

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Art scholarships are available to candidates entering Leicester Grammar School at 11+, 12+, 13+ 14+ and Sixth Form level. For consideration, it is a prerequisite that Lower and Middle School applicants pass the academic Entrance Examination and, for Sixth Form applicants, that they satisfy the basic academic requirements of entry at that level. Recipients of the Junior Art Scholarship are expected to study the subject to at least GCSE level, when the award will come to an end. However, those who wish to continue their study of Art to A-level may apply for a Sixth Form Art Scholarship.

Junior Art Scholarships

Lower and Middle School candidates will be asked to sit a drawing exam, submit a portfolio of artwork and provide a confidential reference. The exam comprises a series of preliminary studies and a timed test. The portfolio should contain material produced both at school and at home. There is no prescription concerning the contents, but a good submission is likely to include work based on direct observation or from photographs taken by the student and derived from the candidate's imagination. Experience of a range of media would also be expected. Copies can be included but they should not predominate. Sketch books or sheets of experimental work are of interest as is more 'finished' artwork. Photographs of 3-D pieces may be included. We would finally like the candidate to select an artist whom they find inspirational to their art practice and analyse one piece of work by this artist. The reference is to give an indication of the candidate's strengths, interests and particular enthusiasms as well as their recent progress. It should be written by a teacher or an art club leader who is qualified to comment on the candidate's aptitude and recent progress.

The scholarship will be awarded to candidates who demonstrate a high level of technical proficiency for their age and show evidence of creative potential, originality and imagination. Scholars must commit themselves to pursue the subject to at least GCSE level and meet the following expectations:

1. To mount a small exhibition of recent work at the school's Open Day and to be present in the Art Rooms to talk to visitors.
2. Towards the end of each term, to meet for about half an hour with their teacher to discuss their work.
3. To opt in to co-curricular Art and Design activities generally. (However, whilst they are encouraged to go on foreign trips, there is no expectation that they should).

Application for the Junior Art Scholarships should be made to the Headmaster before the end of the Advent Term preceding entry to the school. The exam paper will then be issued before the start of, or during the early part of the Christmas holidays.

Sixth Form scholarships

Sixth Form scholarships are available to both external and internal candidates. Applicants will be asked to attend an interview and present a portfolio of work. External applicants will also require a reference. No additional assignment will be set. Discussion at interview will revolve around the work in a candidate's portfolio and their knowledge of the visual arts.

In addition to pursuing the subject to A level, applicants must commit themselves to these expectations:

1. The Lower Sixth Form scholars will mount an exhibition of their GCSE artwork for Open Day and be present to talk to visitors;
2. Sixth Form scholars are expected to opt in to Art and Design co-curricular activities. (However, whilst they are encouraged to go on foreign trips, there is no expectation that they should);
3. Regular attendance at the weekly life class;
4. Art scholars are expected to achieve to their full potential in all their subjects and to benefit from the wide range of opportunities that Sixth Form life presents. However, if they accept an Art scholarship they must engage fully and deeply with the subject and this may restrict involvement in other areas.

Applications should be made in writing to the Headmaster by the end of February preceding entry to the Sixth Form.