



KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Admissions, Fee Assistance & Scholarships 2021 entry



Welcome to Kingston Grammar School

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History of the school

With a history dating back to the 12th century, and founded in 1561 by Royal Charter, Kingston Grammar School is a school with one foot in the past but both eyes firmly on the future.

The School's position in the heart of Kingston upon Thames benefits from excellent transport links. With easy accessibility to the metropolitan diversity of central London, and its wealth of cultural opportunities, students benefit from what our urban location offers.

Alongside traditional subjects, we place a real focus on extension projects such as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts & Maths) to produce an exciting and vibrant academic diet, designed to challenge and promote intellectual rigour. Our rich and diverse co-curricular programme, which encourages everyone to show a proper regard for people and our environment and which develops in all of us a culture of service, partnership and personal integrity, inspires our students to make a strong connection with the wider world.

Although we are rightly proud of our academic outcomes, the philosophy at KGS is not simply to achieve excellent results at any cost; delivering the right level of pastoral care is key to a child's success and, ultimately, their long-term happiness. We put a tangible value on supporting our students during these formative years with an unrivalled pastoral programme.

Encouraging students to think positively about embracing risk and learning from mistakes, we give them the tools to develop true resilience and progress to achieve their ultimate ambitions.

Our 22-acre sports grounds and boathouse on the River Thames, opposite Hampton Court Palace, is the home of KGS Sport. We are particularly renowned for our success in hockey and rowing and as a school are proud to have produced 26 Olympians so far, with the latest being Sophie Hosking who won a rowing Gold at London 2012.

Our aim has always been to produce happy, well-adjusted young adults who want to make their world a better place, and we hope that an education at KGS is a significant step towards this.

10+/11+ Entrance Examinations for 2021 entry Response to COVID-19

In the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are currently reviewing our arrangements for the 2021 10+ and 11+ entrance exams. This extended period of isolation and home-schooling is having, and will have, an as yet unknown impact on pupils, particularly those in Year 5 and Year 6 who will be sitting entrance exams in January.

To help safeguard their emotional wellbeing we plan to take the following measures:

- There will only be two entrance examinations, in Maths and English. We are removing the Verbal Reasoning paper from our assessments which will reduce by a third the examination time.
- We will be preparing a comprehensive resource pack to help pupils prepare for our entrance assessments at home. This will be available to all families wishing to sit the KGS entrance examinations in January 2021.
- We are currently exploring a number of other ways we can adapt the entrance assessments to the changing landscape. Further details and updates will be provided as soon as they become available.
- If you require any further information, please email registrar@kgs.org.uk.

Admissions overview

Admission to Kingston Grammar School is by selection on academic merit.

All students are required to sit one of the entrance assessments described in the table overleaf.

Examinations at 10+ deferred, 11+ and 13+ are broadly in line with the age-appropriate National Curriculum levels.

A formal interview is an important part of the entrance process at all ages and places are not offered without one.

The non-refundable registration fee is £135.

10+ deferred and 11+ entry

The examination process for 10+ and 11+ is similar but we have more places available for entrance at 11+. Applicants that decline or are unsuccessful for 10+ deferred entry are welcome to re-register for the 11+ exams. Candidates will take examinations in English and Mathematics. Those being considered for a place will be invited for interview.

13+ entry

Limited spaces are available depending on whole school numbers. Candidates will take examinations in English, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish) and Science. Those being considered for a place will be invited for interview. Firm offers for the following September will be made by the end of the Autumn term.

Sixth Form entry

The first stage is to register using our online system, available at www.kgs.org.uk/admissions. Once registered we will request a copy of the candidate's most recent school report and a reference to include predicted GCSE grades.

Candidates who meet our entry requirements will be invited to attend subject-specific assessments. 16+ offers will be made after 1st December 2020 in line with HMC guidelines.

Entry into other year groups

For entry at 12+ and 14+, examinations will be held in the second half of the Spring term but only if places are available. Please contact our Registrar for further information (registrar@kgs.org.uk) prior to submitting a registration form.

