



Exonian Scholarships

Pupil and parent guide for 2023 entry

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Welcome



An Exeter School education is an excellent education in all respects, and we are very proud of our pupils' accomplishments in so many aspects of school life. Of course, academically they thrive in the classroom, but an Exonian education is about far more than academic study. Our enrichment programme covers the arts, sports, outdoor adventures, moral and spiritual aspects and leadership and development opportunities, something from which every girl and boy can benefit.

If your child is exceptionally gifted in sports or the arts, then Exeter School might be just the place for them to develop and enhance these talents and skills, and with it, their confidence, and readiness for life beyond school. To recognise pupils with these talents, scholarships are available for these with particular skills in the arts and sport, as well as for academic excellence.

Please read the information contained in this booklet and we look forward to meeting you very soon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LS', with a long, sweeping underline.

Louise Simpson
Head

About our Scholarships

Exeter School offers a range of scholarship opportunities to pupils who are talented in their chosen discipline. Scholarships are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+ for pupils who show excellence in art, drama, music, and sport. Academic scholarships for pupils new to Exeter School are awarded based on the results of the entrance assessments sat in January of the year of entry. For 16+ entry, GCSE results will be used when awarding academic scholarships.

Being a scholar at Exeter School will give you:

- An elite programme that will further develop your talents and skills.
- Recognition of your achievements.
- Appreciation of your exceptional potential.
- The status of being a scholar within the school.
- Enhancement of your UCAS application and curriculum vitae.
- Opportunities to influence school life.
- Prospect of being a leader of the school and a great role model.

Scholarships do not have an accompanying fee concession but are an honorary award and the scholar is recognised for their achievements. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the child's time at Exeter School in the senior school or sixth form, subject to annual monitoring. Parents can apply to have a scholarship supported by a bursary, subject to a means test. Bursaries take the form of a fee reduction (up to 100% in exceptional circumstances) to a level dependent on the parents' financial situation.

Our Aims

- To support and develop the academic, personal, and physical potential of each pupil in the school.
- To uphold the highest standards of academic teaching and pastoral care within the school.
- To sustain and develop the richness and variety of the school's extra-curricular provision.
- To promote the highest standards for the conduct of pupils within a friendly, tolerant, and safe environment to encourage pupils to contribute to our wider community, and the world beyond school.

All registered candidates for the 11+, 13+ and 16+ entrance assessments are automatically considered for an academic scholarship or exhibition based on their performance in the assessments and interviews. Academic scholars are expected to be committed to their academic life at Exeter School. As well as working hard within the curriculum, they will also be active members of our academic enrichment programmes and thrive on the joy of learning.

Being an academic scholar at Exeter School is a real accolade and many go on to achieve great things as Exonians beyond school.

Academic scholarships at 11+, 13+ and 16+ are open to external candidates only.

Academic Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+





Art Scholarships

11+, 13+, 16+

Art scholarships are open to pupils from any school, including Exeter Junior School and Exeter School. Art scholars should demonstrate their talent and passion for the subject through creativity, imagination, and skills. We expect holders of art scholarships to make a significant extra-curricular commitment to their artwork. Art scholars will play an active part in the department and be a creative and positive influence on their fellow pupils. They will study art to GCSE level, and it is hoped they will continue with A Level art in the sixth form. If entering Exeter School at sixth form, scholars are expected to take the subject at A Level. In addition, art scholars should be fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of Exeter School.

The scholarship programme is likely to include:

- RAMM annual membership.
- RAMM digital creative workshops.
- RAMM Bronze Art Awards for pupils in Third Form to Upper Fifth.
- Scholars' trips to specialist facilities such as Exeter University sculpture park, RAMM, Exeter Phoenix and talks from artists.
- Life drawing, sculpture, printmaking and ceramics classes and workshops.
- Portfolio and interview top tips sessions run by Plymouth College of Art and Design.
- Mentoring and careers advice (one to one and small group) for scholars interested in a career in the arts and architecture.
- Specialist art materials appropriate for each age group for scholars to use at home.

- Annual exhibition and art show to celebrate scholars' work.

Candidates who wish to be considered for a scholarship will initially be asked to submit a portfolio of recent work for assessment by the Head of Art. The portfolio should include at least three pieces and reflect the breadth and depth of their personal interest and may include paintings, prints, drawings, and mixed media work. Portfolios will be returned. Successful candidates will be invited to attend a scholarship interview and to undertake a practical task. There will be a short interview with a member of Exeter School's leadership team.

