

SCHOLARSHIPS AT TAUNTON



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WELCOME SCHOLARSHIPS AT TAUNTON SCHOOL

Taunton School provides a down-to-earth, supportive learning environment with many opportunities to express yourself and develop both as an individual and as a member of society.

Our diverse student body, wide range of co-curricular activities and focus on developing the whole person, empower our students to go out into the world with a global outlook and a desire to seize opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Taunton School.





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11+ SCHOLARSHIPS 2024 ENTRY

11+ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

YEAR 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 ENTRY



PROCEDURES & KEY DATES

The Scholarships are open to applicants from within or outside the School, either as day or boarding pupils, and are awarded on attainment and / or potential in their chosen area.

The Head Teacher of the candidate's present school should be advised by parents of the application. When the application has been received by us, the candidate's present Head Teacher will be approached by the Head of Taunton Prep School for a confidential report. For internal candidates, applications will automatically be discussed by relevant staff.

We strongly advise parents of pupils not currently at Taunton Prep School to book in for a tour of the school during the Autumn term 2023 (if they have not already had a tour).

Parents may, if they wish to, provide us with other testimonials and evidence of ability (e.g. written reference

from a dance teacher or a sports county coach etc.).

The criteria and procedures for each scholarship are set out overleaf. It is possible for us to assess candidates in a maximum of two areas. Parents who feel that their child has more than two outstanding areas should indicate this on the [Application Form](#). Pupils who are outstanding in more than one area will be awarded a Scholarship incorporating both areas (e.g. an Academic and Sports Scholarship).

The closing date for entries will be 24th November 2023.

The 11+ Scholarships and Awards assessments will take place on Friday 5th January and Saturday 6th January 2024.

We aim to have informed parents of the result of their child's application by Saturday 20th January 2024.

Academic Scholarships

At Taunton School, we want your children to excel in all they do. We seek the highest academic standards for our pupils and academic achievements are strong. We regularly send students to Oxbridge and leading Universities in the UK, USA and Europe. We are educating our students to have the qualifications and confidence to do whatever they want anywhere in the world.

We offer the broadest possible curriculum within the Prep School and into the Senior School. Our GCSE results are regularly among the best in the region, and in 2022 43% of all grades at GCSE were 9-7 (A*-A). These results are outstanding when measured against other non-selective schools.

In our Sixth Form we offer 24 subjects at A-Level and the School also offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a challenging and stimulating alternative to A-Levels, recognised by universities globally, where pupils study six subjects, three at a high level. Its emphasis on independent learning and an appreciation of international affairs is a distinct advantage in the modern world. We also offer BTEC Extended Diplomas in Business and Sports and Exercise Science, which are pathways to future study and employment in these sectors. In 2022 72% of our students achieved grades of A*-B when A-Level, IB and BTEC results were combined. This is, once again, outstanding for a non-selective school.

Academic Scholarships Information

Candidates will be required to sit the examinations at Taunton School on Friday 5th January 2024.

Scholarships are awarded to pupils who show outstanding ability and/or potential. It is likely, therefore, that successful candidates will be exceeding age-related expectations in their most recent assessments/reports.

The assessments for academic awards consist of papers in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Non-Verbal Reasoning
- A critical thinking discussion based activity on a Humanities subject (Geography, History, Philosophy, Religion and Ethics)

Practice papers in English and Maths are available. Please contact Claire Peach, Admissions Manager, for copies.

The Deputy Head Academic at Taunton Prep School, Emma Pike (Emma.pike@tauntonschool.co.uk), would be pleased to answer any questions from potential scholars prior to the assessment day.



Sports Scholarships

At Taunton Prep School, we have a distinguished record in team and individual sports, led by our Director of Sport, Shaun Winsor, and a strong team of sporting teachers and coaches. We currently have many boys and girls in the school who regularly compete at county, national or international level.