For September 2021 entry

School year of entry	Closing date to register	Exam details	Date of examination	Approximate number of places available
10+ deferred entry into First Year (Year 7) in 2022	Monday 30th November 2020	Papers in: Mathematics & English (+ interview by invite only)	Saturday 9th January 2021	Up to 20
11+ First Year (Year 7)	Monday 30th November 2020	Papers in: Mathematics & English (+ interview by invite only)	Wednesday 6th January 2020 (morning or afternoon*)	Up to 125 (including 10+ deferred places)
13+ Third Year (Year 9)	Friday 2nd October 2020	Papers in Mathematics, English, Modern Foreign Language, Science (+ interview by invite only)	Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Varies
Sixth Form	<p>Fee assistance & scholarship application deadline: Wednesday 21st October 2020 (see assessment date 1)</p> <p>All other applications: Friday 12th February 2021 (see assessment date 2)</p>	Once we have checked an applicant has met our minimum requirements they will be invited for pre-assessment for specific subjects to be taken at A Level.	<p>Assessment date 1: Week commencing Monday 2nd November 2020</p> <p>Assessment date 2: Week commencing Monday 1st March 2021</p>	Up to 50

All applicants are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £135 by the closing date for entry listed above.

A report is requested from the candidate's current school prior to the date of examination.

* Morning and afternoon sessions will be run; your child's allocated exam time will be communicated to you in December.

There may be some flexibility of the 10+/11+ examination dates in response to the COVID-19 situation however all entrance examinations will take place in the first two weeks of January 2021.

Admissions policy

Kingston Grammar School is a co-educational, academically selective school offering an all-round approach to education for students aged 11–18.

To see our full Admissions Policy please visit www.kgs.org.uk/about/policies

The School seeks to promote accessibility, regardless of background, and provides a range of scholarships and means-tested fee assistance. We aim to identify and admit those who show the potential to benefit from the academic education, ethos and opportunities offered and who will contribute to the active life of our community.

The process

Admission to Kingston Grammar School is by selection on academic merit. All applicants are required to sit the entrance assessments as described on page 4.

The interview is an important part of the admissions process. The School will also take into consideration a report from the applicant's current school.

Applicants will be considered only when a completed registration form has been received with payment of the non-returnable registration fee.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Admissions will be subject to the availability of a place and conditional on the fulfilment of the current admissions requirements. Entrance assessments may be varied and may be at times other than those published.

Exam concessions

If you wish to apply for extra time and/or use of a laptop in the entrance examinations, a written recommendation from either a Specialist Teacher or Educational Psychologist is required. This documentation must be received by your child's registration deadline. It will then be reviewed by our Head of Learning Support who will confirm any necessary examination concessions.

Equal opportunities

We are committed to preventing, challenging and eliminating unlawful racial discrimination and to promoting equality of opportunity between people of different racial or cultural groups, religion, gender, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

Accepting your offer

Admission at 11+ is subject to availability. Those 11+ candidates who meet the admissions criteria will receive an offer of an available place. Parents are required to accept the offer by the date set out in the letter of offer.

Sixth Form entry

Entry requirements

In order to cope with the demands of an academically rigorous Sixth Form programme, students must have a sound base across all their GCSE or IGCSE subjects, and excel in those they wish to study at A Level or Pre-U. Prospective Sixth Form students, both internal and external, would be required to fulfil two criteria:

- 1 As a minimum, students must achieve at least grade 7 (equivalent to A grade) in four separate subjects.
- 2 All students must achieve a minimum grade 6 (equivalent to the top half of a B grade) in Mathematics and English GCSE or IGCSE. Please also note that a minimum of grade 7 is required in those subjects, or closely related subjects, that students wish to study for A Level or Pre-U with the exception of Mathematics where students will require a minimum grade 8 at GCSE, and Further Mathematics where students will require a minimum grade 9 at GCSE.

If you hold international equivalents of IGCSEs and GCSEs when entering the Sixth Form, you will need to check the equivalent university entrance requirements to GCSE level for

degree courses you are considering studying. You may need to complete an English (GCSE, IELTS, TOEFL) or Maths qualification, especially if you are not studying either course at A Level. If you hold an IELTS or TOEFL qualification you may be required to resit the test to reach the minimum score required by the university or to ensure validity, as both qualifications expire after two years.

Options

Students must choose four A Level subjects from the list below. Most groupings of subjects will be possible, but this can never be guaranteed.

- Ancient History & Civilisation
- Art & Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Greek
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics (Pre-U)
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- Government & Politics

- History
- Italian
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy & Theology (Pre-U)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish

In the Lower Sixth year, in addition to four A Level subjects, students will follow an Academic Enrichment Programme which is designed to broaden the students' horizons and develop their independent research skills. There is also a fortnightly lecture on a range of topics.

Sixth Form entry

Application date	Registration deadline	Assessment
Autumn term* First round	Wednesday 21st October 2020	Week commencing Monday 2nd November 2020
Spring term Second round	Friday 12th February 2021	Week commencing Monday 1st March 2021

Please note: 16+ offers will be made any time from 1st December 2020.

Dates subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation.

