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Sixth Form Scholarship Information for External Candidates

All Scholars

- All scholars are expected to make a contribution to the school in their specialist area(s) and to participate in all Scholarship Programmes.
- Some students may alternatively be awarded an Exhibition to recognise their excellence in a particular field.

Head's Scholarships - No application needed

Head's Scholarships will be awarded by the Head to exceptional girls; no application is required as all girls will be considered for these scholarships on merit and taking into consideration their academic potential and contribution to school life. Head's Scholarships are awarded entirely at the Head's discretion.

Sixth Form Scholarships are also available in the following categories:

- Academic
- Art & Design (to include Art and Textiles)
- Drama (Acting or Production)
- Music
- Sports

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of current performance, excellence in the scholarship assessments, ability to demonstrate a wide range of interests, a good school report, anticipated GCSE results, the ability to contribute to the life of the Sixth Form and the school.

Each girl may be considered for a maximum of **two** categories of scholarship.
Any combination of two scholarships may be held.

Applying for a Scholarship

Please fill out the front sheet for your application (which is at the end of this information pack) and submit it to admissions via File Requests by 11.00 am on Friday 8th January 2021.

Each category of Scholarship requires a letter of application of no more than 500 words explaining why you want to apply, together with a CV, which should be as full as possible, emphasising your achievements, interests and enthusiasms in your chosen fields and outlining your contribution to the life of the school.

Please see the Important Dates grid for key dates relevant to applications and any associated interviews.

Academic

Please submit your CV and a covering letter of application addressed to Dr Peter Secker. Whilst there are no restrictions on applications for an Academic Scholarship, candidates should be aware that academic attainment and work ethic are taken into account when shortlisting. Academic Scholars are required to make a full contribution to the academic life of the school and to participate fully in OWLS (Oxford and Wimbledon Leading Scholars).

Art & Design

In addition to the letter of application and CV, candidates should submit a substantial portfolio of up to 10 sheets or sketchbooks or a design folio by the deadline date, to the Admissions department. The portfolio will be assessed on the following criteria:

- A lively personal response to project work
- Evidence of study outside lessons
- Accurate, confident observation drawing/recording from visual sources
- Innovative, creative and realistic designs
- Awareness of form and structure
- Use of a wide variety of materials
- Awareness of other Artists/Designers
- Ability to see through into a well-finished piece

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a virtual interview. They will be talking about their work, art interests, experience, and influences.

Drama: Acting or Production

In addition to the letter of application and CV, shortlisted candidates (Acting) should prepare **two** (maximum length of two minutes each) speeches from published plays (note: no musicals, film or book excerpts), one classical and one modern (20th/21st century), and should state which pieces they will offer in their letter of application. Both pieces should be learned in advance, and no scripts are to be held by the candidate. Prompts are acceptable. No costume or props are needed but this is left to the candidate's choice.

In addition to the letter of application and CV, shortlisted candidates (Production) should prepare a five minute presentation on an aspect of theatre design for a specific production, e.g. set, costumes, lighting, sound, and should state which production they will be designing for in their letter of application.

Music

In addition to the letter of application and CV, candidates are invited to submit a video-recorded recital consisting of two or three contrasting pieces lasting up to **12 minutes in total**. This includes any setting up and tuning between pieces. Please time your pieces carefully and do not exceed this. The video should be made in one continuous, un-edited take. Please note the video can be recorded via a smart phone device or similar. Specialist equipment is not required, nor will it be advantageous. The overall standard should be approximately Grade 8, although an easier piece can be included. If you like, you can play on more than one instrument (including singing) but this is not necessarily an

advantage in the scholarship audition process. We would like to hear you do what you are best at, and communicate enjoyment through your Music.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a virtual interview and audition. As well as talking about your musical interests and experience, you will be asked to do a 'quick study' test of approximately Grade 8 standard, which will consist of a performance of a short piece of music on your main instrument, without accompaniment, which will be sent to you 24 hours before the audition. Candidates should prepare for the quick study test on their own, without the help of parents and teachers.

Sports

In addition to the letter of application and CV, shortlisted candidates should prepare a two-minute presentation on the key attributes of a successful sportswoman, for discussion at interview. You should also select a recent press article on a sports issue that you can discuss. Candidates applying for a Sports Scholarship would normally be expected to be performing at an appropriately high level out of school.

