



OXFORD  
HIGH SCHOOL

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

## Year 7 Art, Drama, Music and Sports Scholarships and Exhibitions

The Girls' Day School Trust aims to seek out the brightest, most deserving girls for scholarships so that the largest possible number of talented girls can benefit from the opportunities that a scholarship brings.

At Oxford High School, we are proud to offer a range of scholarships to celebrate our girls' many achievements and talents. These are available to internal and external candidates in **Art, Drama, Music and Sport**. **Scholarships** will be awarded on the basis of performance in the scholarship process, ability to demonstrate a wide range of interests, a good report from the applicant's present school (if an external candidate), and the ability to contribute to the life of the school.

**Exhibitions** will also be awarded to candidates who excel in the assessment or scholarship process. The values of scholarships vary but are generally small and more about the honour of the award than the amount given. A scholarship may, however, be supplemented by a bursary.

We award **Academic** Scholarships based on performance in the entrance assessments and interview; there is no separate Academic Scholarship examination or interview. Academic Scholars are expected to make a full contribution to the academic life of the school.

Each girl may apply for a **maximum of two categories** of a Scholarship. A candidate may hold more than one Scholarship, together with a Bursary and an Academic Scholarship.

Any Scholarship or Exhibition awarded will last for the duration of a girl's time at Oxford High School, subject to good conduct and satisfactory progress.

## **Art Scholarship**

Head of Art: Mr Marc Barrett; Head of Textiles: Mrs Helen Wilson

### **What We Expect**

Art Scholars are required to make a full contribution to the artistic life of the school, not only in lessons but by taking an active part in clubs and events and advocating art in their year group.

### **How to Apply?**

#### **Art Portfolio (delivered to school)**

In addition to the letter of application and CV, candidates are asked to submit a portfolio of their best artwork. They must be selective and consist of between 10 and 15 examples (no more). The portfolio should include a mixture of scales, from small sketches/studies to larger pieces. We are happy to see examples from some of the following approaches: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Textile Art, Printmaking, Photography and Digital Art. Any three-dimensional artwork and pieces larger than A2 should be submitted to us as photos. There is no need or expectation to submit work from all these mediums. We want to see what the candidate is good at and what she enjoys doing, to get a sense of her artistic exploits through her body of work. We would also like to see how the candidate has researched existing artists, designers or craftspeople. This might be by evidencing a visit made to an art exhibition or gallery with some notes, sketches, collected postcards and photos, possibly put together in a small notebook/sketchbook. Alternatively, the candidate can evidence their research by writing about an artist's work and making her own response piece. We do not expect the artwork to be mounted or framed. The work can be submitted on loose pieces of card or paper. Alternatively, it can be in a sketchbook or a combination of both.

The portfolio will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Artwork you have done outside school lessons and independently
- Accurate, confident observational drawing/recording from visual sources
- Evidence of an understanding of the formal elements in art such as shape, proportion, tone and form
- Use of a wide variety of materials
- Awareness of other artists/designers
- A finished piece

#### **Letter of Application and CV**

In the letter of application and CV, candidates should include evidence of the following or equivalent:

- Details of art clubs attended
- Details of recent art competitions (local/national) that the candidate has entered and any positioning achieved
- Details of art exhibitions attended
- Information about your most recent artwork or your favourite artist; why s/he is your favourite and how s/he has influenced you and your work
- A section explaining why you are applying for the scholarship.

### **Shortlisted Candidates**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a virtual interview on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. They will be talking about their work, art interests, experience, and influences.

## **Drama Scholarship**

Head of Drama: Miss Julie Bramall

### **What We Expect**

Drama Scholars should be subject role models in terms of their conduct, effort and skill, and are required to make a full contribution to school drama.

### **How to Apply?**

#### **Video Performance (2-min speech) and Script**

Candidates need to submit a video recording of a two-minute speech from a **published play** of their choice. Costume is not necessary to wear for characterisation; however, you may use small props if they are integral to the scene. It is preferable if the speech has been memorised. Please note the video can be recorded via a smart phone device or similar. Specialist equipment is not required, nor will it be advantageous. Please include the script of the two-minute speech.

#### **Letter of Application and CV**

In the letter of application and CV, candidates should include evidence of the following or equivalent:

- Involvement in productions in school or outside school
- Speech and Drama qualifications (copies of any certificates with grades)
- What theatrical or film actor do you admire and why?