*Compulsory for those who wish to apply for fee assistance or a scholarship.

Additional information

Facts and figures

We are a co-educational, selective, independent day school for children aged 11–18.

The average tutor group size is 24 students (First to Third Year) with smaller groups at GCSE and Sixth Form.

The boy/girl ratio throughout the school is around 52% boys and 48% girls.

We have 205 'feeder' schools of all types and First Year students came from 71 different junior schools last year.

Transport

Most students make their own way to and from school as Kingston bus and rail stations provide readily accessible means of public transport from most areas. This is not only a 'green' issue but also gives the students invaluable life skills from an early age. Some students have permission to cycle to school and we provide secure cycle racks for their use. We bus students to and from our sports field although older students may request permission to cycle or drive there themselves.

Sports ground

We have a 22-acre site on the Thames opposite Hampton Court Palace (Summer Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0RD). Each year group will go to Ditton Field for one full afternoon, as well as for sports practices and matches, both during the week and at weekends. Families and friends are welcome to come and watch any of the sports fixtures taking place on a Saturday morning.

Learning support

We are able to support mild dyslexia and dyspraxia, and help with study and organisational skills. This is facilitated through individual lessons or in small groups and is free of charge.

Public examination results

A full set of examination results is available on our website www.kgs.org.uk/academia.

Higher education

Our students secure places at a variety of top ranked universities. In 2019, for the second year running, 80% of students achieved places at Russell Group universities with some progressing onto prestigious Art and Drama courses, as well as internships. The majority of students achieved their first choice university, college or career.

In 2019, ten of our students secured offers from Oxbridge colleges. This year Nottingham, Birmingham, Bath, Oxford and Manchester were the most popular destinations for our leavers, followed closely by Imperial, Edinburgh, Cambridge and Bristol.

School policies and information

A full list of KGS policies and information is available on our website www.kgs.org.uk/about/policies.

Fees

(for the Autumn term 2020)

In addition to the fees and the extras outlined here parents should also note that they will need to purchase uniform and sports kit (from the School's chosen suppliers) and there may be additional charges relating to optional trips, some co-curricular activities and compulsory subject field trips.

Registration fee

£135 non-refundable fee to accompany the registration form.

Deposit fee

£1,800 payable on acceptance of the offer of a place and retained until after the student leaves.

Tuition fees

£6,640 per term inclusive of stationery and text books. Public Examination (GCSE/A Levels) fees are not included and will be added to fee bills as appropriate.

Music lessons

The rate payable to a visiting music teacher is agreed between the parents and teacher and is billed separately by the teacher. This is around £220 per term and includes 10 lessons.

Lunch

£290 per term (optional).

Fee assistance & scholarships overview

The School provides a range of scholarships as well as means-tested fee assistance.

Our aim is to identify and admit those students who show the potential to benefit from the academic education, ethos and opportunities offered and who will contribute to the active life of our community.

The scholarships detailed opposite are subject to acceptance of the Conditions of Holding an Award.

They are generally awarded for the duration of the student's time at KGS and are subject to annual review. A student may hold multiple scholarships and a fee assistance award.

Academic Scholarships 11+

Candidates who achieve a high standard in the 11+ entrance examination are invited to return a week later to sit scholarship papers in English and/or Mathematics.

All Academic Scholarship candidates will have a series of interviews.

Successful 10+ candidates will be invited to take part in further assessments in Year 6 which may lead into qualification to the academic scholarship assessment day in January 2021.

Academic Scholarships 13+, 16+

Awarded at the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the entrance exam and subsequent interviews.

Art Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

The assessment includes drawing tests and interviews and candidates are required to bring a selection of up to 10 pieces of work.

Music Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

Candidates will have an audition where they perform prepared pieces on their instrument(s) and undergo sight reading/aural tests followed by an interview.

Design & Technology Scholarships 16+ only

Candidates will need to bring a folder of work and evidence of recent practical work to their interview.

Drama Scholarships 16+ only

Actors are required to prepare two contrasting monologues, and a short interview will follow their audition. Designers/Technicians should prepare a portfolio that shows their work on two contrasting productions to present and discuss at interview.

Sport Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

Candidates must undergo practical tests which will assess fitness, agility and athleticism, together with assessments in specific sports. 13+ and 16+ candidates would be expected to show county, regional or national representation or equivalent in one of the major sports offered by the School (hockey, rowing, cricket). Candidates need to submit a written endorsement by a sports coach/teacher.

Fee assistance

Fee assistance is given depending on the financial circumstances of the parents/guardians of the student.

Fee assistance is means-tested and the value is related to the circumstances of the applicant's parents/guardians, with up to 100% of fees available.