A broad range of sports is offered with teams competing in rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, rounders, swimming, athletics and cross country. Additionally, sporting clubs include football, biathle, triathlon, rowing, squash, basketball, golf, table tennis and climbing.

Older year groups have the opportunity to participate in sports tours within the UK and abroad and additional coaching is offered to our elite and development teams, for example winter cricket nets, fitness and speed training and pre-season coaching sessions. Taunton School strives to provide an appropriate number of fixtures for pupils of all abilities, thereby developing team spirit, leadership, resourcefulness and diligence.



Sports Scholarships Information

Sports Scholarships are awarded to candidates of outstanding ability who have the potential to become a county or national standard performer in at least one sport. They presuppose a high degree of motivation and commitment on the part of the candidate. Sports scholars are assigned a member of the sports department as a mentor with whom they meet regularly.

The Sports assessments will take place on Saturday 6th January 2024.

The assessment will include the following:

Athletics

- Endurance run - 5 minutes

SAQ Testing (Speed, Agility, Quickness)

- Hand eye co-ordination test
- Agility run
- Speed run
- Speed/Coordination Test (speed bounce)
- Power (standing long jump)

Specific Game Skills

- Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Netball, Rounders, Football and Tennis
- Pupils will be asked to show basic skills in the above sports. It is understood that some pupils will have had little, if any, experience of some of these sports

Swimming and Tennis

- Assessed if pupil opts for swimming and / or Tennis

Interview

- Candidates have a short interview to discuss their sporting interests



For applicants who excel in swimming or tennis, we will include swimming in the assessment. If this is the case, please indicate this on the [application form](#). He or she should submit with their application any appropriate records of success and/or references from school, club or county coaches, if applicable.

A kit list will be provided closer to the time.

The Director of Sport, Shaun Winsor (shaun.winsor@tauntonschoo.co.uk) would be pleased to answer any questions from potential scholars prior to the assessment day.

Music, Dance and Drama Scholarships

It is possible to apply for a scholarship in just one of these three disciplines (e.g. just music).



Drama Scholarships

Studying drama improves self-confidence, imagination, empathy, co-operation, communication and provides an emotional outlet. A range of games and activities promote self-awareness, physical co-ordination, and chorus work. Specific stagecraft skills, styles and genres are explored through our curriculum, as well as vocal performance, diction, projection and range. We use improvisation to encourage creativity and the ability for pupils to think on their feet.

During the course of the year, there are three full scale productions in Years 4, 6 and 8. In 2022-23 Year 4 staged *Ocean Commotion*, Year 6 staged *Dream On: a musical adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Year 8 staged a full production of *Bugsy Malone*, performed in the Senior School Theatre. Pupils experience an intensive production week ahead of each performance. Year 6 and 8 pupils participate in a number of after-school rehearsals, working on all aspects of the production, supported by specialist staff. Within the department there is one full time Drama teacher and two Speech and Drama teachers.

Pupils who wish to extend their drama skills are encouraged to have speech and drama lessons. The lessons aim to offer the children a safe environment in which to explore all

manner of performance and presentation skills. Lessons are tailored to the needs of the individuals in the groups and the students can select their own material for exams and performance.

There are three after-school Drama activities offered to the children and performances take place termly. Pupils are encouraged to participate in the Taunton Festival of the Arts and are entered for Vanguard and LAMDA examinations.



Dance Scholarships

Dance also has a high profile within the school. There are many opportunities to perform, including the annual dance evening where dancers perform a wide selection of pieces in a variety of styles. This is a truly excellent, creative and energetic evening. Miss Diane Turner works with pupils in Ballet from Nursery through to Senior School. Pupils are able to take the Royal Academy of Dance exams from Pre-Primary level all the way to Grade 8 and beyond.

