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Throughout its history, St George's has championed girls to be confident in their ambitions and has always placed great emphasis on strong female role models. It is with this well-established ethos that we launch our new scholarship programme.

By recognising and stretching girls with particular aptitude and potential, we embrace our responsibility as a leader in girls' education. We prize creativity, innovation, and problem-solving, and our empowering scholarship programme challenges you to excel beyond the taught curriculum. This programme aims to provide you with the confidence to use your voice to advocate for yourself and make a positive contribution to the wider community in and beyond school.



"I like the school structure, values and aspirational standards. There are high expectations of the girls instilling a great sense of pride when girls represent the school."

Parent

Why Apply for an Academic Scholarship?

Mentorship: Scholars receive mentorship throughout their secondary school career. This mentor will guide you in academic endeavours, provide advice on balancing schoolwork with co-curricular activities, and support your personal growth and development.

Tailored Super-Curricular Programme: You will receive super-curricular advice based on your interests and strengths. A personalised programme designed to deepen your understanding of subjects you are passionate about and to encourage you to explore new areas of knowledge.



University Preparation: Access to university preparation programmes in S5. These programmes offer guidance on selecting the right university, preparing for entrance exams, and developing the skills needed for university-level studies.

Lecture Series & Competitions: Participation in a variety of internal and external academic events, including lecture series from experts, academic competitions, and Olympiads. These opportunities not only enhance learning but also build your CV and expand your academic network.

"Small class sizes and lots of support. The teachers always seem happy to help and really care about the girls whatever their ability."

Parent

"I like the school's ability to truly treat the girls as individuals, to allow them to focus on their individual goals and have the support in place to encourage everyone."

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HPQ & EPQ Examinations: Free entry to Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) exams. These qualifications allow you to undertake independent research projects, developing critical thinking and research skills that are highly valued by universities and employers.

Tuition Discount: An annual discount on tuition fees*, making high-quality education more accessible.



"Students are mutually supportive and inclusive. Students are encouraged in many areas to engage actively in learning - classrooms are lively and involving spaces and it is common to see the girls debating with each other and questioning in class."

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Scholarship Entry Points

S1 and S2 Academic scholarships are offered to new and existing students entering S1 and to new students entering S2. This early support helps students to develop strong academic foundations and prepares them for future challenges.

Sixth Form Scholarships are offered to new and existing students with outstanding S3 and S4 results. You will receive a financial award* when you leave at the end of S6 which can be used for future educational expenses, such as university tuition or living costs.

What we are looking for

We expect our scholars to:

Achieve Excellence: Maintain excellent academic and behaviour records. This demonstrates your commitment to your studies and your ability to be a positive role model within the school community.

Engage in Competitions: Participation in Olympiads, Maths challenges, and similar academic competitions. These activities encourage you to push your boundaries and test your knowledge against peers from other schools.

Lead by Example: Act as a role model, assist in academic clubs, and participate actively in school life, including representation of the school at Open Days, external competitions and other events. By taking on leadership roles, you help to inspire and support other students, fostering a collaborative and inclusive school environment.

Application Process

1. Online Application: Submit our application form detailing your achievements. This includes your academic records, participation in co-curricular activities, and any awards or recognitions you have received.

2. Assessment: Complete a scholarship assessment and attend an interview. The assessment will evaluate your academic abilities, and will include elements of logic, critical thinking, semantics, language and argumentative writing. The interview will provide an opportunity to discuss your interests, goals, and motivations for applying.

3. Supporting Documents: Provide previous grade reports and records of achievements. These documents help to paint a comprehensive picture of your academic journey and your potential as a scholar.

*See website www.stge.org.uk for details on the value of awards, closing dates for entries and assessment dates.



"The breadth of academic choice of subjects without column constraints is a big plus."

Parent

Clara - My Story

"I genuinely love being in the Sixth Form because the relationships with teachers and peers become stronger. The academic rigour is challenging but extremely rewarding, and the freedom we have prepares us well for university.



There are no limits or restrictions to what you can achieve. The support I receive in every academic area is phenomenal. We're not held back by stereotypes or expectations, and it's incredibly empowering to know that we can pursue any path we choose.

