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# Scholarships

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# word from our Scholars

Being awarded a Scholarship made me feel recognised for all the hard work and effort that I put in. Furthermore, it provided me with extra support, guidance and some great opportunities.

*Tom, Academic Scholar*

The Scholars' Programme at Solihull has presented me with multiple beneficial opportunities, many of those which pique my interest, such as being encouraged to join the LAMDA public speaking programme.

*Raksha, Academic Scholar*

As a Scholar, I have taken advantage of the wide range of super activities such as academic lectures and workshops that have set me up very well for university applications. It also kickstarted my involvement in Debating; something that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

*Sophie, Academic Scholar*

Being a Scholar has provided me with fantastic support and opportunities as well as enabling me to contribute to school life and develop my team and leadership skills.

*Katy, Music Scholar*

I am immensely appreciative of the extraordinary music community at Solihull School, where I have consistently received support and faced challenges that have enhanced my musical growth. The dedicated Music Department staff and the numerous opportunities available have inspired me to pursue a future career in music.

*George, Music Scholar*

Being a Scholar ensures there is never a dull moment due to exciting play rehearsals and the wonderful people that I work with.

*Liam, Performing Arts Scholar*

I am so grateful for such an enriching Scholar's Programme which offers me endless opportunities to do what I love!

*Jennifer, Performing Arts Scholar*

Being a Scholarship award holder is amazing. I am able to represent the school in an area in which I have a great interest. I love that I can mentor younger peers and get them involved in all the brilliant things that my Scholarship offers.

*Caspar, Performing Arts Scholar*

Sport at Solihull has been so inclusive and rewarding and has given me so many unforgettable life experiences.

*Seb, Sport Scholar*



# Message from the Headmaster

Solihull School is one of the great schools of England and I am delighted that you are thinking about putting yourself forward for a scholarship here. We offer a confident, rich programme in innovation and creativity.

Solihull School is academic and ambitious. The pupils and the staff work hard here for success in every subject discipline and in an amazing variety of sports, music, art, dance and drama. During the application itself and once you become a member of this school, we will encourage you to show us what you can do. We know what excellence looks like and we know how to help you to show us the very best of yourself. You will find the teachers are your keenest supporters and that we want you to do well. You will enjoy the rigour of our assessments. You will rise to the challenge of the process.

**You will never regret applying to join us here at Solihull.**




**Charles Fillingham**  
Executive Headmaster



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Scholarship at Solihull is a journey of growth, exploration, and self-discovery for pupils with exceptional potential.

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We are not just looking for the brightest talents, but those who have a spark, an independent spirit, and great curiosity. Scholars are the trailblazers, who view challenges as opportunities and emerge even more resilient with each trial they face.

Scholars are active members of school life; engaging with peers, collaborating with teachers, participating in teams and ensembles and motivating those around them.

The breadth of scholarships available represents the diversity of talent and skills celebrated by the Solihull community. Whilst not every scholarship applicant will be successful, we encourage all pupils with a passion and desire to apply. We ensure that the assessment process is a fun and enjoyable experience as we value equally the effort pupils put into the process, by stepping up and putting themselves forward.

Being a scholar at Solihull means more than just winning a prize, it's about committing to being the best one can be and leading the way for others to follow.

Kind regards,

**Mrs K L Robinson**

Deputy Head Teaching and Learning



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# Academic Scholarships

We are pleased to offer Academic Scholarships at 11+ and at 16+

## Aims of the programme:

- To nurture exceptional academic ability
- To provide a framework for pupils to excel in their academic studies and be academically aspirational
- To provide opportunities for scholars to be active participants in the intellectual life of the school and to share their skills with others

## Academic applicants should:

- Have high levels of general academic potential
- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity
- Have the resources and drive to learn independently
- Have a passion for academic study

## Examples of activities and support:

- Mentoring and support from their designated academic coach
- Opportunities to deliver mini lectures on academic topics of interest
- Completion of LAMDA award public speaking examinations
- Entering national reading competitions such as The Royal Society Book Competition
- Developing language skills via the UK Linguistics Olympiad
- Attending academic lectures delivered by academics
- A percentage fee remission

## Expectations of Academic Scholars:

- To demonstrate high levels of effort and attainment
- To actively contribute to the academic life of Solihull
- To attend all Scholars' sessions
- To take advantage of the wide range of enrichment opportunities on offer and work to develop their intellectual passion
- To enter academic competitions such as essay writing and Olympiad
- To be a voracious reader
- To regularly attend academic lectures
- To support and coach younger pupils, being a role model to others
- To be an ambassador for Academia, the Scholars' Programme and the school at all times



# How to apply

11+

- Applicants may apply online

The Executive Headmaster considers the performance of the pupil in the examination and interview, as well as their general academic profile.