A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of an art scholarship.

Drama Scholarships

11+, 13+, 16+

Drama scholarships are open to pupils from any school, including Exeter Junior School and Exeter School. Holders of the scholarship will participate fully in the co-curricular theatre programme and be excellent ambassadors for the drama department. Scholars will be involved in all major productions during their time at the school. This involvement may be as a performer, director, technician, or stage manager, and may include duties such as staffing front of house and working backstage. In any of these roles, holders of a drama scholarship will demonstrate reliability, commitment, teamwork, and a high level of skill.

The scholarship programme is likely to include:

- Masterclasses with visiting practitioners and theatre makers such as Rhum and Clay, Complicité and stage combat workshops.
- Work experience opportunities.
- Drama beyond school – talks, experiences and mentoring from the Exeter University drama department which is one of the best in the country.
- Access to speech and drama tuition including LAMDA examinations.
- Access to the National Youth Theatre audition day.
- Access to external youth theatre groups.

In assessing candidates for drama scholarships, we are looking for potential as much as actual achievement. Successful candidates are expected to make a special contribution to school life through their drama, including participating in school

productions as well as taking full advantage of the opportunities on offer to develop their skills. They will study drama to GCSE level, and it is hoped they will continue with A Level drama in the sixth form. If entering Exeter School at sixth form, scholars are expected to take the subject at A Level. In addition, drama scholars should be fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of Exeter School.

Selection is by audition speeches, interview and a workshop. All candidates will be expected to talk about a theatrical production they have seen in the last year and acting candidates should prepare a short piece to perform, of approximately two minutes' duration, from a play of their own choice. Design candidates should produce a logbook including sketches of set, costumes, or lighting from a play of their own choice. There will be a short interview with a member of Exeter School's leadership team.

A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of a drama scholarship.



Music Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

Music scholarships are open to pupils from any school, including Exeter Junior School and Exeter School. Music at Exeter School has an outstanding reputation and offers specialist classrooms, 18 practice rooms, and a concert hall. There is a rich annual programme of contemporary and classical concerts, at school and throughout the region, enabling pupils of all ages to experience the thrill of live performance of both established works and their own compositions.

Class teaching, instrumental teaching, ensembles, and groups are tailor-made to pupils' interests and nearly 500 private music lessons are taken by pupils each week, taught by 27 visiting teachers.

Music scholars form the core of most ensembles and have a very important role within the department. They demonstrate a genuine interest and passion for music. They might be instrumentalists, vocalists, or both. Most importantly, they are prepared to throw themselves wholeheartedly into the musical life of the school through participation in concerts, ensembles, masterclasses and more. They will study music to GCSE level, and it is hoped they will continue with A Level music in the sixth form. In addition, music scholars should be fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of Exeter School.

The scholarship programme is likely to include:

- Masterclasses for all our music scholars.
- Annual scholars' concert.
- Tuition in music theory, sight reading and aural.
- Weekly scholars ensembles.
- Mentoring for all music scholars.

As a guide, applicants to Year 7 might have a grade 2 or 3 on one instrument, to Year 9, grade 4 or 5 and to Year 12, a grade 7. However we prefer to hear from enthusiastic pupils who have potential, play musically and come highly recommended.

The scholarship audition will require applicants to:

- Play or sing two pieces of their own choice on their principal instrument or voice.
- Play and/or sing at sight.
- Take aural tests at a standard to match the pupil's experience.

Supporting evidence of previous accomplishments in music, in the form of references, should be submitted with your application. There will be a short interview with a member of Exeter School's leadership team.

A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of a music scholarship.



Sports Scholarships

11+, 13+, 16+

Sport scholarships are open to pupils from any school, including Exeter Junior School and Exeter School. Exeter School has an enviable reputation for sport locally, in Devon, and on the national stage. A broad range of sports are offered across the whole school with regular success in inter school and national competitions. Sports scholars are expected to not only show outstanding ability and potential for improvement but also to be outstanding ambassadors for their sport and role models for the school. In addition, sports scholars should be fully committed to their academic studies and uphold the values of Exeter School. Applicants should be outstanding at first team level at their current school or club in at least one of the schools' major sports of cricket, hockey, netball and rugby.

Pupils who excel in the schools' other priority sports of swimming and squash will be considered but will be expected to be of 'A' team standard in one of the major sports.