Sports Scholars are required to make a full contribution to the sporting life of the school, including assisting on Open Evenings and helping to run at least one club a week. They are expected to play for teams as selected. To help you in your role, a place will be automatically reserved for you on the Sports Leadership course which runs in Year 12 as part of the Perspectives programme.

Application Submission Checklist

All internal and external applications should be submitted by the end of the day on **Friday 8th January 2021**. Please see the next page for detailed instructions on how to submit your application documents online.

Category	Category-Specific:	All Categories:
Academic	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sixth-form scholarship application form • a letter of application (MS Word or PDF) of no more than 250 words, explaining why you want to apply • a CV (MS Word or PDF), which should be as full as possible, listing your achievements, interests and enthusiasms and outlining your contributions to the life of the school
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an art portfolio consisting of 10 examples of their best artwork (delivered to the school) 	
Drama	N/A	
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a video recording of two contrasting pieces lasting up to 12 minutes in total 	
Sports	N/A	

Art Portfolio: Candidates should deliver their Art portfolios to the Senior School reception by **11am on Friday 8th January 2021**. To adhere to COVID-safety guidelines, our staff will ask you to leave the name-labelled Art portfolio in a designated box in the school's reception area. If, for whatever reason, you are not able to hand-deliver the portfolio, we ask that you submit a digital Art portfolio by submitting photos of the artwork and the relevant digital media files to us via **File Request** by the same deadline as above. Submitting a digital Art portfolio is not going to penalise your application.

Important dates

Scholarships	Application Deadline	Shortlisting Outcome	Shortlisted Candidates	Scholarship Outcome
Academic	Friday 8th January 2021 <i>see submission checklist above</i>	N/A	N/A	Friday 26th February 2021 <i>Outcome by email</i>
Art		Monday 25th January 2021 <i>Shortlisting outcome communicated by email</i>	Thursday 11th February Virtual Interview	
Music			Wednesday 10th February or Thursday 11th February Virtual Interview and 'Quick Study' Audition	
Drama			Wednesday 10th February or Thursday 11th February Virtual Interview and 2-min Speech Audition (acting) or 5-min presentation (production)	
Sport			Monday 8th February Virtual Interview and 2-min presentation	

How to submit a Scholarship Application?

1. Prepare your application files

If possible, please name the file with your daughter's name.

2. Go to <https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/sixthform-scholarship-application/>

3. Click the 'Submit Scholarship Application' button for the relevant scholarship



SUBMIT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

When you click the 'Submit Scholarship Application' button, you will be directed to a **File Request** page. You can upload the application files from your computer (for Word and PDF documents) or from your mobile phone (e.g. for videos recorded with your smartphone). You may upload the documents at different times, but please ensure that all application files are uploaded by the end of 8th January 2021.

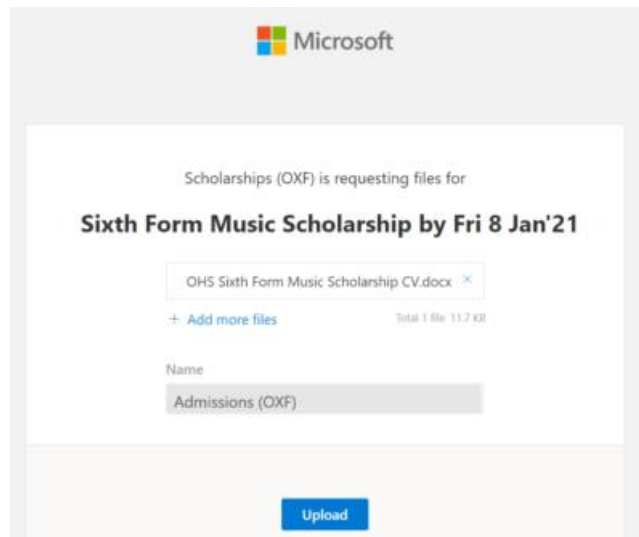
a) Click 'Select File'

You will be able to select the file(s) you want to upload from your local directory. Click **Add more files** to add additional files.



b) Enter Your Daughter's Name

Enter your daughter's name. If you are signed into Office 365, the uploader identity will be automatically recorded, and you will not be able to enter your daughter's name. If possible, we suggest you sign out of Office 365. If not, do not worry, we will for sure be able to identify your daughter's files with your name.



c) Click 'Upload'

Once the files are successfully uploaded, a confirmation page will appear, and you will no longer be able to edit or remove the files.

