



Queen Mary's

SCHOOL

Scholarship Information

2020-2021 Academic Year

Queen Mary's School is delighted to offer a number of honorary Scholarships to girls who can demonstrate ability and potential in key areas to ensure that the School continues to uphold its high standards in Academics, Art, Music, Riding and Sport.

The Process

Both internal and external candidates can be considered for awards. For Academic Scholarships, external candidates are selected following the Senior School Assessment Day in the Spring Term and current Year 6, 7 and 8 candidates are invited to apply by the Head. For other Scholarships, internal candidates are invited to apply by the Head and external candidates are asked to contact the Admissions Office if they wish to apply.

In order to receive an award, candidates are required to undertake a Scholarship assessment during the Spring Term. Scholarships are awarded only as the result of the Queen Mary's Scholarship assessments. Candidates may be entered for no more than three awards and girls who are awarded Scholarships will take up their awards in the following September.

Expectations

Scholars will be encouraged to act as ambassadors and must contribute to the wider life of the school and in doing so will develop their skills and talents. The awards are continuously reviewed to ensure that every girl is making the expected progress and fulfilling her role as a scholar. Queen Mary's School reserves the right to remove the Scholarship award if these standards are not being maintained.

Scholarship Assessment Dates 2020

Scholarship Application Deadline	Friday 13 December 2019
Senior School Assessment Day	Monday 20 January 2020
Sport Scholarship Assessments	Tuesday 21 January 2020
Art Scholarship Assessments	Wednesday 22 January 2020
Music Scholarship Assessments	Thursday 23 January 2020
Academic Scholarship Assessments	Friday 24 January 2020
Riding Scholarship Assessments	Saturday 25 January 2020

Academic Scholarships

Girls at Queen Mary's achieve excellent GCSE results and many scholars are awarded Scholarships to attend some of the country's most prestigious sixth forms and universities including Oxford and Cambridge. Academic scholars may have a particular talent for one subject, but scholarships will be awarded to those candidates who demonstrate academic ability and flair across a number of subject areas.

Assessment

Candidates will be assessed through written assessment, an interview with the Head and a critical thinking activity. No specific preparation is required.

Benefits

- There will be opportunities to attend conferences, lectures and competitions to further her knowledge, talents and expand her learning.
- Scholars will be invited to join Queen Mary's Society, an extra-curricular activity aimed towards developing higher level thinking skills and enjoying new challenges.

Art Scholarships

The thriving Art Department at Queen Mary's School includes a large newly refurbished double-height Art studio flooded with natural light, textiles studio and opportunities to exhibit and create art in the beautiful 300 year old building and surrounding grounds. Scholars work across all disciplines including photography, painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles and graphics. Scholarships are available for candidates who show, on examination, exceptional artistic ability.

Assessment

Candidates will be asked to present a portfolio of work showing ability in a variety of media. Photographs and ceramic works can form part of the portfolio and candidates will be expected to talk about their work with the Head of Art. During this discussion candidates will be expected to show some knowledge of major artists. A question such as 'Who is your favourite artist?' will be a probable starting point.

An observational drawing task will be undertaken, the theme of which will be still life, the time allocation for which will be approximately one hour. The contents of the still life will be made up of man-made and organic form. The Art Department will provide all relevant stimulus and also all necessary materials. Before the date of the examination the candidate may wish to do some practice work based on the above theme. If so, she should bring this work with her on the day of the assessment.

Benefits

- There will be opportunities to visit galleries and exhibitions and enter competitions to further her knowledge, talents and expand her learning.
- The opportunity to create and display work in exhibitions both in and out of school alongside professional artists. Work may also be published in school marketing materials.

Music Scholarships

As a school, Queen Mary's has strong traditions in instrumental music and choral singing with many girls achieving Distinction at Grade 8. Queen Mary's Chamber Orchestra is the school's flagship instrumental group and for over 40 years the Chapel Choir has enjoyed a reputation as an outstanding chamber choir in Yorkshire and beyond.

Scholarships will be awarded, following Music Scholarship auditions, to those candidates demonstrating real musical talent and potential. Music scholars are expected to play a full part in the musical life of the school participating in both choirs and orchestras.

General Guidelines

- Year 7 candidates are expected to have reached Grade 3 standard on their first instrument. To be learning another instrument would be an advantage.
- Year 8 candidates are expected to have reached Grade 4 standard on their first instrument. To be learning another instrument would be usual but not vital.
- Year 9 candidates are expected to have reached at least Grade 5 standard on one instrument and to be learning a second instrument; probably about Grade 2/3 standard.

Musical potential is also important and the grades quoted are intended as a guide. It is likely that examinations taken will have received a Merit or Distinction.

Assessment

Candidates will be required to present the following at audition:

- 2 contrasting pieces of music on their principal instrument (lasting, in total, no more than 10 minutes)
- 1 piece of music on the second instrument
- An unaccompanied song (e.g. folk song, hymn) may also be offered unless Singing is the first study; in this case it may be the second piece.

In addition, candidates will be given aural tests, sight-reading, relevant scales and arpeggios on their first instrument and a short viva-voce where the candidate's involvement in music-making will be discussed. An external adjudicator will be present at the auditions.

Parents may wish to contact the Director of Music, Miss Sarah Holloway Lloyd, to discuss their daughter's current musical progress, in advance of the date of the auditions at s.hollowaylloyd@queenmarys.org.

Benefits

- There will be opportunities to attend workshops, lectures, concerts and competitions to further her knowledge, talents and expand her learning.
- Opportunities to take part in many performances and events across the academic year both in School and in many churches, cathedrals and concert venues.
- Invitation to join groups including the outstanding Chamber Orchestra and Chapel Choir.
- Regular mentoring event with conductor, Mr Simon Wright.

Riding Scholarships

The British Horse Society (BHS) approved Queen Mary's Equestrian Centre has an excellent reputation and many riders and teams have achieved national success. The centre nurtures talent and promotes good horsemanship across all levels of ability giving scholars the opportunity to grow and progress.

Assessment

Candidates will have a short discussion with a BHS qualified instructor, involving questions regarding horse and pony care followed by a Riding Assessment on the flat where the candidate will evaluate the horse / pony and discuss her thoughts with the instructor.

Benefits

- There will be opportunities to attend events, workshops and competitions to further her knowledge, talents and expand her learning.

Sport Scholarships

Sport is central to life at Queen Mary's School and many teams across the year groups have had successes at local, county, regional and national level. Within the 40 acre grounds girls play Netball, Hockey, Tennis, Lacrosse and take part in Cross Country, Swimming, Gymnastics, Trampolining, Athletics, Rounders and much more. There is also a state-of-the-art full sized Astro pitch with sports pavilion. Sport Scholarships will be offered to candidates who can demonstrate exceptional sporting ability or potential and who will contribute to the busy sporting life of the school.

Assessment

To be eligible for a Sport Scholarship, candidates must show ability or potential in two sports. The first choice sport must come from the list below. As other sports will not be assessed, please provide performance levels or times to support your application.

Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball and Tennis

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to perform current skills and their ability to learn new ones. The school understands that candidates will have had a range of previous experience and this will be taken into consideration.

Benefits

- There will be opportunities to attend conferences, lectures and competitions to further her knowledge, talents and expand her learning.
- Visits to major sporting venues across a range of sports.