### **Shortlisted Candidates**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a **virtual interview and audition on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**. As well as talking about their drama interests and experience, they will be asked to perform a **two-minute speech** from a published play of their choice (a different speech than the one they submitted for application). Candidates will be asked to provide the script extract prior to the interview. It is expected that the speech will be learnt and there should be some awareness of the context of the play they have chosen the piece from (although they will not be tested on this as such, they must know, and be able to evidence in the performance, knowledge about the circumstances of the character and the play from a little bit of research). Candidates will then be asked a series of simple questions about the performance, their interpretation, and further questions about drama and their application.

## **Music Scholarship**

Director of Music: Dr Peter Foster

### **What We Expect**

Music Scholars are required to make a full contribution to the musical life of the school as soloists and ensemble performers.

### **How to Apply?**

#### **Video Performance (two contrasting pieces, 10 mins max.)**

Candidates are invited to send a video performance consisting of two contrasting pieces, lasting up to 10 minutes in total. This includes any setting up and tuning between pieces. 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.

Please time your recital carefully and do not exceed this time. The overall standard should be Grade 5 or above. If you wish to play something more difficult than this, you may, but we would prefer you to give a polished, enjoyable performance of a piece you really know, rather than play something you have not quite mastered yet. If you like, you can play on more than one instrument (including singing) but this is not necessarily an advantage in the audition process. We would like to hear you do what you are best at and communicate enjoyment through your Music.

#### **Letter of Application and CV**

In the letter of application and CV, candidates should include evidence of the following or equivalent:

- Achievement in Examinations and Grades in one or more instruments (it is not necessary to have passed Grade 5, provided your audition demonstrates that this standard has been reached)
- Membership of and commitment to music ensembles in school or outside school
- The names and contact details (including e-mail) of two referees

### **Shortlisted Candidates**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a virtual interview and audition on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**. As well as talking about your musical interests and experience, you will be asked to do a 'quick study' test, 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.

## **Sport Scholarship**

Director of Sports: Miss Kathryn McGonigle

### **What We Expect**

Applications will be considered from candidates participating in the following core sports: hockey, netball, football, swimming, gymnastics, cricket, tennis and athletics. Other sports will also be considered but a candidate must be County Level or above.

Sports Scholars will be an ambassador for the school's sporting values and participate in a variety of activities including strength and conditioning sessions, mentoring programmes and high-level coaching across a range of sports.

Sports Scholars are expected to be fully committed to the sporting life at Oxford High School by:

- Attending training sessions and fixtures on a regular basis, which should take priority over external commitments (except where selection for a representative team causes a clash)
- Participate fully in House Competitions
- Represent the school in sporting events, internally and externally
- Attend compulsory Sports Scholar sessions, as arranged by the school
- Be positive in all aspects of sporting life

### **How to Apply?**

#### **Letter of Application and CV**

Candidates must submit a letter of application, written by themselves, and a sporting CV, which include the following:

- Details about yourself as an individual and as a sports person
- Details of regular commitment to playing for a school team, and/or outside school
- A list of representative honours, if appropriate
- Evidence of individual achievement, if appropriate

#### **Letter of Reference from the School's Sports Department**

In addition to the letter of application and sporting CV, candidates must submit a reference from the candidate's school's sports department detailing the candidate's commitment and achievements inside and outside school, as well as personal attributes.

#### **Video Compilation of Sports Performance (optional, not essential)**

Candidates are welcome to send a video of them playing their sport(s). We understand that candidates may not have been able to play sports under COVID restrictions. Not having a video is not going to penalise their application.

### **Shortlisted Candidates**

Successful candidates will be shortlisted for a virtual interview on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**, including a 2-min oral presentation of a sports person that the candidate admires. **Note:** Shortlisted candidates may be invited to attend a sports assessment on site if deemed necessary (date TBC).

## Application Submission Checklist

All internal and external applications should be submitted by the end of the day on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Please see the next page for detailed instructions on how to submit your application documents online.

