



TAUNTON
SCHOOL

13+ Scholarships

Information and entry forms for September 2022 entry
Entry deadline Monday 10th January 2022





13+ Scholarships and Awards September 2022 Entry

Recognising Talent

Scholarships recognise academic, artistic, musical, sporting and all round talent in students going into Year 9. 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 30% of the tuition fee 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. Applicants must be under 14 years old on 1st September in the year of entry.

Scholarships are awarded on merit and potential. Candidates should be able to describe their interests with enthusiasm and explain clearly how a scholarship award will help them realise their ambitions.

Scholarships remain with pupils throughout their time at Taunton School (including Sixth Form) as long as the expectations of a scholar are fulfilled.

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 10th January 2022

This is the deadline to submit all 13+ scholarship entries including personal statements, supporting evidence and references for Academic and All Rounder candidates, as well as Art portfolios and Computer Science solutions to a set problem.

NB: Regrettably, entries that arrive after this date will not be included.

Thursday 20th January 2022

Art, Drama, Music, Computer Science and Design and Technology assessments for pupils from other schools.

Friday 21st January 2022

All assessments for Taunton Prep School pupils

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Academic and Sports assessments for pupils from other schools.

Sports, academic and all rounder candidates will be required for the duration of the school day. The day will include bespoke assessments, an interview with a member of the Senior Management Team, time experiencing elements of the Scholars' Programme and of course, some social time over lunch with year 9 pupils.

Although we are not able to invite parents to individual assessments, refreshments will be available throughout the day and we would be delighted to offer parents accompanied tours of the school.

How to Apply

The Headteacher of the candidate's present school should be advised of the application, as they will be approached for a confidential report.

The criteria and procedures for each Scholarship are set out below. It is possible for candidates to enter for a maximum of two Scholarships plus All Rounder. However, entering for more than one category will not necessarily correspond to a greater award.

All candidates are required to complete and submit the entry form along with any other requirements shown below. As part of their application, candidates are requested to submit a description of themselves including their scholarly interests and ambitions up to a maximum of 500 words.

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

Academic Scholarships

Candidates will sit compulsory written examinations in Mathematics, English, Science and Philosophy/Ethics. These examinations will last 45 minutes each. Candidates will also choose one of these subjects in which to have a 10-minute interview. There will also be a short linguistic aptitude test and an interview with a member of the Senior Management Team.

All Rounder Scholarships and Awards

The format will be the same as for the Academic scholarships including an interview with a member of the Senior Management Team.

All Rounder candidates should show a high degree of competence in academic work, as well as showing skills in one or two of the following disciplines: Art, Drama, D&T, Music or Sport. All Rounder interviews and assessments will take place as detailed for each of the corresponding disciplines below and the same requirements will apply.

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. Candidates 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.

To apply:

Part 1: All applicants should submit a digital portfolio consisting of maximum 11 PowerPoint slides. Portfolios in other formats will not be accepted. The first slide must include the applicant's name and a short personal statement (maximum 200 words). The statement needs to explain the nature of the work in the portfolio. On the remaining 10 slides, please present 10 pieces of work, some of which should be entire sketchbook pages. Please present the work in chronological order with the newest creations first. The digital portfolio should be emailed to the Head of Art, Dr Lotte Hammer (Lotte.Hammer@tauntonschool.co.uk) by **10th January**.

The portfolio selection should illustrate the candidate's ability to work with a wide range of materials and techniques at an advanced level (e.g. drawings from life, paintings from observation, works in three dimensions, and experiments with mixed media). It is also important to show idea development, creativity and originality.

Part 2: The applicants with the strongest portfolios will be invited to sit a practical test on **20th or 21st January** 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 **20th or 21st January**, the selected candidates will also attend a short informal interview during which they will discuss their work. Applicants are expected to bring the original 10 pieces of work/sketchbook pages from their digital portfolio to the interview. Any questions relating to the Art scholarships should be directed to the Head of Art on the email address shown above.



Music Scholarships

Candidates should be at least Grade 5 standard on their first instrument (although we will consider candidates of a lower standard based on potential) and will be asked to perform two pieces in an audition; there will also be sight-reading and aural tests. Candidates should also be prepared to offer a piece on their second instrument, if applicable. In addition to the award, successful candidates will receive free tuition in school, on an orchestral instrument, of one lesson per week during term time. Singers are also encouraged to apply.

The Director of Music, Mr Mark Cracknell, is pleased to meet possible Music scholars at any time throughout the year to discuss their prospects informally, answer questions and show them round the Music School. If you have any questions relating to the Music Scholarship, please email mark.cracknell@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Drama Scholarships

Candidates will be asked to write an essay on the topic "Describe a time when you developed a role for a performance. How did you develop the character through rehearsals and research?". This should be between 500 and 700 words and candidates may research the topic in advance and bring with them up to one A4 page of notes.

Candidates should also select and prepare two contrasting pieces of their own choice, from published plays to perform on the day. These pieces should be no longer than two minutes each and may not be material prepared for external Speech and Drama examinations. There will also be a 10-minute interview with the Head of Drama, during which the monologues will be performed. The same procedure is applicable to All Rounder candidates who choose Drama as their support discipline. If you have any queries relating to Drama Scholarships, please contact Mrs Melanie Stamp, Head of Drama, by emailing melanie.stamp@tauntonschool.co.uk.





