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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 Art scholarship programme.

By recognising and stretching girls with particular artistic 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.

Art is an important part of life at St George's encouraging creativity and independence. Our Art department is a bright space to work in and our students have access to a wide range of media. Our Art Scholars thrive in a programme designed to nurture creativity, enhance skillsets, and ignite artistic passions.



Why Apply for an Art Scholarship?

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

Exhibition Opportunities: The opportunity to exhibit work in the annual Art Exhibition and receive support with exhibiting work externally where appropriate.

Additional Courses and Tuition: Access to additional courses and tuition, for example, drawing development courses.

Art Starter Pack: Receipt of an art 'starter pack' including materials and equipment for different media.

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



Scholarship Entry Points

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

Sixth Form Scholarships are offered to new and existing students with outstanding artistic potential. You will receive a financial award* when you leave the school 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

Our Art Scholars are expected to demonstrate artistic and creative potential and an enthusiasm for art beyond performing well in class.

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 exhibitions, courses, and Scholar lunches. These activities encourage you to push your boundaries and showcase your talent.

Lead by Example: Act as a role model, assist in art 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. This includes your artistic achievements, participation in co-curricular activities, and any awards or recognitions you have received. Applicants are expected to be developing and producing a high standard of artwork beyond the classroom. Applicants are required to submit 6 digital images of pieces of original artwork with a brief description of each piece and the inspiration behind them.

2. Assessment: If you are shortlisted, you will be asked to attend an assessment to evaluate your artistic abilities and to attend an interview which will provide an opportunity to discuss your interests, goals, and motivations for applying.

3. Supporting Documents: Provide previous school reports and records of artistic work and achievements in the form of a portfolio of artwork. These documents help to paint a comprehensive picture of your artistic 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.



Sarah - My Story

"Art and school in general have been absolutely wonderful for me. The art department is truly special. We have a dedicated Sixth Form room available during lunch and free periods, where you get to know the same people who are there regularly. It creates a lovely community where we can share our work and ask for feedback. It's such a supportive environment, and I've developed great relationships with other students.



Our art classrooms are large, bright, and airy, set up perfectly for creating art. Room four is an extra space where we can work during lunch and free periods, building a real sense of community. We can leave our work out to dry without packing up each time, which is amazing.

I am planning on studying the Comic and Concept Art degree at Leeds which I hope will open doors for working as a concept artist and visual developer for television and film. Building up my portfolio was a massive task, but I received so much help. It was overwhelming at first, but taking different parts of what I was already doing made it easier. One project I'm particularly proud of is for the Old Girls Award. I made a book by recycling my GCSE paper, creating the cover, and learning basic embroidery. Winning the award for this project meant a lot to me; it was something I genuinely enjoyed working on.

The support is incredible. Our teachers are amazing and support us in everything we want to do. Especially with the A-level course, we have the freedom to choose our projects, and the teachers help tailor them to achieve the best marks possible. I made use of the portfolio preparation course, which was a massive help.

To anyone considering art here, take advantage of all the opportunities. We have access to so many resources, and the teachers are always there to help, whether it's related to the course or personal art projects. Initially, I was apprehensive about using these resources, but once I did, everything became so much easier. I was able to try new things, go bigger with my designs, and use more interesting materials. For instance, I explored sculpting, which was an incredible experience."

Karla - My Story

"Hi, I'm Karla. I'm from Hong Kong and arrived at St George's two years ago in Lower Sixth. I'm a full-time boarder here and a passionate textile student. Ever since I was a child, I loved arts and crafts, sewing, knitting, and making little things with my hands. When I found out I could take textiles as a course here, I was thrilled. It was a perfect way to blend my hobby with academic work, and I knew I'd excel because I enjoy it so much!



I am thinking of studying Law at University and textiles class has been my escape. After challenging academic classes, I look forward to my textiles period. It's my time to relax, sew, knit, and create, taking my mind off everything else.

One of my most significant projects has been my anatomy project for my A-level course. Inspired by my fascination with horror and body horror, I delved into themes of the human body, organs, and gore. It allowed me to merge my interests and express myself uniquely.

I've learned so many new skills. Before, I only knew basic embroidery, but here, I've mastered advanced techniques and

even learned to use a sewing machine - something I never had access to before. Discovering materials like vanishing fabric, which dissolves in water, has expanded my creative possibilities. I never even knew such materials existed!

The support I've received from my teachers has been incredible. They've introduced me to new materials, taught me techniques I hadn't considered, and given me ideas to push my projects further. Their guidance has been crucial for my growth as an artist.

The art department is like a family. The teachers are always available for a chat, and the art block is a welcoming space where friends greet each other warmly. Walking into the art department, I feel excited and ready to create."





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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