



**TAUNTON
SCHOOL**

Sixth Form Scholarships

Information and entry forms for September 2019 entry

Entry deadline 5th November 2018



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Sixth Form Scholarships September 2019 Entry

Recognising Talent

Scholarships recognise academic, artistic, musical, sporting and all round talent in students going into the Sixth Form. They allow dedicated individuals to benefit from the exciting Sixth Form experience and first class education here at Taunton School, that will set them up for life. As well as the prestige of being a scholar, our Scholars' Programme offers enrichment and extension to the curriculum in weekly sessions. These include exciting external speakers, which have previously included Professor Robert Winston and in depth presentations by peers on a wide variety of different topics. There are a number of scholarships offering awards of up to 40% (and in exceptional circumstances 50%) of the tuition fee and can be for either day or boarding pupils. Candidates need to demonstrate outstanding qualities in their chosen discipline and meet the criteria and procedures for each award entered as set out below. Candidates can enter for a maximum of two awards plus an All Rounder.

Scholarships are awarded on merit and potential. They are open to applicants from within and outside Taunton School. The successful candidates will have good predicted grades at (I)GCSE, show themselves to be aware of contemporary issues, and express their views well. They should be able to describe their interests with enthusiasm and explain clearly how a scholarship award will help them realise their ambitions.

Financial Support

Consideration may also be given to assisted places (also known as bursaries) which can be added to a scholarship offer and are awarded at the Headmaster's discretion. If an Assisted Place is being applied for, a [financial circumstances](#) form should accompany the scholarship entry. It is the School Governors' policy that scholarships and assisted places cannot be combined with sibling discounts.

Key Dates

Monday 5 November

This is the deadline to submit all Sixth Form scholarship entries including personal statements, supporting evidence and references for Academic and All Rounder candidates as well as Art and Computer Science portfolios.

Friday 9 November

Academic and All Rounder critical reading test, interview and essay for Taunton School candidates. Please note there is only one round for Taunton School candidates.

Saturday 10 November

Academic and All Rounder critical reading test, interview and essay for candidates from other schools.

Monday 12 November

Sports assessments will be held for all candidates.

Tuesday 13 November

Art, Design & Technology, Drama, Computer Science and Music assessments take place for all candidates.

Friday 30 November

Offers for Scholarships in the autumn round will arrive on or after this date, in accordance with the rules of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC).

Friday 21 December

Scholarship award acceptances are required by this date.

Monday 4 March

This is the deadline to submit Sixth Form scholarship entries for the second round of Academic assessments.

Procedure

The Headteacher of the candidate's present school should be advised of the scholarship application, as she/he will be approached for a confidential reference.

All candidates are required to complete and submit the entry form along with any other requirements shown below.

There are roles and responsibilities required of scholars and these are described in 'Expectations of Scholars' on page 11.

Applications will be acknowledged with information on timings of examinations, assessments and interviews. For general scholarship enquiries, please contact the Admissions Manager. For subject specific enquiries, please contact the appropriate Head of Department.



Academic Scholarships

High achieving young people wanting to progress to high ranking universities, conservatoires or medical students may be attracted to an academic scholarship.

As part of our Scholarship Programme, previous academic scholars have enjoyed workshops on Shakespeare, talks on the Science Industry, and sixth form students have presented themselves on topics including China, Habsburg Marriage: A Tale of Imperialism and Incest and 'Iconoclasm: Then and Now'. Scholars have also benefited from talks on Why is reading important? The Mafia and debated the Rise of Global Angry Nationalism.

All candidates will undergo a critical reading test, an interview with a senior member of staff and write a general essay in response to one of a choice of questions. As part of their application, candidates are required to submit a description of themselves and their scholarly interests and ambitions up to a maximum of 500 words.

All Rounder Scholarships

Candidates for the All Rounder Scholarships will follow the same procedure as given above for Academic Scholarships and in addition they will also be assessed for competence in Art, Drama, Music, Computer Science or Sport, as detailed below. One or two disciplines can be chosen.