Design and Technology Scholarships

Being a Design & Technology scholar is an exciting, challenging and rewarding experience with numerous opportunities to work in a very well-resourced state of the art department. A successful scholar would be expected to participate in the co-curricular activities and initiatives that the department facilitates. High standards and commitment are expected from such a scholar and they should be an ambassador for both the subject and the School.

Scholars are also encouraged to take an active role in the VEX robotics, drone racing, and/or Greenpower co-curricular activities led by DT scholars.

The assessment will include a 30-minute design context exam and a 20-minute interview with the Head of Design and Technology. Candidates should bring with them a small portfolio of work from the past three years, including photographs of practical work (not the manufactured item), sketching, and any CAD work. The portfolio could include projects completed at school or elsewhere. If you have any questions relating to D&T Scholarships, please contact Simon Ryder, Head of Computing & ICT simon.ryder@tauntonschool.co.uk.

Computer Science Scholarships

Being a Computer Science scholar is an exciting opportunity to develop a wider appreciation of the role computer science and technology has on the ever changing world around us. Successful candidates will be supported with the development of their interests in Computer Science, Programming and ICT. Scholars take an active part in looking at new and emerging technologies, advancements in existing technology and the impact of technology in the modern world. Scholars also have opportunities to develop their problem solving and programming skills, taking part in a wide range of competitions and challenges, including GCHQ's Cyber Discovery Program. The Computer Science scholarship is examined in two parts:

Part 1 is the submission of a solution to a Computer Science problem using MIT's Graphical Programming Language Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/>. The candidate should demonstrate their ability to develop an efficient solution that meets the requirements laid out in the problem set, showing their understanding of a range of computer science principles. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a clear understanding of computer science principles in their solutions and will be asked to explain their solution during their interview. The solution should be e-mailed with the project attached or as a link to their project.

Part 2 takes the form of a 15-minute informal interview during which the candidate will be invited to discuss their work to build a wider picture of their strengths in Computer Science. Solutions should reach Taunton School by 9.00am on **Monday 10th January 2022**.

To receive the Computer Science problem or ask any questions relating to the Computer Science Scholarship, please contact Mr Simon Ryder, Head of Computing & ICT simon.ryder@tauntonschool.co.uk.



Sports Scholarships

Awards are made to candidates of outstanding ability or potential in the field of Sports. They presuppose a high degree of motivation and commitment on the part of the candidate. Candidates will be required to attend a practical assessment and interview. The assessment will be comprised of three parts:

Part 1: Athletic Development Assessment: these will include a series of practical activities that for example: test agility, core stability strength and hand eye coordination.

Part 2: Sports Specific Assessment: tests of skills in sports such as rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, athletics, swimming and tennis.

All female candidates will take part in: hockey, netball and tennis

All male candidates will take part in: rugby, hockey and cricket

It is expected, that not all candidates will be familiar with all of those games and therefore candidates are asked to select any additional sports that they would like to be assessed in. It is not essential, but candidates are welcome to bring their own equipment with them, e.g., cricket bat, hockey stick or tennis racket. Candidates who choose swimming as their chosen sport will undergo a trial in the pool and should bring swimming kit with them.

Part 3: At the interview, the candidate will be asked to demonstrate a strong commitment and attitude to sport through their clubs and school teams. They will be able to discuss their own ability and experiences, and will have clear ambitions of their sporting future. Along with an application, appropriate records of success and/or references from school, club or county coaches, should be submitted if applicable. Sports assessments and interviews will take place on **Friday 21st January 2022** (Taunton Prep School pupils) and **Saturday 22nd January 2022** (pupils from other schools). If you have any questions about your Sports Scholarship entry, please contact Mr Daniel Pettifer, by emailing daniel.pettifer@tauntonschool.co.uk.





13+ 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

Academic *with interview in:* _____

Sports* **Music** **Art** **Drama** **Design and Technology** **Computer Science**

All Rounder with: **Sports*** **Music** **Art** **Drama**

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Is financial assistance required? **Yes** **No** *(If yes, please include completed financial circumstances form.)*

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

Current School: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Head Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

** 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 **9am Monday 10th January 2022**. Please include a registration form and registration fee for new pupils, together with a copy of the candidate's most recent school report. Scanned document copies are welcomed.

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



Sports Scholarship Entry Form

The practical assessment and interview for pupils entering Taunton School in Year 9 in September 2022 will take place on **Friday 21st January 2022 and Saturday 22nd January 2022.**

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Name of candidate: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Top three sports

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Sporting Record (please add additional pages or documents if necessary)

Name of parent (printed)

Signature of parent

Date

Notes

Please return this completed entry form together with a 13+ Scholarship entry form to the Registrar, Taunton School, by 9am on 10th January 2022. A registration form and registration fee should accompany any entry for new students.

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



CHECKLIST

- **13+ Scholarship entry form** Please complete this form for all entries
- **13+ Sports Scholarship entry form** Please also complete this form if applying for a sports award
- **Art entries** Portfolios due by 10 January 2022
- **Computer Science entries** Solution to problem due by 10 January 2022
- **Financial circumstances form** Please download this form [here](#) and submit with scholarship application if fee assistance is required in addition to any scholarship award
- **Personal Statement** Please submit with all entries
- **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 for new pupils
- **School report** Please include a copy of the candidate's most recent school report
- **Deadline** Application deadline is 10 January 2022



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