Many different weekly lunch and after-school clubs are on offer covering ballet, character, jazz, and contemporary

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Music Scholarships

The department is vibrant and creative, and we are proud to be able to offer lessons on a full range of instruments. Learning an instrument at school has a direct correlation with success in other academic subjects and helps children with concentration, creativity, self-esteem and self-discipline.

We have an open-door policy and regularly invite parents and children to meet the visiting music teachers. There are two major music concerts during the year. The Michaelmas Concert and the Summer Jubilation Concert which sees over 150 children from the Prep School performing in over 18 various ensembles. Music ensembles run before school, during lunchtimes and after school. Choir is compulsory in Years 3-4 and takes place during curriculum time as an additional timetabled lesson; Years 5 & 6 have their own choir as do Years 7 & 8 (these are not compulsory other than for Music scholars).

There are a range of instrumental ensemble opportunities including:

- Orchestra
- String Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble
- Woodwind Ensemble
- Rock Group
- Wind Band
- Guitar Group



Music, Dance and Drama Scholarship Assessment Information

Applicants should have a demonstrated ability and an active interest in Music, Dance or Drama. Please provide us with a written summary of your child's music, dance and dramatic achievements.

Music: Candidates should be working towards Grade 3 level in their first instrument and ideally have some reasonable confidence and experience in any second instrument. They will be asked to play one piece on their first instrument and one piece on their second (if they have one). Candidates will be given one or two tasks so that we can assess their aural ability. If they wish to, they may sing a song of their choice. If offered a Music Scholarship, all candidates are expected to become a member of the Senior Choir in addition to participating in an instrumental ensemble based on their instrument.

Dance: Candidates should perform two short pieces contrasting in style, approximately one minute in length each. Candidates may also be asked to perform a short improvised piece. Candidates will need to provide their own music or backing tracks.

Drama: Candidates should perform a monologue from any published play. Candidates will also be asked to perform an improvised piece.

Auditions will be followed by a short interview.

The Head of Performing Arts, Phillipa Simmonds, (phillipa.simmonds@tauntonschool.co.uk) would be pleased to answer any questions from potential scholars prior to the assessment day.

The Music, Dance and Drama assessments will take place on Saturday 6th January 2024.



Art Scholarships

Taunton School is looking for bright, enthusiastic candidates who show dedication, enthusiasm and a high level of artistic skill and who will act as ambassadors for the Art Department.

INFORMATION

The scholarship interview process will consist of a one hour observational drawing task, a one hour practical task in another medium and candidates will be asked to talk about their artistic interests and how they are influenced by other artists.

Applicants should bring along a portfolio consisting of a minimum of eight pieces of artwork, showing a variety of skills and techniques. These can be pieces they have completed either at home or in school but should be recent work completed within the last year. This portfolio will be looked at and discussed in the interview.

If you have any questions relating to Art scholarships, please contact our Head of Art, Poppy Phillips, (poppy.phillips@tauntonschool.co.uk)

The examination and interview will take place on Saturday 6th January 2024.



Design & Technology Scholarships

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

INFORMATION

The scholarship interview process will consist of a 30 min 3D drawing task and a 60 min practical task. There will follow an interview with the Head of DT to which applicants should bring a portfolio of work for discussion. These could be designs and/or photographs/videos of models they have made at home or in school.

The portfolio will be held by the school after the interview process for a while, therefore we request that you do not submit originals that you may wish to retain. The design and manufacture based portfolio could include projects completed in and out of school.

If you have any questions relating to DT Scholarships, please contact Stuart Woodhall, Head of DT by emailing (stuart.woodhall@tauntonschool.co.uk).

The examination and interview will take place on Saturday 6th January 2024.



CASE STUDIES: FREYA'S STORY



Freya is a Music Scholar who joined Taunton Prep School in Year 5. She is an accomplished pianist and violinist, performing regularly in our extensive concert series, and with various orchestras, choirs and chamber ensembles. With continuous support from the school, Freya has become an extraordinary musician, and she aspires to play in some of the most renowned orchestras in the world. Freya would also eventually like to become a teacher, in hopes of helping the younger generation to achieve their goals.