Fee discounts may include additional assistance with uniforms, school lunches, essential academic trips and examination fees.

Help with fees

As a registered charity we welcome applications from the parents/guardians of prospective students applying for 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry who would not normally consider independent education for financial reasons.

It is possible to qualify for fee assistance and a scholarship concurrently. Much of the financial support we offer is funded through fee income, and is further enhanced by the kind support of former students and parents who donate to our Fee Assistance Fund. The School is currently supporting about 50 students, many of them with 100% awards, totalling about £500,000 each year.

Fee assistance awards

Fee assistance awards are made at the outset of a student's journey through KGS. There will be no further opportunity to be considered for fee assistance except at 16+ entry into Sixth Form. Funds for fee assistance awards are limited and parents should ensure they have explored all other avenues before applying. Information about the application process and awards is confidential to the School. Included in our calculations are all aspects of both parents' finances as

well as the value of assets, including property. An allowance for your essential expenses is made together with an amount for other dependent children. All financial information is carefully considered during the fee assistance award process.

As a general guide, parents with a combined income of £80,000 or more are unlikely to qualify for fee assistance unless there are special circumstances that need to be taken into account.

Fee assistance awards are subject to:

- * A home visit
- * Annual re-testing of parental means
- * Satisfactory performance and good conduct of the student

Applying for fee assistance

The awarding of fee assistance at 11+ and 13+ is subject to satisfactory performance in the entrance examination. Awards will continue into the Sixth Form, subject to satisfying the Sixth Form entrance requirements. Fee assistance awarded to a prospective Sixth Form candidate will be confirmed after the GCSE results, providing the candidate has met the requirements of the conditional offer. You need to first register for entry and will then be given access to an online form. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Academic



Being an Academic Scholar at KGS is all about getting involved and making the most of every learning opportunity, both inside and outside the classroom. While the scholarship recipient will be stretched academically in their different subject areas, they will also have the opportunity to be challenged by a range of exciting extra-curricular activities.

The Academic Scholars' Programme is designed to make students think in new ways, making links between different areas of knowledge and critically examining their assumptions and preconceptions. Scholars will have the chance to work individually and in groups, often working collaboratively with students from other years. While the Programme will challenge your child intellectually, it is also designed to be both engaging and fun.

Requirements

For prospective First Year entry, candidates who achieve a high standard in the 11+ examination are invited to sit for the Academic Scholarship examination, comprising scholarship papers in English and/or Mathematics. All candidates sitting the Academic Scholarship examination will be invited for a series of interviews, details of which will be given to candidates at the time of the scholarship examination.

Successful 10+ candidates will be invited to take part in further assessments in Year 6 which may lead into qualification to the academic scholarship assessment day in January 2021. Candidates at 13+ and 16+ will be invited to attend scholarship interviews if they perform exceptionally well in their entrance examinations.

Assessment

Scholarships are awarded to students based on their academic achievement in scholarship examinations and their performance at interview.

Academic resources

For all students, Firefly (the KGS learning portal) is used to provide a platform for further learning, with access to a curated selection of resources, programmes and videos from reputable sites to extend students' learning.

A KGS Academic Scholar can expect the following:

- A first-class education that promotes curiosity and fosters independent thought
- An environment that encourages you to aspire to the highest standards in your scholastic endeavour
- Staff who will provide challenging opportunities both within, and beyond, the curriculum
- Access to discussion groups, lectures and debates
- Activity days and trips

What we expect from a KGS Academic Scholar:

- A willingness to respond to the academic demands placed upon you
- A commitment to demonstrate initiative and to take responsibility for your learning both within, and beyond, the curriculum
- To engage with the many and varied opportunities offered by the School
- To achieve consistently good grades
- To participate in the independent study projects and to share knowledge and ideas with peers
- To volunteer to assist younger students with their projects once you reach the Sixth Form
- To complete the Edexcel EPQ2 Project Qualification

Art



The KGS Art Department plays a central role in the creative life of the School. All students are helped to build confidence in their practical skills and encouraged to express ideas in visual forms.

A vibrant and inspiring environment combined with an ever-broadening contextual understanding helps to nurture and inspire all our students. The Baxter Gallery is Kingston's most prominent exhibition space and the students' work displayed there has helped to enhance the School's growing reputation as a creative hub.

Each year several of our students go on to study Art, Architecture and Art History at some of the country's top institutions including University of the Arts London, Leeds College of Art, London College of Communication and Newcastle, Kingston and Cambridge universities.