16+

- Applicants may apply online
- Candidates will usually be predicted Grade 8 in at least six subjects
- Candidates will sit a one hour multiple choice, critical thinking paper

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# Art & Design Scholarships

We are pleased to offer Art and Design Scholarships at 11+ and at 16+

## Aims of the programme:

- To provide a framework for pupils to excel in Art and Design
- To create an environment where pupils have opportunities to create, exhibit and grow in confidence developing their artistic skills
- To provide opportunities to access high quality teaching and prepare students for university and art college where appropriate

## Art & Design applicants should:

- Be confident and innovative artists or designers who practise their skill regularly
- Be able to demonstrate potential for outstanding performance as an artist or designer
- Be able to articulate and demonstrate a passion for Art and Design

## Examples of activities and support:

- Mentoring by Art Department staff and Senior Art Scholars
- Opportunities to further explore Art and Design by attending workshops and life drawing classes as well as meeting professional artists
- Opportunities to work on whole school Art and Design projects such as completing large canvas works for public spaces

- One to one coaching, support and advice to develop as an artist
- Access to outstanding facilities
- Help to organise and lead specific Art and Design events that are scheduled throughout the school year
- Opportunities to teach and to share skills and knowledge with pupils in both the Preparatory School and Senior School
- A percentage fee remission

## Expectations of Art & Design Scholars:

- To be confident and innovative artists and designers who practise/draw regularly
- To attend all Scholars' sessions and mentor meetings
- To play an active role in the Art and Design life of the school
- To direct and instruct younger pupils and be a role model at all times
- To be an ambassador for the Art Department, the Scholars' Programme and the school at all times

The direction of an Art and Design Scholar's education will be the responsibility of the Head of Art.