'Since being at Taunton School I have become so much more confident in myself and what I am capable of.'

NEXT STEPS

Checklist for External Candidates (internal candidates, please see below)

1. Completed Application Form.
2. A written summary of your child's achievements in relevant areas.
3. Any references, or other evidence which parents would like us to read.
4. A copy of your child's most recent end of year school report.
5. Completed Registration Form.
6. A copy of your child's passport or birth certificate

We recommend that families considering Taunton Prep School visit us prior to the scholarship assessments.

If you can't attend one of our [Open Mornings](#) please contact Claire Peach, Admissions Manager, who would be delighted to arrange an alternative date. The visit will include a tour of the school and a meeting with the Headmaster. You will have the opportunity to see our children at work and play and to meet other staff. Email tpsadmissions@tauntonschool.co.uk or call 01823 703303 to arrange.

If you are considering boarding, we would, of course, arrange for you to meet our Head of Boarding, Katherine

Wells, and organise a tour of our boarding house.

We would also recommend that your son or daughter spends a 'Taster Day' with us prior to taking part in the assessments. This can be booked anytime via the Admissions Manager.

Checklist for Internal Candidates (Current TPS Pupils only)

1. Completed Application Form
2. A written summary of your child's achievements in relevant areas.
3. Any references or other evidence which parents would like us to read.
4. A handwritten letter from your child addressed to our Headmaster, explaining why they feel they are a suitable scholarship candidate and detailing any relevant skills.

Please send all documents, preferably in electronic form, to Claire Peach, the Admissions Manager, at tpsadmissions@tauntonschool.co.uk by the closing date of Friday 24th November 2023.

Conditions of the Awards

All Scholarships are made at the Headmaster's discretion and are valid throughout the pupil's school career, including sixth form studies, as long as scholars continue to meet the school's expectations (please see below). It is the School Governors' Policy that scholarships and other types of fee remission do not aggregate. Only the largest will apply at any one time.

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARS 11+

All pupils at the school are expected to give 100% effort, throw themselves into the life of the school and contribute to the school community. However, the expectations of scholars are particularly high and scholars are expected to live up to those expectations and to set the highest standards.

All scholars are expected to:

1. Meet the level of effort reasonably expected of a scholar. Obtain very high grades in the half-termly Attitudes to Learning Assessments across the whole curriculum. Show great determination and strive to be the best they can be.
2. Make the level of commitment reasonably expected of scholars to the area of school life in which they have been given an award (e.g. plays, ensembles, concerts, practice, fixtures, shows, exhibitions and clubs).
3. Act as a role model within the wider school context and set an aspirational and outstanding example for other pupils to follow. This may well include coaching or mentoring younger pupils.
4. Act at all times as an ambassador for the school (e.g. at fixtures, concerts, Open Mornings, plays)
5. Effectively manage their time and school commitments (with guidance and support from their Form Tutor).
6. Seek wider experiences from involvement with relevant clubs, teams, societies and groups beyond school.
7. Read around the subject area, undertake further research and demonstrate a continual appetite to develop knowledge, skills and understanding.
8. Communicate proactively on a regular basis with the relevant head of department.

For Academic Scholars:

- A fine work ethic, produce work on time, high standards of presentation and content, excellent behaviour and participation in class.
- Take a lead and help others to aspire to academic excellence.
- Be avid readers of both fiction and non-fiction literature in their areas of interest.
- Take full advantage of the breadth and depth of academic experience on offer at TPS.
- Take up intellectual challenges beyond the norm e.g. teaching themselves additional skills and knowledge, extra research, visits and presentations.

For Sports Scholars:

- Set the highest standards of dress, behaviour and sportsmanship whenever representing a school team.
- Scholars must represent the school in any fixture for which they are selected, giving the school priority over non-school commitments.
- Become a Sports Leader in Year 8.