Assessment

A folder of work should be brought on the day of assessment. This may contain a variety of drawings, paintings and other artwork completed in school and at home during the previous two years. There is no specific requirement for what the folder might contain but it should help to illustrate the candidate's enthusiasm, talent and development in Art. Sketchbooks often provide a useful focus for discussion during the interview. The folder of work is to be left after the scholarship assessment day and can be collected the following week.

Facilities

Our facilities include four bright and well-equipped studios, intaglio and relief print-making equipment, an ICT suite, a photographic darkroom and a ceramics workshop. As well as wall space throughout the School to show students' artwork, we have two dedicated display spaces, the Finlay and Baxter Galleries. There are currently five members of staff working in the Art Department, with a range of specialisms such as Fine Art, Ceramics, Photography and Theatre Design and we encourage all our students to seek guidance from this wealth of experience.

A KGS Art Scholar can expect the following:

- Regular skills-based workshops, often run by visiting artists
- Monthly KGS Art Society gallery visits for Sixth Form students
- A course of life-drawing classes for senior Art Scholars
- Exciting and challenging extension work through the Junior Art Club
- Working with and learning from A Level artists during the House Art Competition
- Opportunities to design the official KGS Christmas card

What we expect from a KGS Art Scholar:

- To study Art at GCSE and A Level
- A commitment to demonstrate initiative and to take responsibility for your artistic development both within and beyond the curriculum
- To participate in the many and varied art-related opportunities offered by KGS
- To produce pieces of art (as guided by the teachers) for exhibitions in the local community and for around the school site
- To attend at least one of the Studio Space sessions per week

Design & Technology



It is important that we learn and develop in a broad and varied curriculum. The challenges of an academic and theoretical approach must be balanced with the skills of practical-based subjects such as Art, Drama and Design & Technology. Design & Technology is a way of thinking creatively. Fundamentally, it is about converting ideas and raw materials into the products and services that we all need and use in our everyday lives. Everything around us has been designed, from the apps we use on our smartphones, to the cars we drive, the clothes we wear, the buildings we live in and the food we consume.

Students who choose to study Design & Technology at KGS will understand how the world works, how things are made, how to think differently and how to problem solve. We encourage students to continue with the subject to university and beyond and Design or Engineering degree courses have been extremely popular choices for KGS leavers. Britain has always been a world leader in problem-solving, thinking creatively and solving challenges that create a better future.

Assessment

Students will need to bring a folder of work and evidence of recent practical work to the interview. This should contain a variety of designs and projects completed in school and at home and not just the current GCSE coursework project. The work should demonstrate the candidate's enthusiasm, experience and potential in Design & Technology. In their interviews, candidates will have the opportunity to talk about the work in the folder and their passion for the subject.

Facilities

The Design & Technology Department boasts impressive facilities which allow students to manufacture products in a range of materials. There are four dedicated workshops, a well-resourced store room and a suite of 24 computers in our display gallery which provides us with an excellent display area. Our CAD/CAM facilities are very well-established and we are lucky enough to have a range of CAM machines, including three LaserCAMs and 3D printing options. There are currently five members of staff working in the Design & Technology Department and we offer Resistant Materials, Electronic Products and Graphic Products at GCSE with Product Design at A Level.

A KGS Design & Technology Scholar can expect the following:

- An opportunity to be involved in the Technology Club or Engineers' Club where you can develop and refine your design and practical skills
- Working with students during the House Design Technology Competition
- Opportunities to work on external national competitions for real-world problems
- To attend the annual New Designers exhibition in Islington
- Help with applications for university or industrial scholarships
- Open access (with staff supervision) to the department facilities every day at lunchtime

What we expect from a KGS Design & Technology Scholar:

- To study Design & Technology to A Level
- Involvement with some of our flagship Technology Club projects such as Vex Robotics, Greenpower Electric Cars or Robot Wars
- A commitment to broaden your Design & Technology development both within and beyond the curriculum
- To participate in either the Technology Club or the Engineers' Club
- To take a leadership role in a senior team for the Surrey Satro Problem Solving Competition
- To attend regular lunchtime workshop sessions to develop your skills and experience whilst working on extra-curricular projects

Drama

A photograph of a theater stage. In the foreground, there are several rows of red upholstered seats. The stage floor is dark, and the back wall is a large, bright white screen. Two spotlights are visible on the ceiling, illuminating the screen. The word "Drama" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

Drama at KGS is outstanding, combining strong examination results with an extensive co-curricular programme. The aim of the Drama Scholarship is to support aspirations in the field of acting, design and theatre. Led by the Director of Drama, Drama Scholars will also receive individual tuition from our Actor-in-Residence and two Theatre Managers.