The scholarship programme includes:

- Player education through an annual series of guest speakers and webinars focusing on player development, performance, welfare, sports psychology, and nutrition.
- Parent education – talks and webinars that focus on supported parents to navigate their children through their sporting journey.
- Physiotherapy support – access to physio advice and support from an onsite physiotherapist.
- Athletic development support – programmes and coaching from qualified strength and conditioning coaches.

- Scholars' trips to experience elite sports clubs and specialist sports universities such as Bath and Loughborough.
- Personal mentor for each scholar.

Selection will be made through assessment in various fitness tests as well as performance in the selected sports. Supporting evidence of previous accomplishments in sport, in the form of references, should be submitted with your application. There will be a short interview with a member of Exeter School's leadership team. A satisfactory performance in the academic entrance assessments is a condition of a sports scholarship.



Bursaries

Exeter School believes no child who deserves a place should be barred from attending because of an inability to pay the fees. We want to do more to break down social barriers and provide a nurturing and learning environment for children, regardless of their financial situation, and we want to continue to do this for as long as is necessary.

We recognise that many of our parents make personal sacrifices to secure their children's education. Fees are set at levels which represent excellent value for money, particularly in light of the opportunities offered by the school.

Families are encouraged to apply for both a scholarship and a bursary if they require financial assistance to enable their child to take advantage of the opportunities a scholarship to Exeter School can give.

Bursaries are means-tested awards based on parental circumstances and are awarded on an annual basis. They are available to internal and external candidates who meet the school's academic entry requirement and whose parents could not afford to send their children to Exeter School without financial assistance.

Bursary applications must be supported by a full, written, verified statement of financial circumstances. Parents who wish their children to be considered for a bursary should make an application by completing the application form available from the Director of Admissions and Marketing once they have confirmed their child is a candidate for the coming year, the child has been registered, and the registration fee paid.

All applications for support for the year 2023/24 must be received by Friday 13 January 2023. The assessment process will include a home visit by an agent employed by the school. As a guide, gross parental income will need to be below £60,000 per annum to be considered for a bursary.

Free Places

As part of its bursary programme, we offer up to nine free places in the senior school and sixth form because of donations and legacies from former pupils, and grants from a local charity:

- The Foundation Bursaries, funded from alumni legacies and gifts, will offer free places for up to three pupils entering the school at 11+ (Year 7).
- The St John's Hospital Educational Foundation Grant will offer up to three full bursaries for sixth form study.
- The George Williams Bursaries will offer up to two free places to study the sciences in the sixth form.
- The Bob Griffin Bursary will provide financial support for pupils to study modern foreign languages in the sixth form.

The generosity of our alumni and others with connections to the school is central to our being able to provide the large amount of support we can give to bright children from families in modest circumstances; families who would otherwise be unable to take advantage of our splendid facilities and first-class education.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do pupils apply for a scholarship?

Pupils and their parents should complete the application form which can be found on our website or from the admissions office by emailing admissions@exeterschool.org.uk by Friday 4 November 2023. External candidates will also need to register with Exeter School and provide a copy of their current school report.

Can international pupils apply for a scholarship?

We encourage and welcome scholarship applications from international pupils. Special arrangements are made if the pupil is unable to attend the assessments due to travel issues.

What is the financial value of the scholarship?

Scholarships at Exeter School do not give any fee remission. The value is in the broad range of opportunities that being an Exeter School scholar offers a young person. Potential scholars who require financial assistance with school fees are strongly encouraged to apply for a bursary.

If I am unsuccessful in gaining a scholarship can I still apply for a bursary?

Yes, the two schemes operate independently from each other.

Can you give me an indication of when I am likely to receive the results for the scholarships?

The results are emailed to you, usually less than one month after the end of the scholarship assessments.

Do previous awards continue into sixth form?

Scholarships are reviewed annually but are usually held for the duration of a pupil's time in the senior school provided his or her conduct is satisfactory and his or her level of work and commitment is in line with the expectations of a scholar.

Can a pupil apply for more than one scholarship?

At Exeter School pupils can only apply for one scholarship.

Do I apply for an academic scholarship?

No, all pupils who sit the 11+, 13+ and 16+ entrance assessments and interviews are automatically entered for an academic scholarship and exhibition. Academic scholarships and exhibitions are also awarded to pupils entering the senior school from the junior school.

Do I need to take the subject at GCSE/A Level if I apply for a scholarship?

Ideally, yes. To qualify for a drama scholarship for example, we would expect you to take drama GCSE and/or A Level. If you would like to discuss why this might not be possible, please contact the Director of Admissions and Marketing for guidance. The exception to this is those wishing to apply for a sports scholarship.

