



BURGESS HILL
— SIXTH —

SIXTH FORM
SCHOLARSHIPS
& BURSARIES
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FOREWORD



Being a scholar at Burgess Hill Girls Sixth Form is a considerable honour. Scholars have been selected as leaders in their field and given a hard-earned accolade as a reward. Scholars play a vital role in upholding and enriching the standards of the Sixth Form. We offer Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships, and look for exceptional academic standards using interviews, examinations and practical assessments.

Candidates who receive creative scholarships are strongly encouraged to take the subject at A Level, and are also expected to make a significant contribution to that area throughout their time in the Sixth Form. Scholars act as ambassadors for their subject, inspiring other students and give their full support to the relevant curricular and co-curricular areas.

Bursaries are means-tested and are awarded in addition to scholarships. We also offer our BOLD Award, a fully funded Sixth Form place for a student from a local maintained school; the application process for this award is explained later in this document. We are always hugely excited to see the calibre and capabilities of all who wish to apply.

If you would like to discuss these opportunities further before making an application, please get in touch with our Admissions team to organise a call, visit or tour of the school.

Additionally, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain R'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

IAIN REGAN-SMITH HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

KEY DATES:

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2023
Sixth Form Open Evening

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023
Deadline for scholarship applications

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023
Deadline for bursary applications

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023
Sixth Form creative assessments begin

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023
Sixth Form academic & creative scholarship assessments

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2023
Results sent to students

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2023
Deadline for acceptance of scholarship offer

COGNITIVE ABILITY TEST

All external students seeking a place at Burgess Hill Girls will sit an online Cognitive Ability Test. This test supports our understanding of their developed abilities and likely academic potential. The test assesses a student's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial ability tasks. The test is fully standardised across 25,000 UK students.

Although this baseline data will inform the scholarship process, the assessment procedure for creative applicants and the academic papers for academic applicants will carry most weight.

INTERNAL APPLICANTS

All current students will be sent information on Sixth Form scholarships and bursaries, as well as a scholarship application form. Please complete this before the deadline to secure your application. As we are an all-through school, current students do not need to register for a place for Sixth Form.

If you would like to arrange a private meeting with Mr Regan-Smith to discuss the opportunities available to you at Burgess Hill Girls Sixth Form before making a scholarship application, please do not hesitate to contact him.

Students seeking a scholarship will attend the assessment day to complete an academic and/or creative scholarship. Further information about what each scholarship assessment entails is provided later in this document.

The Admissions team will be in contact with you following the scholarship assessment day regarding an offer of a scholarship into the Sixth Form.



EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

Please get in touch with our Admissions team to register your interest in a place at Burgess Hill Girls. We can then arrange for you to explore the opportunities at Burgess Hill Girls further, either through a call with Head of Sixth Form Mr Regan-Smith or a private visit and tour of the school.

To formally apply for a place, please complete an online registration form and arrange payment of the registration fee.



APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

- Please contact the Admissions team to request the scholarship application form. Burgess Hill Girls will then seek a reference from your current school.
- All students applying for a scholarship are required to sit an online Cognitive Ability Test before the scholarship assessment day. The Admissions team will arrange a suitable date with you individually to sit the test at Burgess Hill Girls.
- Students will attend the assessment day to complete an academic and/or creative scholarship. Further information about what each scholarship assessment entails is provided later in this document.
- The Admissions team will be in contact with you following the scholarship assessment day regarding an offer of a scholarship or place at Burgess Hill Girls.

APPLYING FOR A BURSARY

- Students looking to apply for a bursary should contact the Director of Finance and Operations separately on dfo@burgesshillgirls.com to request the application forms. Further information about bursaries is provided later in this document.
- Please return the completed forms to the Director of Finance and Operations before the deadline.
- If you are also making a scholarship application, please refer to the information on applying for a scholarship.
- If you are just making a bursary application please refer to the information on applying for a place.
- The Director of Finance and Operations will be in contact with you following the scholarship assessment day regarding an offer of a bursary or place at Burgess Hill Girls.

APPLYING FOR A PLACE

- If you are seeking a place at Burgess Hill Girls Sixth Form without applying for a scholarship, please contact the Admissions team to organise an individual date to visit and sit an online Cognitive Ability Test.
- Whilst Sixth Form places remain available, entrance examinations can be taken at any point before September; however, we suggest an early application to avoid disappointment.
- The Admissions team will be in contact with you following the entrance examinations regarding an offer of a place at Burgess Hill Girls.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Academic scholarships are awarded each year to students who demonstrate outstanding academic capabilities. They are celebrated as exemplars of academic success and provide a vision to others of what an exceptional student is.

On the assessment day, applicants for an academic scholarship will:

- Sit a one-hour academic paper in English.
- Sit a one-hour academic paper in Maths.
- Have an interview with the Assistant Head Academic and the Head of Scholars.