Production standards are very high, with a diverse range of texts being staged. Students explore contemporary practitioners such as Gecko and Frantic Assembly, alongside more traditional texts and playwrights. Masterclasses form the core of the Drama Scholarship, where small groups explore text, character development, voice, movement, theatre technology and staging. The Department is vibrant and creative, encouraging intellectual exploration of how theatre can be constructed and ideas communicated to an audience. In recent years students have progressed to some of the country's top institutions including Cambridge, Exeter and Warwick universities, as well as specialist Drama Schools including RADA, LAMDA, Drama Centre London and Guildford School of Acting.

Requirements

Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential as an actor, designer or technician. As a guide, it would be expected that an actor had partaken in a range of performance work both within and outside school. A designer can specialise in lighting, sound, costume or set, and a technician can specialise in stage management. Both designers and technicians should have experience of a range of productions and a good knowledge of theatre technology.

The facts

A Drama Scholarship is only available for entry in Year 12 (Sixth Form) and is worth a minimum of 10% fee remission. Additional tuition is also offered as part of the Scholarship.

Assessment

Actors should prepare and present two contrasting monologues: one pre-1800 and one post-1950. Each monologue should be no more than two minutes in length. A short interview will follow the audition which will focus on the applicant's knowledge of the chosen monologue. Designers/technicians should prepare a portfolio that shows their work on two contrasting productions. Candidates should be prepared to present and discuss their work. All candidates will take part in an informal warm-up/games session, although this will not form part of the scholarship assessment.

A KGS Drama Scholar can expect the following:

- A programme of co-curricular productions where you can extend and refine your skills
- Informal performances in which self-created work can be showcased
- Masterclasses/workshops run by professional theatre companies & actors
- A programme of theatre trips to extend performance knowledge
- LAMDA Bronze/Silver/Gold Award
- The opportunity to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- Further support through our partnership with the Rose Theatre, Kingston

What we expect from a KGS Drama Scholar:

- To study Drama at A Level
- A willingness to respond to the theatrical demands placed upon you
- A commitment to demonstrate initiative and take responsibility for your theatrical development within and beyond the curriculum
- To participate in the many and varied drama-related opportunities offered by the School
- To take a lead role in the House Drama competition and Commemoration Day service
- To regularly attend the organised theatre trips
- To demonstrate a commitment to the exploration of the performing arts



Music

Music at KGS has a long history of excellence and the aim of the Music Scholars' Programme is to create opportunities for performance and leadership, as well as to support students' musical aspirations. Scholars take part in professional performance collaborations with top musicians and are able to further their musical experience through our chamber music programme. There is also the opportunity to take part in music tours and occasional workshops and concerts outside of school.

Performance standards in concerts are very high, and a particular strength of Music at the School is the diversity of our ensembles, ranging from traditional choirs and orchestras to smaller ensembles which regularly record in our state-of-the-art recording studio. Music Scholars are also involved in our annual Choral Society concert which provides the opportunity to perform a large-scale work alongside professional performers.

Requirements

Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential on an instrument, preferably orchestral. A good pass at Grade 5 at age 11 or Grade 7 at 16 may be taken as a guide to standard when applying for audition. The ability to play a second instrument is desirable, though not essential. All Music Scholarship applicants must submit a written recommendation or endorsement by their music teacher in support of their application.

Assessment

Candidates will be asked to:

- Play one prepared piece on their main instrument and, if applicable, play one piece on a second instrument (or voice).
- Read at sight a short piece of appropriate standard on their main instrument.
- Respond to aural, theory and general musicianship questions.

An accompanist will be provided on the day if required.

Facilities

The music facilities at KGS are excellent and comprise three performance auditoria, six rehearsal rooms, one technology suite and a purpose-built recording studio. Our outstanding teaching staff fully support the students during their time at the School.

A KGS Music Scholar can expect the following:

- Chamber music workshops and opportunities to listen to in-house recitals with professional ensembles.
- Ensemble performance opportunities such as the Partnership Concert, Music Society AGM and in platform concerts
- Opportunities to participate in the annual Oratorio Concert at a large venue
- 1-2-1 musical mentoring
- Opportunities to lead co-curricular groups, such as being leader of our Symphony Orchestra, as well as to direct some groups, such as the School Choir
- Specific mentoring by a dedicated and specialist member of the Music Department

What we expect from a KGS Music Scholar:

