candidates may submit a portfolio of evidence to support their scholarship application. This may contain certificates, medals, photographic evidence, letters from sports coaches and lists of recent achievements.

KINGSLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the Academic and Performing Arts Scholarship, pupils who are currently in Year 6 of The Kingsley Preparatory School are eligible to apply for a Kingsley Scholarship. This scholarship is given at the Headteacher's discretion to reward loyalty, commitment and attitude during a student's school career. Kingsley Scholars should embody the values and ethos of the school and should be positive role models within the community.

Kingsley Scholars are encouraged to take active school roles such as being a Student Voice or Food Committee representative. They are also expected to be leading role models in school and take up service opportunities such as charitable fundraising and being 'Buddies' for new students.

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Deadline for Year 7 Creative and Performance Scholarship Applications	<i>October</i>
Creative and Performance Scholarship Interviews	<i>October</i>
Year 7 Assessment Day	<i>October</i>
Recall for Academic Scholarship	<i>October</i>
Offer Letter	<i>October/November</i>

If you have any queries regarding scholarships, please contact our Registrar at admissions@kingsleyschool.co.uk

SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

Being a Sixth Form Scholar at Kingsley is a significant achievement and a prestigious accolade. All Scholars are role models for our community in terms of their values and attitudes to learning and activities.

WHAT DOES A SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP INVOLVE?

All Scholars are expected to participate in the Scholars' Programme for their relevant area. This programme involves additional learning opportunities and mentoring by a specialist member of Kingsley staff with the aim of nurturing talent and enabling the Scholar to flourish in their chosen field. The Scholars' Programme is exclusively for those in receipt of full scholarships.

an award, e.g. a Sports Award, Academic Award or Kingsley Award, with a smaller monetary value associated with it. It is possible for a student with strengths in multiple areas to be awarded more than one type of scholarship and/or award.

All scholarships come with a monetary value that will be advised when offers are made. Students who narrowly miss out on a scholarship may instead be given

WHAT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

There will be several types of scholarship available:

Major Scholarship for exceptional academic and/or practical performance – this is the most prestigious award.

Academic Scholarship – to cover the range of academic subjects.

Kingsley Scholarship – given at the Headteacher's discretion to reward loyalty, commitment and attitude during a student's school career. Please note this is only available to internal applicants.

We also offer **Creative or Performance Scholarships** – available in Art, Drama, Music, Sport, Photography, Fashion & textiles. There is no limit on how many performance/creative subject submissions a student can make but there should be only one submission per subject.

WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS INVOLVE?

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarship applications are by invitation only and based on an applicant's academic track record, including any Year 11 mock examination results or predicted GCSE grades.

the Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form and asked to explain the rationale behind their response to the task. They will also be asked questions about their motivation to be a Scholar.

Scholarship candidates will then be invited to attend the Scholarship Selection Day where they will be judged on a level playing field to ensure parity and fairness of decisions.

Additional note:

Kingsley students who hold existing Academic Scholarships and perform well in the mock examinations and are placed in the top range of students in the cohort will be guaranteed an award of an Academic Scholarship. They will be invited to the Scholarship Selection Day with the opportunity to compete for a Major Scholarship Award.

The Scholarship Selection Day is a formal event and candidates will be set an individual written task based on given stimuli. They will be interviewed by

KINGSLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Kingsley Scholarship applications are by invitation only. Year 11 Kingsley School students who have shown consistent dedication to their work and valuable contributions to the school community will be considered. Kingsley Scholarship candidates will then be invited to attend the Scholarship Selection Day.

They will also participate in an observed group activity.

The Scholarship Selection Day is a formal event and candidates will be interviewed by the Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form. They will be asked to give a presentation about why they should be considered for the Kingsley Scholarship.

Kingsley Scholars are encouraged to take active school roles such as being a Student Voice or Food Committee representative. They are also expected to be leading role models in school and take up service opportunities such as charitable fundraising and being 'Buddies' for new students.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

For these scholarship awards, students are invited to submit a portfolio to the relevant Head of Department.

ART

It is expected that applicants for this scholarship are high achievers on the GCSE Fine Art course and currently working towards a strong 8 or 9 grade. Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate a genuine passion for the subject through frequent visits to art galleries and will be working on their projects with great independence and tenacity.

So that we can assess suitability for the scholarship, candidates will be required to submit a portfolio of their artwork, which will be considered alongside their Year 11 mock examination and/or predicted grades. Applicants will be judged on the technical ability of their artwork, depth of thought and exploration of creative ideas. Students should show a wide variety of images. This could be, for example, through choice of subject(s), materials, processes and techniques, as well as different ideas, themes or concepts. When compiling a portfolio, please note that quality is more important than quantity.

Art Scholars are generally expected to take art as a subject for their Sixth Form options. They are encouraged to actively involve themselves in art opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Art Scholars' Programme.