For Music Scholars:

- Take part in all relevant ensembles and seek willingly opportunities to perform (e.g. at Performing Arts cafes, in Chapel, in Assemblies etc). Scholars must represent the school in any performance for which they are selected, giving the school priority over non-school commitments.
- Practise regularly and have music lessons.

- Scholars must be available for occasions which fall on evenings and weekends.
- Become a Performing Arts Leader in Year 8.

For Drama Scholars:

- Attendance at our weekly after school clubs in Drama for Years 7 and 8.
- Seek to make as large a commitment as possible to school drama productions.
- Demonstrate excellent attitude and leadership in Drama lessons.

For Art Scholars:

- Demonstrate excellent attitudes and leadership in Art lessons.
- Play a leading role in artistic activities, events (e.g. The Big Draw).
- Commit extra time during breaks or after school in order to produce work of the highest standard.
- Show the level of interest reasonably expected of scholars in the work of artists, art galleries and museums.
- Become an Art Leader in Year 8.

For Design & Technology Scholars:

- Demonstrate excellent attitudes and leadership in DT lessons.
- Commit extra time during breaks or after school in order to produce work of the highest standard.
- Show the level of interest reasonably expected of scholars in the work of designers, in museums etc.
- Become a DT Leader in Year 8.

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. Termly review meetings will be held to discuss the scholar's progress.
- Pupils who consistently do not perform to the standards laid down here will have their scholarship reduced or, in extremis, terminated.

Contact Details

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YEAR 9 SEPTEMBER 2024 ENTRY

Recognising Potential

Scholarships recognise academic, artistic, musical, sporting and all-round passion for learning 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. Scholarships offer awards up to 20% of the tuition fee and up to 30% in exceptional circumstances. Candidates need to demonstrate outstanding qualities in their chosen discipline and meet the criteria 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.



KEY DATES

Friday 8th December 2023

This is the deadline to submit all 13+ scholarship entries including personal statements, supporting evidence and references, as well as Art portfolios and Computer Science solutions.

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

Wednesday 17th January 2024

Art, Drama, Music, Computer Science and Design and Technology assessments.

Thursday 18th January 2024

Academic interviews and assessments.

Friday 19th January 2024

Sports interviews and assessments.

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, we would be delighted to offer parents accompanied tours of the School.

Financial Support

Consideration may 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.

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 an 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

Academic scholars are constantly challenged to extend their thinking and question their knowledge. We expect our scholars to have high academic aspirations alongside a passion for learning. Academic scholars will expand their horizons by being offered opportunities to stretch and challenge themselves both in and out of the classroom.

The Academic Scholarship day will consist of:

An online baseline profiling assessment (1 hour)

Three written papers:

- Maths (45 minutes)
- English (45 minutes)
- A single, broad Humanities essay (30 minutes)

Two interviews:

- A general character interview with a member of SMT
- An academic challenge interview which is designed to explore a student's thinking

There will also be two non-assessed components of the day:

- A taster scholar's session
- A science practical task

All-Rounder Scholarships

The All-Rounder scholarship day will consist of:

- An online baseline profiling assessment (1 hour) as with academic
- An interview with a member of the senior management team.
- Plus the chosen discipline eg. music.

All-Rounder candidates choosing to be assessed in Sport will be expected to attend the Sport Scholarship Day on Friday 19th January. All-Rounder candidates choosing to be assessed in other scholarship areas will be expected on Wednesday 17th January.



Art Scholarships

Being an Art scholar is an exciting and privileged opportunity which requires candidates to demonstrate a real passion for their 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, 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.

Application process



PART 1

All applicants should submit a digital portfolio consisting of up to 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 8th December 2023.

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 17th 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 17th January, 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/sketchbook pages from their digital portfolio to the interview. Any questions relating to the Art scholarships should be directed to the Head of Art.