- A willingness to respond to the musical demands placed upon you
- A commitment to demonstrate initiative and to take responsibility for your musical development both within and beyond the curriculum
- To participate in the many and varied music-related opportunities offered
- To play a leading role in the Music Department and to participate in at least two large co-curricular groups (including one of the School choirs and one of the orchestras in which you should normally play your main instrument) and one chamber music ensemble
- To achieve consistently good grades in both effort and achievement
- To demonstrate a commitment to the exploration of the musical arts
- To assist with visits to local schools to act as music ambassadors
- To study Music at GCSE is essential and at A Level is desirable

Sport



KGS Sport Scholars are supported by a mentor who meets with them on a regular basis to review their progress and offer advice on anything from training schedules to balancing their academic workload. Students are encouraged to attend strength and conditioning sessions & a number of workshops including sports nutrition, sports psychology and time management. The School recognises that Sport Scholars are busy individuals and support is offered to ensure that they manage their time effectively across the academic and sporting spheres. Our ethos is to nurture sporting talent in the best interests of the long-term athletic development of the individual.

Requirements

All applicants must submit a written recommendation/endorsement by a teacher/sports coach in support of their application.

Assessment

Candidates applying for 11+ entry must demonstrate a combination of athletic ability and hand-eye co-ordination which will be assessed during the Sport Scholarship Assessment Day in January. Following this initial assessment, candidates may be required to attend a more sports-specific assessment.

In the case of candidates for entry at 13+ and into the Sixth Form, the offer of a Sport Scholarship would be linked to current performance, probably with divisional representation or equivalent, generally in one of the focus sports (hockey, rowing and cricket).

For all candidates, an ability to learn and mental toughness are essential. It is not the object of KGS to seek boys or girls who have matured at a very early age and thus achieve early success, but to assess future potential.

Facilities

Students at KGS enjoy fantastic sports facilities including 22 acres of playing fields in beautiful Thames Ditton, opposite Hampton Court Palace. In 2014, a £1.2-million redevelopment of the facilities was completed, ensuring that Ditton Field now boasts: six netball courts, six cricket nets, a long jump pit, four football pitches, four cricket squares, eight tennis courts, two AstroTurf hockey pitches (one re-laid in March 2018), an AstroTurf practice area, a strength and conditioning suite, a pavilion and a well-equipped boathouse. Further facilities on the main school site include a gymnasium, netball court and cricket nets, an AstroTurf practice area as well as an extensive array of other equipment.

Our sports coaches include a number of individuals who have played or coached to international level. We have two Great Britain Olympians: Phil Simmons, Athens 2004 (rowing) and Matt Daly, Beijing 2008 and London 2012 (hockey). Other senior internationals include Lewis Prosser for Wales (hockey), Natalie Maclean for England (hockey) and Ahmed Mettiou for Morocco (football).

A KGS Sport Scholar can expect the following:

- High level professional coaching
- Regular opportunities to play competitive sports fixtures
- The support of a mentor
- Periodic progress reviews and target setting
- Open and honest communication
- Access to professionally-led strength and conditioning sessions
- Expert advice on diet and nutrition
- Advice on sports psychology
- Access to a physiotherapy support service

What we expect from a KGS Sport Scholar:

- To be a role model for all Sporting Kingstonians
- To demonstrate commitment to training sessions and fixtures and to attend Scholars' Sessions (e.g. Strength and Conditioning, Nutrition and Sports Psychology Seminars, Testing etc)
- To show leadership on and off the field of play
- To demonstrate a positive attitude to learning by being open to new ideas and approaches
- To learn from mistakes so as not to repeat them
- To wear the KGS sports kit with pride
- To play within the spirit and laws of the game & show good sportsmanship

Scholarship application summary

Please note that an online application form will be sent to those who register using our online system and who express interest in applying for a scholarship and/or fee assistance. Only candidates who achieve the required academic standards in the entrance examination will be invited to take part in the practical scholarship assessments.

Academic Scholarships

At 11+, 13+ and 16+, Academic Scholarships are by invitation only. At 11+, those candidates who achieve a high standard in their entrance examination will be invited to return to sit scholarship papers in English and/or Mathematics. At 13+ and 16+, invitations will be sent based on performance in our entrance examination. All candidates sitting the scholarship examination will be invited for a series of interviews, more details of which will be given to the candidates at the scholarship examination.

Art Scholarships

At 11+, 13+ and 16+, candidates are requested to submit a selection of up to 10 pieces of work not exceeding A1 size. The sample of work should include original paintings, drawings and possibly collage, print-making and photographic samples.

The work must include art ideas produced at home as well as those completed at school. The standard should demonstrate the candidate's knowledge of perspective, academic pencil studies, inventive use of colour and ability to work with a wide variety of materials. It should be a lively and imaginative set of work demonstrating the candidate's true potential in all aspects of this subject.