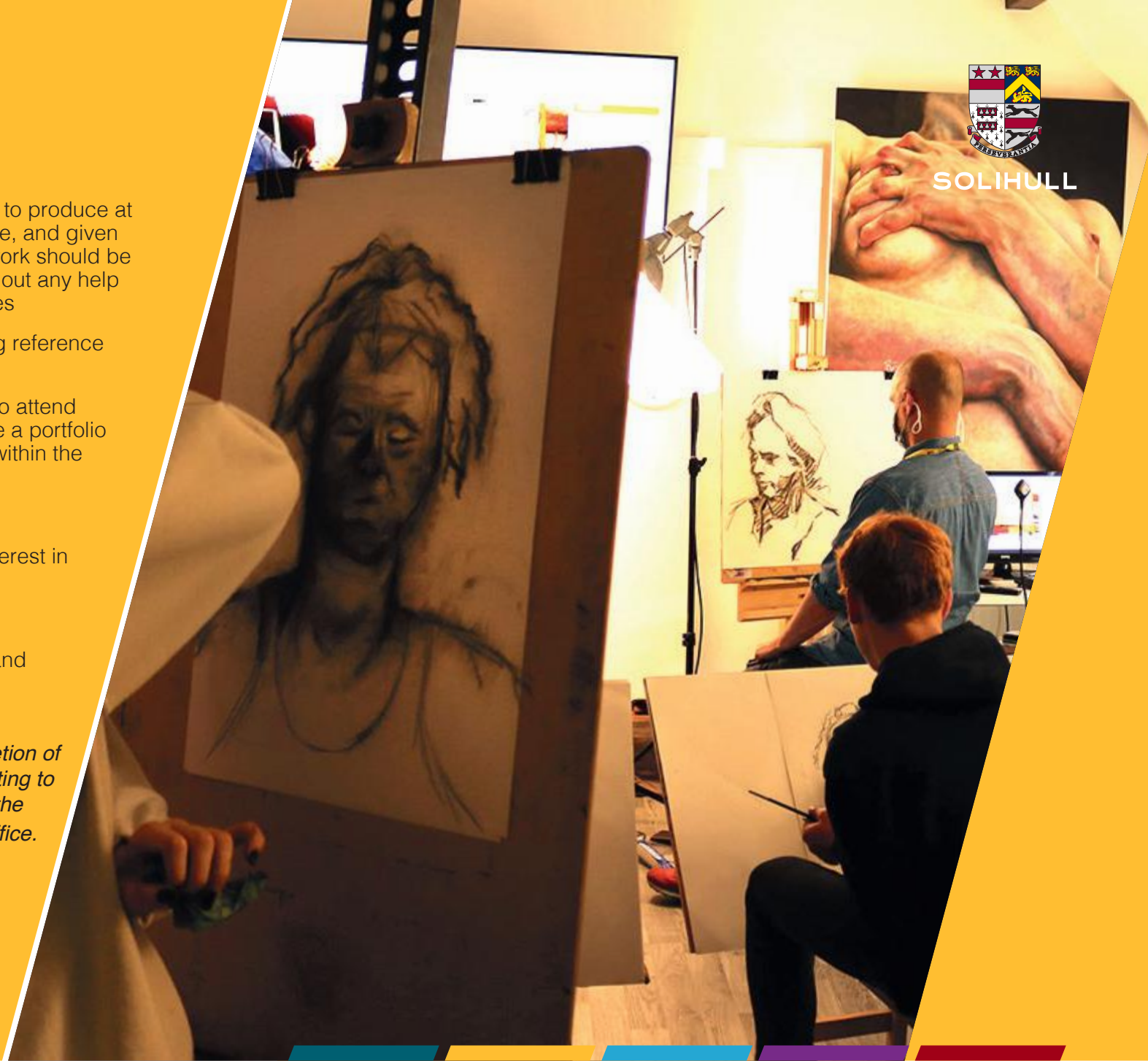
# How to apply

- Applicants may apply online
- Applicants will be sent a drawing task to produce at home after the registration closing date, and given at least 10 days to complete. The artwork should be completed by the applicant alone without any help from parents, teachers or other sources
- Applicants should submit a supporting reference from their current Art teacher
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an Art assessment and should provide a portfolio of their most recent work; completed within the last 12 months

## The assessment will comprise of:

- An interview about experience and interest in Art and Design
- A short practical drawing task
- A discussion about the drawing task and portfolio work

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# M Music Scholarships



We are pleased to offer Music, Choral and Organ Scholarships and Awards at 11+ and at 16+

## Aims of the programme:

- To provide a framework for pupils to excel in music performance both individually and in ensembles
- To create an environment where pupils have opportunities to perform, grow in confidence and develop their musicianship
- To provide opportunities to access high quality individual teaching and to prepare musicians for University and Music College entrance where appropriate

## Music Scholarship and Award applicants should:

- Be confident performers, having regular tuition on their chosen instrument(s) or voice
- Practise regularly
- Be confident sight readers
- Have good aural skills
- Perform in instrumental or vocal ensembles
- Have a passion for making music

As a guideline, 11+ candidates will be at grade 4 or 5 level on their main instrument or voice, and 16+ candidates will be at grade 7 or 8 level. That said, promising musicians are encouraged to apply even if they have not yet attained these grades. Solihull is looking for musical potential as well as achievement.

## Examples of activities and support:

- Free individual tuition on one instrument or voice
- Access to superb facilities in the David Turnbull Music School and Bushell Hall
- Mentoring by Music Staff and Senior Music Scholars where appropriate
- A percentage fee remission

## Expectations of Music Scholars and Award Holders:

- To practise regularly to develop individual performance abilities
- To play an active role in the musical life of the school, performing in school concerts, recitals, assemblies and other school events such as Open Morning and Prizegiving
- To direct and coach younger musicians and ensembles, being a role model for other musicians and pupils in general
- To take graded examinations in practical music and theory
- To join appropriate instrumental and vocal groups. Instrumentalists are expected to join at least one vocal group
- To attend all Scholars' sessions and mentor meetings
- To be an ambassador for the Music Department, the Scholars' Programme and the school at all times

**The direction of a Scholar's or Award Holder's education will be the responsibility of the Director of Music.**



# How to apply

- Applicants may apply online
- Applicants should send a supporting reference for each instrument offered, or voice, before the assessments
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a Music audition

## At audition candidates will be asked to perform:

- Two short but contrasting pieces of their own choice on their main instrument or voice
- One piece of their choice on any other instrument or voice, but please note it is not necessary to offer more than one instrument or voice to apply
- Scales and sight reading
- Aural tests
- A short song of their choice (unless voice is one of their selected 'instruments')