Category	Category-Specific:	All Categories:
<b>Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an <b>Art portfolio</b> consisting of 10-15 examples of their best artwork (delivered to the school)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a <b>letter of application</b> (MS Word or PDF) written by the applicant of no more than 250 words, explaining why she wants to apply</li> <li>a <b>CV</b> (MS Word or PDF), which should be as full as possible, listing her achievements, interests and enthusiasms and outlining her contributions to the life of the school</li> </ul>
<b>Drama</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a <b>video</b> recording of a 2-minute speech from a published play of their choice</li> <li>the <b>transcript</b> of the speech</li> </ul>	
<b>Music</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a <b>video</b> recording of two contrasting pieces lasting up to 10 minutes in total</li> </ul>	
<b>Sports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a <b>reference letter</b> from the school's sports department</li> <li>a <b>video</b> compilation of the candidate playing sports (if available, but not essential)</li> </ul>	

**Art Portfolio:** External candidates should deliver their Art portfolios to the Senior School reception by **11am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Internal candidates should deliver their Art portfolios to the Prep School reception by **11am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

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

The Year 7 interviews and auditions will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Scholarships	Application Deadline	Shortlisting Outcome	Shortlisted Candidates	Scholarship Outcome
<b>Sport</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 (see submission checklist above)	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> Virtual Interview and Oral Presentation	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Outcome letters go out by 1<sup>st</sup> class post</i>  <i>(The posted letter should arrive with you on Saturday morning)</i>
<b>Music</b>			<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> Virtual Interview and 'Quick Study' Audition	
<b>Drama</b>			<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> Virtual Interview and 2-min Speech Audition	
<b>Art</b>			<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> Virtual Interview	

## 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/scholarships\\_year7](https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/scholarships_year7)

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



SUBMIT ART 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 6th January 2021.

#### a) Click 'Select File'

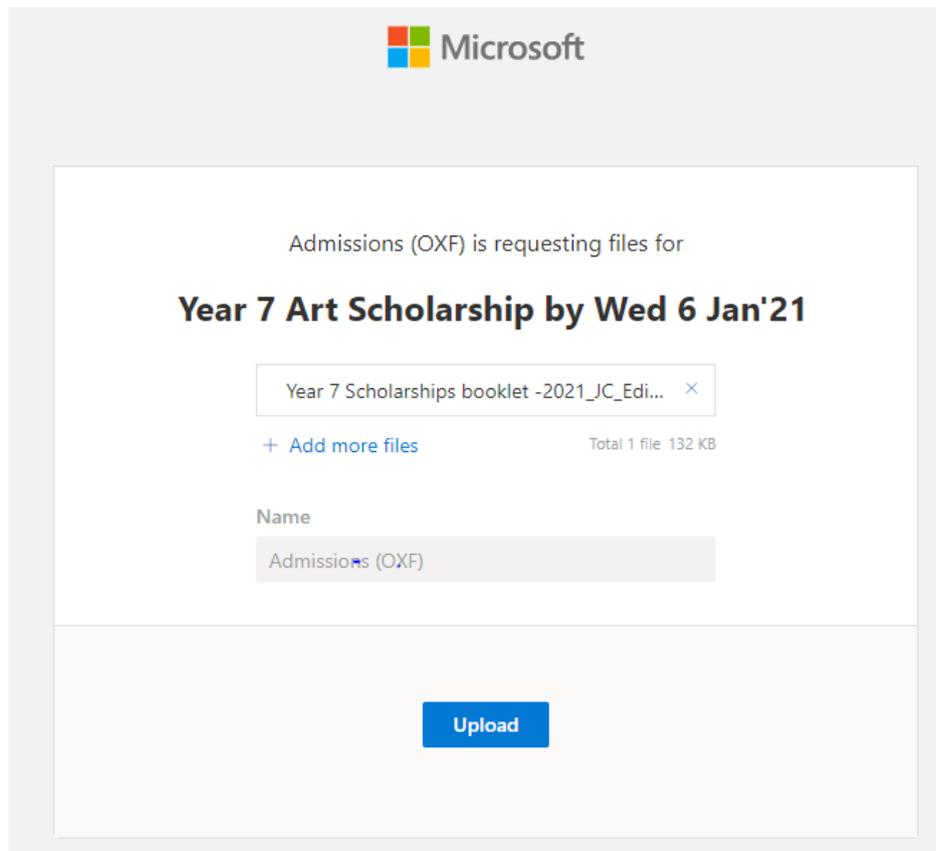
You will be able to select the file(s) you want to upload from your local directory. Click **Add more files** to add additional files.



#### 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 to sign out of Office 365. If not, don't worry, we will for sure be able to identify your daughter's files with your name.



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**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.

The Admissions Team will email you to confirm receipt of your daughter's scholarship application(s) after the Christmas break, between Monday 4th January 2021 to Thursday 7th January 2021.

If you have any questions, please email [admissions@oxf.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@oxf.gdst.net)