Folders containing work should be clearly labelled with the candidate's name and date of birth. Models, sculptures, wooden or glass-framed pictures will not be accepted; however, photographs of such artefacts are most welcome and worthy of inclusion.

Art Scholars are selected based on an excellent folder of work, examination and interview. The folder of work is to be left after the scholarship assessment day and can be collected the following week.

Design & Technology Scholarships (16+)

Design & Technology Scholarships are available for 16+ entry only. Students will need to bring a folder of work and evidence of recent practical work to the interview. This should contain a variety of designs and projects completed in school and at home and not just the current GCSE coursework project. The work should demonstrate the candidate's enthusiasm, experience and potential in Design & Technology. In their interview, candidates will have the opportunity to talk about the work in the folder and their passion for the subject.

Drama Scholarships (16+)

Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential as an actor, designer or technician and are only available for 16+ entry. They are worth a minimum of 10% fee remission. Additional tuition is also offered as part of the Scholarship. Actors should prepare and present two contrasting monologues: one pre-1800 and one post-1950. Each monologue should be no more than two minutes in length. A short interview will follow the audition which will focus on the applicant's knowledge of the chosen monologue. Designers/technicians should prepare a portfolio that shows their work on two contrasting productions. Candidates should be prepared to present and discuss their work. All candidates will take part in an informal warm-up/games session, although this will not form part of the scholarship assessment.

Music Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to those who show outstanding potential on an instrument, preferably orchestral. As a guide, candidates should have achieved a good pass at Grade 5 standard at age 11 and Grade 7 at 16. Ability to play a second instrument is desirable, though not essential.

Auditions will consist of:

- Performance of one prepared piece for main instrument (an accompanist may be provided)
- Sight reading
- Aural tests, including singing
- Performance of prepared piece on second instrument or voice (if applicable). If a second instrument or voice is not being offered, two pieces on the main instrument should be prepared
- An interview with the Director of Music

Sport Scholarships

Candidates applying for main school entry at 11+ and 13+ must demonstrate a combination of athletic ability and hand-eye co-ordination; for example, the child will win events at school sports day, play for the school sports team and be able to catch a ball with either hand.

For 16+ entry candidates must perform at county level or above.

At 11+ there will be a short fitness-based pre-assessment for all selected applicants. Those who pass this will be invited to the full assessment where a mixture of sports may be played.

At 13+ & 16+, assessment is by arrangement.

Scholarships and fee assistance

Scholarship	Closing date	Date of assessment
Academic (11+)	By invitation based on performance in 11+ examination	Friday 15th January 2021
Academic (13+)	At the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the 13+ examination	By arrangement
Academic (16+)	At the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the 16+ assessment	By arrangement
Art	11+ Monday 30th November 2020 13+ Friday 2nd October 2020 16+ Wednesday 21st October 2020	11+ Tuesday 19th January 2021 13+ by arrangement 16+ by arrangement
Design & Technology (16+ only)	16+ Wednesday 21st October 2020	By arrangement
Music	11+ Monday 30th November 2020 13+ Friday 2nd October 2020 16+ Wednesday 21st October 2020	11+ Tuesday 19th January 2021 13+ by arrangement 16+ by arrangement
Drama (16+ only)	16+ Wednesday 21st October 2020	By arrangement
Sport	11+ Monday 30th November 2020 13+ Friday 2nd October 2020 16+ Wednesday 21st October 2020	11+ pre-assessment Monday 18th January 2021 (all applicants – all day) 11+ full assessment Friday 22nd January 2021 (by invitation) 13+ by arrangement 16+ by arrangement
Fee assistance (11+, 13+ & 16+)	11+ Monday 30th November 2020 13+ Friday 2nd October 2020 16+ Wednesday 21st October 2020	Fee assistance is means tested and based on confidential financial statements

Dates subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation.



Being a Drama Scholar at KGS has allowed me to develop as an actor, and also develop my knowledge of theatre. Having individual sessions with a professional actor has been hugely beneficial, and has taught me how to approach character and text. The Drama Scholarship offers me so many performance opportunities, and is helping me work towards a career in theatre.

Drama Scholar



I play the cello and the piano and this is my third year of being a Music Scholar.

This year the renowned Maggini Quartet will again be giving us a masterclass on pieces that we have prepared in chamber groups.

Music Scholar



I left KGS feeling that the world was my oyster and, whilst other factors contributed to that feeling, my experience at KGS was certainly a part of it.

Alexander McLean, fee assistance recipient, Class of 2003, Founder of African Prisons Project

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