Music Scholarships

Music scholars are offered outstanding opportunities to develop their passions and skills in a vibrant department, with a full co-curricular programme encompassing a variety of musical styles. Carefully tailored specialist pathways are developed individually with scholars, to support musical performance at the highest level.

Applicants should be at least Grade 5 standard on their first instrument or voice (although we will consider candidates who have not yet achieved this level, based on potential and attitude). Candidates will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces at an assessment; there will

also be sight-reading, aural tests, and a short interview. Candidates should also be prepared to offer a piece on further instruments, if applicable. In addition to the award, successful candidates will receive free tuition in school on their principal instrument of one lesson per week during term time. First study singers are also encouraged to apply, given the extensive choral programme at Taunton School.

The Director of Music, Toby Carden, is pleased to meet prospective Music scholars at any time throughout the year to discuss their prospects informally, answer questions, and show them round the Music School.



For any questions relating to the Music Scholarship, please contact toby.carden@tauntonschool.co.uk



Drama Scholarships

On the assessment day, 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.

Candidates should 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 be a 10-minute interview with the Head of Drama, during which the monologues will be performed.

There will also be a quick improvised assessment where candidates will be required to perform an unscripted scene as part of the assessment which will be given on the day.

The same procedure is applicable to All-Rounder candidates who choose Drama as their support discipline.

If you have any questions relating to Drama Scholarships, please contact Melanie Stamp, Head of Drama and Theatre Studies, by emailing melanie.stamp@tauntonschoool.co.uk.





Design & 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 Greenpower co-curricular activities, many of which are led by our 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 DT Scholarships, please contact Andrew Mason, Head of DT, by emailing andrew.mason@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

The submission of a solution to a Computer Science problem using MIT's Graphical Programming Language Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/>. The candidate should show their ability to develop an efficient solution that meets the requirements laid out in the problem set, demonstrating 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.

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

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 Friday 8th December 2023.



Sports Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded 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: this will include a series of practical activities that test, for example, change of direction, muscular power, muscular endurance and speed.

PART 2

Sport Specific Assessments: candidates will be assessed in at least two of our core sports, ensuring they can represent the school at the highest level in at least two terms.

Female core sports: Term 1 – Hockey, Term 2 – Netball, Term 3 – Cricket, Tennis, Athletics or Swimming

Male core sports: Term 1 – Rugby, Term 2 – Hockey, Term 3 – Cricket, Tennis, Athletics or Swimming.

Candidates that choose swimming as their chosen sport will undergo a trial in the pool. If athletics is chosen, candidates should make the school aware of their 'Power of 10' results; alternatively, candidates can bring their personal best times/distances before being assessed in the Athletic Development Sessions.

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 19th January 2024.

If you have any questions about your Sports Scholarship entry, please contact Director of Sport, Daniel Pettifer, by emailing daniel.pettifer@tauntonschoool.co.uk.



CASE STUDIES: CALEB'S STORY



Caleb joined Taunton School in Year 9 with scholarships for his distinguished academic and musical ability. Caleb relishes the many co-curricular activities provided; not only does he enjoy rugby and athletics, as well as various music groups and social societies, but Caleb was also successful in reaching the regional finals in a debating competition, throughout which he received vast amounts of support from his teachers. 'Taunton School gives me the chance every day in every part of school life to pursue anything that is on offer'.



13+ SCHOLARS: 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**
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16+

SCHOLARSHIPS

2024 ENTRY

16+ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

SIXTH FORM SEPTEMBER 2024 ENTRY

Recognising Potential

Scholarships recognise academic, artistic, musical, sporting and all-round passion for learning 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, such as Professor Robert Winston and in depth presentations by peers on a wide variety of different topics. Scholarships offer awards of up to 20% of the

tuition fee and up to 30% in exceptional circumstances. Candidates need to demonstrate outstanding qualities in their chosen discipline and meet the criteria 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. The successful candidates will have good predicted grades at (I)GCSE, show themselves to be aware of contemporary issues, and should be able to describe their interests with enthusiasm. They will be expected to explain clearly how a scholarship award will help them realise their ambitions.