DRAMA

Successful candidates will show a passion and enthusiasm for drama as both a performer and a spectator. Candidates should demonstrate skills such as imagination, and strong vocal and physical control, as well the ability to work within an ensemble cooperatively and supportively. Applicants should have a detailed understanding of drama mediums and practices, and be able to demonstrate these through their application and video audition.

Year 11 candidates will be required to submit video footage of a 1-2 minute monologue and support their application with a letter exploring their passion for drama. Applicants will also have an interview with a drama specialist.

Drama Scholars are generally expected to take drama as a subject for their Sixth Form options. They are encouraged to take LAMDA Speech and Drama lessons and actively involve themselves in performance opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Drama Scholars' Programme.

MUSIC

Applicants for Music Scholarships will be invited to attend a music assessment which will involve a performance and an interview with the Head of Music.

Candidates must play two contrasting pieces on at least one instrument and, above all, show the potential to improve further. Candidates should play to at least grade 6 standard with the view to taking grade 8 or their diploma at some point during their Sixth Form studies. Any piano accompaniments should be sent to school at least two weeks before the performance. Candidates will be given time to rehearse with the pianist before the audition. Candidates need to be relaxed so are advised to wear something comfortable. Above all, we want them to enjoy themselves. The aural tests will be similar to those done as part of the ABRSM or Trinity exams. Candidates will not need to play any scales.

Music Scholars are generally expected to take music as a subject for their Sixth Form options. They are encouraged to continue to take instrumental music lessons and grades as well as actively involve themselves in performance opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Music Scholars' Programme. We would expect them to perform regularly at events both in and out of school.

SPORT

Applicants must submit a portfolio of evidence showcasing their main sport/activity. This must include photographic or video evidence identifying the standard they currently compete at alongside personal bests, rankings and training schedules where applicable. Additional written evidence from coaches, trainers or instructors is also desirable to support the student's application. Applicants for Sport Scholarships will also be invited to attend a sports assessment. This will include an interview with the Head of PE and Sport.

Candidates should have reached a high standard in at least one of the following sports/activities – hockey, netball, football, tennis, athletics, skiing, horse-riding, gymnastics, swimming, badminton and dance. Students must be self-motivated, possess excellent leadership qualities and be regularly competing at County, Regional or National level. It is also expected that applicants for this scholarship are high achievers on the GCSE PE course and currently working towards a strong level 8 or 9 grade.

Sport Scholars are generally expected to take PE as a subject for their Sixth Form options. They are encouraged to take leading roles in sports clubs and teams and actively involve themselves in sporting opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including evening and weekend fixtures/training as well as the Sports Scholars' Programme.

PHOTOGRAPHY

To embark on Sixth Form photography, a GCSE in Fine Art or similar subject is recommended, but not essential. The most important requirements are that you have a real interest in the subject and will apply yourself with enthusiasm, effort and commitment. Applicants will be assessed in terms of their technical ability, depth of thought and exploration of creative ideas. This could be, for example, through choice of subject(s), framing and composition, angles and/or lighting.

Successful candidates will likely be able to demonstrate a genuine passion for the subject through frequent visits to art galleries and photography websites and will be able to work on their projects with great independence and tenacity.

So that we can assess suitability for the scholarship, candidates will be required to submit a portfolio of your photography. Quality is more important than quantity and candidates must have taken all of the photographs. Photographs can either be printed and presented in a sketchbook/photo album or submitted on a USB memory stick. All work must be clearly named.

Photography Scholars are generally expected to take photography as a subject for their Sixth Form options. They are encouraged to actively involve themselves in opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Scholars' Programme.

FASHION AND TEXTILES

It is expected that applicants for this scholarship are high achievers on the GCSE Art Textiles course and currently working towards a strong 8 or 9 grade. Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate a genuine passion for the subject through frequent independent visits to museums, galleries or textile workshops and will be working on their projects with great independence and tenacity.

So that we can assess suitability for the scholarship, candidates will be required to submit an A1 board showing exploration of a chosen theme, e.g. nature. This could include inspirational primary and secondary images, samples of textiles techniques inspired by the theme and written annotation explaining ideas. This will be considered alongside candidates' Year 11 mock examination or GCSE predicted grades. Applicants will be judged on their ability to be imaginative and to be able to generate and explore interesting and unusual ideas showing depth of thought.

Fashion and Textiles Scholars are generally expected to take the subject for their Sixth Form options. They are encouraged to actively involve themselves in opportunities at Kingsley when they arise, including the Scholars' Programme.

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Deadline for Sixth Form Creative and Performance Scholarship Applications	<i>December</i>
Creative and Performance Scholarship Interviews	<i>January</i>
Academic and Kingsley Scholarship Selection Day	<i>January</i>
Offer Letter	<i>February</i>

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