Students who perform in the top percentile on the academic papers will be invited back for a second interview with the Head the following week.

Academic scholars are expected to sustain a high level of academic performance throughout their time in the Sixth Form. They should be exemplary role models both within the school and at external events, demonstrating the academic successes achieved at Burgess Hill Girls. They are expected to take an active role in attending academic co-curricular activities, as well as fully embracing the academic scholar programme offered by the school. Academic scholars should aim high, safe in the knowledge that the school will support and push them to achieve their future aspirations.

Academic scholars will benefit from a supportive programme designed to enhance their academic performance whilst at the school, and to support their future ambitions. This includes:

- in-school events and visiting speakers.
- external museum and heritage site visits.
- super-curricular reading and engagement guidance.



ART SCHOLARSHIP

Art scholarships encompass two subjects: Fine Art and Textile Design. Art scholarships are awarded to students whose imagination and passion allow them to continually push their work further. Personal creative development and exploration is key, building a foundation should a student choose to pursue a creative future.

The Art department is a sprawling array of light and airy rooms all centered around an exhibition space. Each student has a personal working space in the sixth form studio, and they are encouraged to use this during their free time, at lunchtime and after school. A strong emphasis is placed on student work, which is exhibited throughout the department and offers creative reflection and interaction between students. The A Level Fine Art course requires students to express their creative ideas using imagination and feelings to respond to given themes or topics. The emphasis is on individual development, with every student working on their own personal outcomes. Although the course is fine art-based, there are opportunities to work outside this parameter using photography, print and fibre art.

Burgess Hill Girls has a dedicated Textile Design space where art, craft and design practice is meaningfully integrated with theoretical knowledge and understanding. Students are encouraged to be independent and develop their own personal creativity through exploration of different techniques and working styles. Students' work as part of Textile Design is often entered into regional and national competitions, and we have had significant success over the past few years.



On the assessment day applicants for a Fine Art scholarship will:

- Complete a two-hour observational drawing exercise or produce a pre-planned imaginative piece over two hours.
- Have an interview with the Head of Art discussing their portfolio. It is highly recommended that applicants include independent work in their portfolio alongside coursework.

On the assessment day applicants for a Textile Design scholarship will:

- Produce a pre-planned textile/fashion piece over 90 minutes.
- Have an interview with the Head of Art discussing their portfolio. It is highly recommended that applicants include independent work in their portfolio alongside coursework.

Art scholars are encouraged to study Fine Art and/or Textile Design at A Level, and consistently act as a representative and exemplar of the school's Art and Textiles department. They should significantly contribute to and foster the creative opportunities available, assisting with in-school exhibitions and leading out-of-school trips.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

Drama scholars are leaders both on and off the stage, behind the curtain and behind the scenes. With developing expertise as actors and performers, they can also be extraordinary stage managers or aspirant playwrights and directors.

The Drama department is housed in a state-of-the-art drama, performance and music academy encompassing a 320-seat tiered auditorium, as well as a smaller drama studio. The original building was recently refurbished and extended to provide a theatre where girls put on performances spanning several nights and attracting audiences of over 1,000 people. Smaller-scale productions and exam pieces can also be performed in the studio, providing a more intimate atmosphere.

School productions reflect the broad talents and interests of the students, with recent shows including *Made In Dagenham*, *Chicago*, *Noises Off* and *West Side Story*. Students have the opportunity to work alongside industry professionals to develop their skills and understanding of all aspects of theatre, both on the stage and behind the scenes. It is widely recognised that the varied disciplines of Drama-analysis, evaluation, performance, devising, spontaneity, collaborative work and presentation - as well as the opportunities for nurturing artistic expression, provide a strong platform for employable skills for many careers and vocational areas.

On the assessment day applicants, for a Drama scholarship will:

- perform two contrasting (in style, genre or period) monologues. Each piece should be memorised and last two minutes. One piece will be set by the school, and the other is the student's choice.
- have an interview with the Head of Drama and an external adjudicator, during which they may be asked to perform a short spontaneous improvisation.

Before the assessment day, students will be asked to complete a personal statement and provide a written reference.

Drama scholars are encouraged to study Drama and Theatre at A Level, as well as immersing themselves in the co-curricular Drama programme and productions. They should act as an ambassador for the Drama department, by encouraging and inspiring the uptake of Drama by younger students.



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Music scholars have self-discipline, are composed under pressure and have excellent time management and communication skills, all gained through extensive practice and performance.

The Music department is a purpose-built facility linking neatly to the performance areas, with modern practice rooms surrounding the main teaching facilities. Students at all levels are involved in creating music at Burgess Hill Girls, and the inspiring performances showcased at concerts and within practice rooms encourage personal development across the subject.