Art Scholarships

Being an Art scholar is an exciting and privileged opportunity which requires you to demonstrate a real passion for your chosen art form. You will need to be committed to representing the school and make a positive contribution to the school community. Studying an Arts subject develops many skills such as creative thinking, self-concept, problem-solving, self-expression, risk-taking, and cooperation. There are challenging workshops for Art Scholars, where students will experience visual creativity at the highest level as well as learn more about how they learn. The scholarship is aimed at students who are artistic, have spent a lot of time in school developing their artistic talents and have the utmost ambition to progress further.

Find out more about this department by viewing [The Arts brochure](#).



To apply:

Part 1: All applicants should submit an electronic portfolio consisting of a maximum of 10 pieces of work plus a short personal statement explaining the nature of their work (maximum 200 words). Portfolios in other formats will not be accepted. The portfolio and personal statement should be emailed to the Head of Art, Dr Lotte Hammer lotte.hammer@tauntonschool.co.uk by 5 November 2018.

The portfolio selection should illustrate the candidate's ability to work with a wide range of materials and techniques at a high level e.g. drawings from life, paintings from observation, works in three dimensions and experiments with mixed media. It is important to show idea development, creativity and originality. Please include pictures of exciting sketchbook pages. Work produced at school or outside is welcome.

Part 2: The applicants with the strongest portfolios will be invited to sit a practical test on 13 November during which they will be expected to draw from life. The test will last approximately one hour. All materials will be provided but applicants are welcome to bring their own pencils etc.

Part 3: On 13 November, the selected candidates will attend a short informal interview during which they will discuss their work. Applicants are expected to bring the original 10 pieces of work from their electronic portfolio with them to the interview.

Any questions relating to the Art scholarships should be directed to the Head of Art on the email address shown above.



Design and Technology Scholarships

Being a Design & Technology scholar is an exciting, challenging and rewarding experience with boundless opportunities in a very well-resourced, state-of-the-art department. A successful scholar will be expected to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities provided by the department. From the electric racing cars designed, manufactured and raced in the national Greenpower Competition to the innovative design, development and manufacture of products; the D&T department is a vibrant, creative and successful environment which helps to stimulate and enthuse each pupil. In the past, our DT students have created a website for local community group the Taunton Rotary Club Moon Walk.

Find out more about this department by viewing our [STEM brochure](#).

High standards and commitment is expected from scholars who must consider themselves ambassadors for both the subject and the School. Candidates will sit a one-hour examination and discuss their design portfolio (including photographs of a product or products they have made) with the department. Portfolios must be received by 5 November 2018. The exam and interviews will take place on 13 November 2018. Any questions relating to the Design & Technology scholarships should be directed to Mr Glyn Bough, Head of D&T glyn.bough@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Drama Scholarships

Our Drama scholars play an integral part in the academic and co-curricular life at Taunton School. Scholars of Drama will participate fully in our co-curricular theatre programme and be excellent representatives for the Drama department. We believe that the subject plays a pivotal role in the development of pupils' social skills and confidence levels. In recent years the department has delivered a number of opportunities to work with theatre companies and see live theatre productions, such as Blood Brothers, Jane Eyre and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time.

Find out more about this department by viewing [The Arts brochure](#).



Auditions and interviews for Drama Scholarships will be held on the morning of 13 November 2018. Candidates write a timed essay on a topic that will be given to them in advance. There will also be a group assessment (improvisation), two performances of contrasting individual monologues (prepared in advance), and an interview of approximately 10 minutes where candidates will discuss the context and preparation of their work for Year 11. It is imperative that candidates do not perform pieces that they have prepared for, or are preparing for LAMDA examinations. Candidates should select two contrasting pieces from published plays that show their range of skills. The pieces must be learnt and the plays should have been read in order that the candidates are able to discuss their pieces within the context of the playwright's intentions. If you have any queries relating to Drama Scholarships, please contact Mrs Melanie Stamp, Head of Drama melanie.stamp@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Computer Science Scholarships

Computer Science scholars have the opportunity to take part in additional subject related competitions and initiatives. Our facilities at Taunton School are outstanding and will put you ahead of the competition at university.