I am already an Exeter School pupil, can I apply?

Yes, you are strongly encouraged to apply.



EXONIAN EXPERIENCE

Phoebe Solway

(2012-2019)

Phoebe joined the school in the Third Form on a full school bursary. Leaving in 2019 she is currently at York University completing a degree in business management.

"I joined the school from a tiny village primary school, it was a big change, but the support of teachers and peers helped grow my confidence and communication skills."

Phoebe enjoyed drama and music as well as taking part in CCF, learning leadership skills through working with younger cadets. She liked to perform and loved the opportunity to sing in Exeter Cathedral. "The school gave me the confidence to perform, to put myself forward."

A bursary place has made an incredible difference to Phoebe's life and outlook. "I love to learn, to push myself and work hard; I know this is something Exeter School instilled in me – a strong work ethic and drive to achieve. The school really shaped me as a person. I owe so much to the school; without this bursary I would not be who I am now."

"This is a vital programme to help those who otherwise would not be able to go to Exeter School, I hope it continues to grow and grow."

Important Dates

Saturday 1 October	Whole school open morning
Friday 4 November	Closing date for scholarship applications
Thursday 10 November	Sixth Form open evening
Tuesday 15 November	13+ sport scholarship assessment day
Wednesday 16 November	16+ sport scholarship assessment day
Friday 18 November	11+ sport scholarship assessment day
Monday 21 November	Sixth form taster day
Tuesday 29 November	Whole school open morning
Monday 28 November	Music scholarship assessment (first study vocalists)
Wednesday 30 November	Music scholarship assessment (first saxplayers, big band musicians, rhythm section players)
Thursday 1 December	Music scholarship assessment (orchestral first study players) Drama scholarship assessment day Art scholarship assessment day
Saturday 3 December	11+ assessment preparation morning Sixth form interview day
Thursday 8 December	13+ taster day
Friday 13 January 2023	Closing date for bursary applications
Saturday 21 January	Senior school assessment day



How to apply

Scholarship assessment takes place in the academic year before a pupil joins Exeter School. Scholarships should be applied for using the application form accompanied by supporting evidence of previous accomplishments in your chosen discipline, in the form of references. These references, written by your school, coach, or music/drama teacher, should be submitted with your application. If you are a current Exeter Junior School pupil there is no need to provide a reference from your school teacher or school coach. There will also be a short interview a member of the school's leadership team.

Before being assessed for a scholarship parents should register their child at www.exeterschool.org.uk/admissions. Once the registration is received, a reference from the pupils' current school will be requested.

Scholarship application forms are available online or from the admissions team:

admissions@exeterschool.org.uk
01392 307080

The closing date for scholarship entry in 2023 is Friday 4 November 2022. Supporting evidence, including any references requested, should be included with the completed scholarship application.

Please contact the admissions team if you have any questions: 01392 307080 or admissions@exeterschool.org.uk

The Head has the right to withdraw a scholarship at any time if behaviour, commitment, and academic progress are not being maintained.



EXONIAN EXPERIENCE

Yasmin Western
(2017-2019)

Yasmin was on a sixth form bursary through our partnership with St John's Hospital Educational Foundation.

Yasmin loves to challenge herself, try new things and do something different. Exeter School provided that opportunity time and again from flying planes with the CCF to speaking in MUN competitions and even trying her hand at new sports. "I never like to close myself off to opportunities. Getting the bursary to Exeter School made me want to make the most of every opportunity given to me and there were so many. Inside and outside of the classroom there were experiences and academic enrichment I would never have got anywhere else."

Now at Bath University studying politics and international relations, initially the thought of going to university was alien to Yasmin. "I had not even considered applying to university before coming to the school, no one in my family had been before and it felt like it wasn't for me. But the support and encouragement I

received built my confidence; teachers showed me I could do it.

"Coming to Exeter School is one of the most important parts of my life, it has set me on this trajectory, and I know I would not be on the same path without the school. I was daunted at the thought of starting here, but that soon went, you are treated with respect and with no special treatment – we are all here for the same reason."

As well as completing her degree, Yasmin is currently a trustee board member for Exeter City Football Club, the youngest female board member they have ever had. "Exeter School gave me the confidence to take on a role like this, I love it and am learning so much."

Yasmin is currently applying for internships with Formula 1 companies as part of a sandwich year with her university before she will complete her degree.





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