My academic subjects include History, Latin, French, and German. Each one offers its own unique challenges and rewards. The teachers are incredibly supportive and foster a learning environment where you can engage in fascinating discussions and deepen your understanding of the subjects. I plan to study History at the University at Cambridge or St Andrews.

Throughout the university application process, I attended the school's university preparation group, which is specifically geared towards preparing Oxbridge applicants, medics, and applicants to other competitive courses. We were able to do practice interviews and I was assigned a mentor to help me prepare for the HAA, the Cambridge History admissions test.

One of the highlights of my academic journey has been the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This two-year project allows you to dive deep into a subject of your choice, either by writing a 5,000 word essay or creating an artifact. I started my EPQ at the beginning of the Sixth Form, focusing on an area of German history that fascinated me. This project was invaluable, as it allowed me to submit my work for an Oxford essay prize,

which I won.

As part of my co-curriculum, I was lucky enough to be one of three Secretary Generals of Model United Nations this year. This year was really special because we hosted our first St George's conference since 2019, as well as being able to attend a conference at North Berwick. I've absolutely loved working with the other Sec Gens and discussing international relations. It's really nice to see younger students become more confident and flourish into strong delegates.

Being part of Amnesty at school has been an incredible experience for me. We wrote letters for various Amnesty campaigns, which really broadened my political knowledge and awareness. I've also been a member of the school orchestra for 11 years. The camaraderie we share in the orchestra is amazing. We've played together for so long, performing in concerts twice a year, including memorable performances at the Usher Hall.

Our Sixth Form hub is a great location next to the library. It is a wonderful study space with a beautiful view over the Edinburgh skyline.

If I were to recommend St George's to anyone, I would say - go for it, it's a place where you can thrive academically while being part of a friendly and welcoming community."

Bivy - My Story

"My name is Bivy and I joined St George's from Hong Kong.

This school has truly shaped my academic journey. Coming from Hong Kong, the change was significant. The teaching style here is more



interactive and technology-driven, with a focus on teamwork and collaboration. This inclusive and supportive community made my adaptation seamless and I found it very enriching.

I chose the school because of its excellent academic results, outstanding teaching resources, and welcoming environment. Being an all-girls school, it fosters a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

During my sixth form years, I received incredible support for my career aspirations. I'm planning on becoming a vet. As a prospective Vet Med student work experience is crucial. Thanks to our Career's teacher, I secured work experience at four different vet clinics in Edinburgh. This diverse experience, coupled with mock interviews thoroughly prepared me for university interviews.

The personalised guidance from my Chemistry teacher was invaluable. She meticulously reviewed my personal statement and helped me identify the best university options, making the application process much smoother.

The teaching style is both broad and flexible. When I first joined, I was unsure about my subject choices, but the school allowed us to explore different subjects before finalising them. This flexibility, along with the culturally diverse community, helped me adapt quickly and thrive.

I joined various Maths challenges, Physics competitions, and Chemistry contests, and with the unwavering support of my teachers, I achieved remarkable success. These experiences not only honed my skills but also made my university applications stand out.

Being a part of the Anatomy Club allowed me to apply my knowledge practically. Dissecting animals like frogs and pigeons

deepened my understanding of Biology and showcased my passion for the subject, making my university application even stronger.

As a helper in the science club, I had the chance to communicate and teach younger students, which improved my communication skills and confidence. This opportunity was especially valuable as an international student with English as my second language.

The school constantly encourages us to participate in numerous co-curricular activities like the badminton club, spin club, anatomy club, and science club. These activities provide a perfect balance, allowing us to de-stress while enriching our academic life.”



Terms and conditions

All examinations, practical tests and interviews take place at St George's School. Parents seeking means-tested financial assistance should complete a bursary application.

Once in receipt of a scholarship, a student is expected to retain the award for as long as they remain at St George's, provided they continue to meet the requirements. Any issues with scholars not complying with the expectations will be communicated to them and their families with ample time to resolve them, however the school does retain the right to withdraw a scholarship award if issues are not resolved. Candidates wishing to be considered for a place, even if a scholarship is not awarded, must also be registered for the school in the usual way. A minimum of two years of studying at St George's is required to apply for a scholarship.

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