The Computer Science scholarship is examined in two parts. Part 1 is the submission of a solution to a Computer Science Problem set by the department using MIT's Graphical Programming Language Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/>. The problem set will be available to candidates each year at the beginning of the school year. The solution should demonstrate the candidate's ability to develop an efficient solution that meets the requirements laid out in the problem set. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a clear understanding of computer science principles in their solutions and will be expected to be able to explain their solution during an informal interview. The work should be submitted electronically (either online or via other media). Care should be taken in terms of contextualising the submission so that it is in an appropriate form that fully demonstrates the candidate's strengths.



Part 2 takes the form of an informal interview during which the candidate will have the opportunity of discussing their work to build a wider picture of their strengths in Computer Science.

Solutions should reach Taunton School by 5 November 2018 and selected candidates will then be invited for an interview on 13 November 2018. Any questions relating to the Computer Science Scholarship can be sent to Mr Simon Ryder, Head of Computing & ICT simon.ryder@tauntonschool.co.uk.

Find out more about this department by viewing our [STEM brochure](#).

Music Scholarships

Our Music scholars programme has involved examining music careers, performance and critique, sound recording and production, and how to improve in the most efficient way. As a Music Scholar you will show a high degree of passion when it comes to representing the school's Music department and community. Talented musicians can combine a wide range of exceptional musical opportunities with a tailored academic programme at Taunton School.



On 13 November candidates will be required to perform on their first and second instrument, if applicable. There will also be sight-reading and aural tests. There is no absolute requirement in terms of Associated Board exams, but all Music scholars are expected to be able to perform to a high standard. The Director of Music, Mr Mark Cracknell, is pleased to meet potential Music scholars at any time to discuss their prospects, answer questions and show them round the Music School. Please email any questions relating to Music scholarships to mark.cracknell@tauntonschool.co.uk.

Find out more about this department by viewing our [Music brochure](#).



Sports Scholarships and Awards

Our Sports scholars' programme includes understanding pressure, elite performance, relaxation, sports psychology, speed and developing as a person. Sports Scholarships are awarded to candidates of outstanding ability or potential in this field. They presuppose a high degree of motivation and commitment on the part of the candidate. At the interview on 12 November 2018 candidates will be expected to demonstrate enthusiasm, knowledge and skill. Candidates should bring along any appropriate records of success. Candidates wishing to apply for Sports Scholarships should complete the 16+ entry form as well as the sports entry form. If you have any questions about the Sports Scholarship process, please contact Ms Hayley Mortimer, Director of Sport, by email hayley.mortimer@tauntonschool.co.uk.

Find out more about this department by viewing our [Sports brochure](#).



Taunton Deane Scholarships

Scholarships, worth up to 40% of the fees, are open to all candidates who reside in the Taunton area and who have not previously attended an Independent School. Scholarships will be awarded based upon a critical reading test, an interview with the Headmaster, and a general essay with a choice of questions, plus references from the candidate's present Head Teacher. Candidates will be expected to show a keen academic interest and must be willing to contribute to other aspects of school life, such as Art, Drama, Music or Sport.

Notes

We will contact you after the deadline date and provide information on timings of examinations, assessments and interviews. To avoid a situation where awards maybe decreased or terminated please ensure you have read the and understood the 'Expectations of Scholars', document on page 11.

Entry forms should be returned to the Admissions Manager, no later than Monday 5 November 2018. Please ensure all supporting documents, references and personal statements (where applicable) are sent before this closing date. Students not currently attending Taunton School are also required to complete a [Registration Form](#) and send this together with the registration fee, to complete their entry.

It is the School Governors' policy that scholarships and bursaries cannot be combined with sibling discounts. Only the largest fee remission will apply at any one time.

For any further information, please contact Mrs Julie Amann, Admissions Manager, Taunton School, Taunton TA2 6AD by calling 01823 703702 or emailing registrar@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Sixth Form Scholarship Entry Form

Name of candidate: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name(s) of parents(s): _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate whether you are applying for a day or boarding place: **Day** **Boarding**
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Please state which Award(s) you wish to apply for:

NB: Candidates may enter for a maximum of two Awards, plus All Rounder. Entering more than one award will not always increase the fee remission.