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# Performing Arts Scholarships

We are pleased to offer Performing Arts Scholarships (Drama/Dance/Musical Theatre) at 11+ (2025 entry) and at 16+ (2024 entry)

## Aims of the programme:

- To provide a supportive framework in which pupils can excel within Performing Arts; providing opportunities for pupils to grow in confidence and develop their skills, becoming innovative thinkers and creators, and confident performers
- To provide opportunities for pupils to access high quality teaching and experiences to prepare them for higher educational establishments and the Performing Arts industry where appropriate

## Performing Arts Scholarship applicants should:

- Be confident and innovative performers in one or more of the disciplines of Drama/Dance/Musical Theatre
- Be able to demonstrate potential for outstanding success in one or more of these areas
- Be able to articulate and demonstrate a passion for the Performing Arts

## Examples of activities and support:

- Mentoring by Drama and/or Dance Department staff and Senior Drama and/or Dance Scholars
- Opportunities to further explore the Performing Arts by attending workshops, watching live performances and talking to industry professionals
- Opportunities to teach and to share skills and knowledge with pupils in both the Preparatory School and Senior School

- To audition for main parts and roles within the various performance opportunities in school
- Help to organize and lead specific events that are scheduled throughout the school year
- One to one coaching, support and advice with auditions and higher education applications for Performing Arts courses
- Access to excellent facilities
- Support to expand expertise into other fields of Performing Arts, such as tech and lighting
- A percentage fee remission

## Expectations of Performing Arts Scholars:

- To be confident, innovative, dedicated and disciplined
- To attend all Scholars' sessions
- To play an active role in the Performing Arts life of the school, being involved in relevant experiences, projects or performances, either on or off stage
- To be a role model for younger peers, showing initiative and guiding them to improve their skills
- To be an ambassador for the Performing Arts (Drama/Dance/Musical Theatre), the Scholars' Programme and the school at all times

**The direction of a Performing Arts Scholar's education will be the responsibility of the Head of Drama and the Head of Dance, where relevant.**



# How to apply

- Applicants may apply online
- Applicants should submit a supporting reference from a specialist within their chosen area/areas of expertise
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an audition in the style of a workshop, and an individual performance and interview

## The audition will consist of:

- A practical workshop with other candidates
- An interview about recent experience and interests
- A performance audition in your chosen discipline

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# Sport Scholarships

We are pleased to offer Sport Scholarships in cricket, hockey, netball and rugby at 11+ and 16+

Aims of the programme:

- To provide a framework for pupils to excel in sports performance both individually and within a team setting
- To create an environment where pupils have opportunities to perform and grow in confidence, whilst developing a positive attitude towards training, teamwork and fair play
- To provide opportunities to access high quality individual coaching and to prepare pupils for sport beyond school and university entrance where appropriate

Sport Scholarship applicants should fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Regional level or equivalent in cricket, hockey, netball or rugby, where such opportunities exist
- Demonstrate potential for outstanding performance in cricket, hockey, netball or rugby

The school is looking to support outstanding Sports Scholars who, given access to the high level of coaching available at Solihull School, will develop into elite performers in one or more of the major sports. The school is looking for leadership potential, as well as achievement.

Examples of activities and support:

- Specialist coaching from internal and external sports coaches where appropriate
- Mentoring by Solihull staff and Senior Sport Scholars where appropriate
- Performance-analysis programmes and support
- Athletic Development Training
- A percentage fee remission

Expectations of Sport Scholars:

- To be values driven
- To be confident performers and train regularly
- To attend all Scholars' sessions and mentor meetings
- To play an active role in the sporting life of the school
- To direct and coach younger pupils, and be a role model for all pupils, representing the sporting life of the school in a positive and inclusive manner
- To be an ambassador for the Sport, Health and Fitness Department, the Scholars' Programme and the school at all times

The direction of a Sport Scholar's sporting education will be the responsibility of the Director of Sport, Health and Fitness (Senior School).





# How to apply

- Applicants may apply online
- Applicants should send a supporting reference from their current Head of Physical Education, or a club coach representative, before the assessments
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a Sport Scholarship assessment

## The assessment will comprise of:

- A practical performance assessment in one, or more, of the core sports of cricket, hockey, netball and rugby
- An interview with our Sport, Health and Fitness staff

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