Music is a vital part of the way we communicate and interact with the world around us. The course encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of the nature and language of music, a broader awareness of its cultural and historical contexts, and enhanced listening, performing and composition skills.

On the assessment day, applicants for a Music scholarship:

- will have achieved a minimum of Merit at Grade 6 on their first instrument and Grade 4 on their second instrument.
- will have an audition with the Head of Music and an auditioning committee, demonstrating their talent on two instruments or voice. Students will perform two pieces (one on each instrument) which show good representation of their abilities and include elements of contrast within each chosen piece.
- sight-reading, aural tests and a viva voce will be completed.

Before the assessment day, students will be asked to complete a personal statement and provide a written reference for each instrument. Students who require piano accompaniment should provide a photocopy of the accompanying music prior to the assessment day. The Head of Music will be happy to provide accompaniment.

Music scholars are encouraged to study Music at A Level and should play a significant part in the school's musical activities, which include orchestras, smaller ensembles, choirs, concerts and individual performances. A Music scholar should encourage the development of younger musicians, as well as demonstrating the practice and dedication required to develop personally and within an ensemble.



SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

Sport scholarships are awarded to students who are top of their game and seek to continually push themselves and their performance further. Sport scholars are dedicated and hardworking individuals whose enthusiasm and encouragement inspire others around them.

Sport is an integral part of everyday life at Burgess Hill Girls and plays a crucial role in building confident, resilient and healthy young individuals. Students learn self-discipline, commitment, teamwork and leadership skills, and being girls- only provides a relaxed environment for PE where students can get involved without any concerns. The school's main sports are hockey, netball, tennis, volleyball and athletics; however, there are many more on offer, both as part of the curriculum and as co-curricular activities. Students can try their hand at cricket, swimming, football, trampolining, skiing and horse riding, amongst many more. Students throughout the school regularly have the opportunity to represent Burgess Hill Girls in their chosen sports, and many also represent their club and the county.



On the assessment day, applicants for a Sport scholarship will:

- complete netball, hockey and fitness assessments;
- complete a written task;
- have an interview with the Director of Sport;

Before the assessment day, students will be asked to provide video evidence of any sport that is not netball or hockey. Students will also be asked to provide the name of one referee who knows the candidate's sporting ability, who may be called upon if required.

Sport scholars are encouraged to study Physical Education at A Level, and excellence in sporting performance is key. Scholars are expected to play at least one sport at club level, and two sports at school level. Being a leader and ambassador for the school is very important, through supporting co-curricular clubs and maintaining good conduct in competitions and all aspects of performance and training. Sport scholars are expected to be committed to the training and development required to push themselves personally and as a member of the school teams.



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BURSARIES



A fund is set aside each year to provide financial help for those in need. Bursaries are means-tested confidentially, and the value of a bursary is related to the income and financial resources of a student's family.

Bursaries are subject to annual review, and their continuation is dependent on a review of the family's financial situation and the pupil achieving the school's normal standards of behaviour and endeavour.

Most bursaries awarded are in the range of 10% to 30% to girls from families whose gross income is less than £75,000 per annum, with a single child at the school. Families with a total income of less than £30,000 per annum and with no capital assets other than their home may be eligible for a significant bursary subject to available funds. The maximum value of the bursary can be full published fees.

External applications for a bursary should be submitted by the deadline outlined in the key dates. Applications received after the deadline will not be successful if all available funding has already been allocated.

Families of existing pupils whose financial circumstances change may make a bursary application at any time throughout the year.

Please call 01444 241050 or email the Director of Finance and Operations at dfo@burgesshillgirls.com for further information and to request the application forms.

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to apply for a scholarship or bursary at Burgess Hill Girls Sixth Form please contact us to book a place on our Sixth Form Open Evening on the 4th October or to arrange an individual visit.

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We look forward to meeting you soon!



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THE BOLD AWARD



Burgess Hill Girls prides itself on being the school for young women who are academically capable, creative, open-minded and curious, and who want to have a positive impact on the social and political world around them. We are also proud of championing the success of girls who join our Sixth Form new to the opportunities of independent education.

Our BOLD Award is a dedicated award for girls from maintained schools, providing for a fully funded place in the Sixth Form to study A Levels. We expect the recipient to have been bold in their own life – forward-thinking, experimental and reaching far beyond what is expected.

Applications will be considered from candidates who have so far not attended independent school. We would strongly encourage and favourably consider applications from the following students:

- Students with no family history of university attendance;
- Students eligible for free school meals;
- Students from families who have faced considerable hardships;
- Looked-after children or those in care;
- The children of key workers.

To apply for the BOLD Award, please request an application form from the school's Admissions team. Following your application, you will then be invited to our Scholarship assessment day.

If you would like to arrange a visit and a tour of Burgess Hill Girls Sixth Form, please contact the Admissions team directly.



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