Academic	Sports*	Music	Art	Drama
Computer Science	Taunton Deane	Design and Technology		
All Rounder	with: Sports*	Music	Art	Drama

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Is financial assistance required? **Yes** **No**

If yes, what level of fee remission is required? _____

Current School: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Head Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

I have read, understood and accept the Expectations of Scholars (on page 11)

** If you are seeking a Sports Scholarship, there is an additional form to be completed.*

Notes
Please return the completed form to the Registrar, by the deadline of Monday 5th November 2018. Prospective pupils please include a registration form and registration fee, together with a copy of the candidate's most recent school report.
For further information, please contact Mrs Julie Amann, Admissions Manager, Taunton School, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6AD. Telephone: 01823 703702 Email: registrar@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Sports Awards

Recognising Talent

Taunton School's major sports are Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Athletics, Tennis and Swimming.

The Awards will carry up to 40% remission of the tuition fees and in exceptional circumstances, 50%. All Awards are made at the Headmaster's discretion and are subject to the conditions set out below:

Candidates for the Senior Awards should be entering Lower Sixth Form (Year 12) in September 2019.

Conditions of the Award

Applicants for Sports Awards must have represented their school at first team level in **at least two** of Taunton School's **major** sports. They should have further representative honours in **at least one** major sport (equivalent to County Standard).

In support of their application, we would expect to have references from their Head Teacher, their Sports Teacher and from the coach / manager of any representative team for which he / she has played.

Award holders will be expected to contribute wholeheartedly to the athletic life of the School through participation in representative games, although the Award itself will not guarantee the holder a place in a team. Once an Award has been made, the crucial factor for its continuance will be determined by their commitment and performance. **Any chronic injury should be disclosed in the application.**

History of the Award

This award is made possible thanks to R. A. Gerrard, who was a pupil at Taunton School between the Wars. He was talented in a wide variety of sports, including rugby, for which he was capped for England 14 times. He was killed in action in 1942 and a fund set up in his memory contributes to the Scholarship scheme.



Name of parent (printed)

Signature of parent

Signature of Scholar

Date

Notes

Please return this completed entry form together with a Sixth Form Scholarship entry form to the Registrar, Taunton School, by 5th November 2018. A registration form and registration fee should accompany any entry for new students.

For further information, please contact Mrs Julie Amann, Admissions Manager, Taunton School, Taunton TA2 6AD. Telephone: 01823 703702 Email: registrar@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Expectations of Scholars

Every year Taunton School provides financial support for pupils with special artistic, intellectual or sporting gifts. This support recognises their outstanding ability, but also confers certain responsibilities to the School community on the individual.

Academic, All Rounder and IB Scholars:

- We expect a fine work ethic, which implies the capacity to produce their work on time and to a standard of presentation and content commensurate with their status as a scholar.
- Scholars should set an example of academic excellence to those around them with regard to meeting deadlines, demeanour and participation in class and integrity in all matters related to coursework and homework.
- Scholars should have an appetite for stretching their minds beyond what is available in class, through reading, research, visits and presentations.
- We expect scholars to participate in the wider academic activities that the School arranges, including societies and one off events.
- Scholars should display academic ambition beyond the norm, being ready to take the initiative in cooperation with members of staff.
- All Rounder scholars are expected to participate fully in their recognised discipline(s) in the same way as detailed in the relevant sections below.
- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

Art Scholars:

- Art scholars are required to enter fully into the creative life of the Art Department, spreading their natural enthusiasm and passion for the subject.
- Art scholars should play a leading role in a wide range of artistic activities, events and lectures e.g. The Big Draw.
- Scholars must be superb ambassadors for the Art Department and encourage fellow students to participate in as many art activities, events and lectures as possible.
- They must promote a positive image of the Art Department and the work it produces at all times, including at promotional events and on films if required.
- Art scholars must practise their artistic skills regularly by attending Art Club and working in the Art Department outside of lessons. They must set an outstanding example to other students in terms of commitment, determination and progress.
- Art scholars must be available for occasions which fall outside the normal school day (e.g. evening events such as public art lectures and promotional events for Year 8/11 students and parents)
- Art scholars must study the work of artists, not just as part of school activities but also in their own time e.g. by visiting exhibitions at Art Galleries and Museums.
- Art scholars must study an academic art course throughout their time in the Senior School i.e. Year 9 Foundation, GCSE Fine Art plus A Level Fine Art, A Level Photography or IB Visual Arts.
- Art scholars must set an excellent example in terms of securing high effort and attainment grades in Art. Failure to do so will lead to an automatic review of their scholarship.
- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

Music Scholars:

- Music scholarship holders are required to enter fully into the musical life of the School.
- It is expected that music scholars take part in a large number of ensembles and they must take as many opportunities as possible to play / sing as a solo performer, namely at tea-time Concerts, in Chapel and eventually possibly perform a concerto with the School's orchestra.
- They must be good ambassadors for the Music Department and encourage fellow pupils to be involved in different musical ensembles and choirs, representing the Department positively within the wider community.



- The holder must practise regularly, setting a good example.
- Music scholars must be available for occasions which fall at evenings and weekends.
- Scholars are expected to follow an academic music course throughout their time in the school to A level/IB.
- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

Drama Scholars:

- Drama scholars are expected to opt for Academic Drama as a subject at all levels.
- Drama scholars should be involved in all school drama productions, either as a performer or in another area (lighting, directing, make up, set design, costume, props or stage management).
- Drama Scholars should represent the drama department at whole school events.
- Scholars should attend a compulsory drama society lecture every half term.
- Scholars should take up a second specialism alongside performance such as lighting, directing, make up, set design, costume, props or stage management.
- Scholars should promote the drama department through high standards of behaviour in lessons and around the school.
- Scholars are to support other students in their drama work.
- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

Sports Scholars:

- Scholars should display exemplary commitment to the School, both as an athlete and as a member of the School community.
- Scholars will be expected to attend both the Scholars Programme and some of the Performance Programme sessions.
- Scholars must accept their position as role models within the wider School context. Therefore their behaviour and attitude in lessons and around the School should be exemplary.
- Scholars must set the highest standards of dress, behaviour and sportsmanship whenever representing any team, whether at School or elsewhere.
- Scholars must represent the school in any sport for which they are selected.
- Scholars can utilise the school Elite Sports Policy when pursuing representational sport equivalent to Regional level or above, following discussion with the Director of Sport. It is however important to recognise that Sports Scholars are expected to contribute to more than one sport in the school.
- We expect pupils to be injury free and have a clean bill of health. Any chronic illness or injury must be notified to the School in writing in advance of any offer being made.
- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

Computer Science Scholars:

- Computer Science Scholars will be expected to take part in Computing activities such as Lego Robotics and Programming clubs.
- Scholars will be expected to opt for a KS4 or KS5 Computer Science qualification. Currently this is IGCSE in Year 10 and 11 and IGCE in Sixth Form.
- Scholars will be expected to join the Digital Leaders programme and help promote the use of technology as an aid to learning.
- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

Design & Technology Scholars:

- A Design & Technology scholar will be expected to be fully involved in the life of the Department and enter into the extra curricular side of the subject e.g. Greenpower.
- A successful applicant is expected to study Design & Technology at GCSE and A Level or IB Diploma.



- Scholars will be required to uphold and show leadership towards the school ethos.

All Scholars:

Communication and Monitoring

- A meeting will be held at the beginning of each academic year for scholars so these expectations can be explained and reinforced.
- Pupils who consistently do not perform to the standards laid down here will have their scholarship reduced or, in extremis, terminated.

**L C Glaser
Headmaster**

I agree to abide by the Expectations of Scholars as outlined above.

Name of Scholar (printed)

Signature of Scholar

Notes

Please keep one copy and return one signed copy of this document to the Registrar, Taunton School.



CHECKLIST

- **16+ Scholarship entry form** Please complete this form for all entries
- **16+ Gerrard sports entry form** Please also complete this form if applying for a sports award
- **Sports references** Please submit for all sports award entries
- **Academic Entries** Personal statement to accompany entry
- **Art entries** Portfolios due by 5 November 2018
- **Computer Science entries** Solution to problem due by 5 November 2018
- **Financial circumstances form** Please download this form [here](#) and submit with scholarship application if fee assistance is required in addition to any scholarship award
- **Registration form** Please complete if candidate is not currently attending Taunton School ([download here](#))
- **Registration fee** A registration fee of £100 should be paid by cheque or online to accompany the registration form
- **School report** Please include a copy of the candidate's most recent school report
- **Deadline** Application deadline is 5 November 2018



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