KEY DATES

Friday 20th October 2023

This is the deadline to submit all Sixth Form scholarship entries including personal statements, supporting evidence and references as well as Art and DT portfolios and Computer Science solutions.

Wednesday 15th November 2023

Art, Design & Technology, Drama, Computer Science and Music assessments.

Thursday 16th November 2023

Academic assessments.

Friday 17th November 2023

Sports assessments/interviews.

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Offers for 16+ Scholarships will arrive on or after this date, in accordance with the code of practice for 'The Heads' Conference (HMC).

Financial Support

Consideration may also be given to Assisted Places (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.

How to Apply

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. As part of their application, candidates are required to submit a personal statement including their scholarly interests and ambitions, up to a maximum of 500 words.

Entry forms should be returned to the Admissions Manager, no later than Friday 20th October 2023. Please ensure all supporting documents, school reports and personal statements are sent before this closing date. Students not currently attending Taunton School are also required to kindly fill in a [Registration Form](#) and send this together with the registration fee, to complete their entry.

We will contact you after the entry deadline to provide information on timings of assessments and interviews. To avoid a situation where awards may be decreased or withdrawn please ensure you have read and understood the 'Expectations of Scholars' document on page 39.

For any further information, please contact Julie Amann, Admissions Manager, by calling 01823 703702 or emailing registrar@tauntonschool.co.uk.

Academic Scholarships

In the Sixth Form our academic scholars are expected to work to achieve the highest levels of academic attainment. Students will be expected to have high aspirations alongside a passionate curiosity for learning. Academic scholars will be offered frequent opportunities to challenge themselves, develop their intellect and prepare themselves for competitive university or degree apprenticeship applications.

The Academic scholarship day will consist of:

An online baseline profiling assessment (1 hour)

Written papers in two subjects of the candidates choosing:

- Candidates may choose from Biology, Chemistry, English, French, German, Geography, History, Latin, Maths, Philosophy and Religion, Physics, Spanish
- Each paper will be 1 hour long
- The papers will expect pupils to have a good grasp of the subject at GCSE level.
- The papers will be problem-solving, as opposed to content focused.

Two interviews:

- A general character interview with a member of SMT
- A critical thinking interview where students will be asked to comment on an unseen text

There will also be two non-assessed components of the day:

- A taster scholar's session
- A tour of the school

All-Rounder Scholarships

The All-Rounder scholarship day will consist of:

- An online baseline profiling assessment (1 hour) as with academic
- An interview with a member of the senior management team.
- Plus the chosen discipline eg. music

All-Rounder candidates choosing to be assessed in Sport will also be expected to attend the Sport Scholarship Day on Friday 17th November. For All-Rounder candidates choosing to be assessed in other Scholarship areas, the school will make every attempt to schedule these together on either the Wednesday 15th November or Thursday 16th November.



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 making a positive contribution to the school community. Studying an Arts subject develops many skills such as creative thinking, 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 learning 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.

Application process



PART 1

All applicants should submit a digital portfolio consisting of up to 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 20th October.

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 15th 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

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.



Design & Technology Scholarships

Design & Technology Scholars benefit from an exciting, challenging and rewarding experience with boundless opportunities in a very well-resourced, state-of-the-art department.

A successful scholar will be able to become a leader in a variety of co-curricular activities provided by the department. This includes VEX robotics which is an important club for those looking at becoming design engineers in the future. Scholars will focus on being innovative in the design, development and manufacture of solutions to problems. Scholars are also expected to help other students in the use of CAD. A sound knowledge of Autodesk Fusion, and/or Solidworks is expected.

The DT department is a vibrant, creative and successful environment which helps to stimulate and enthuse each pupil.

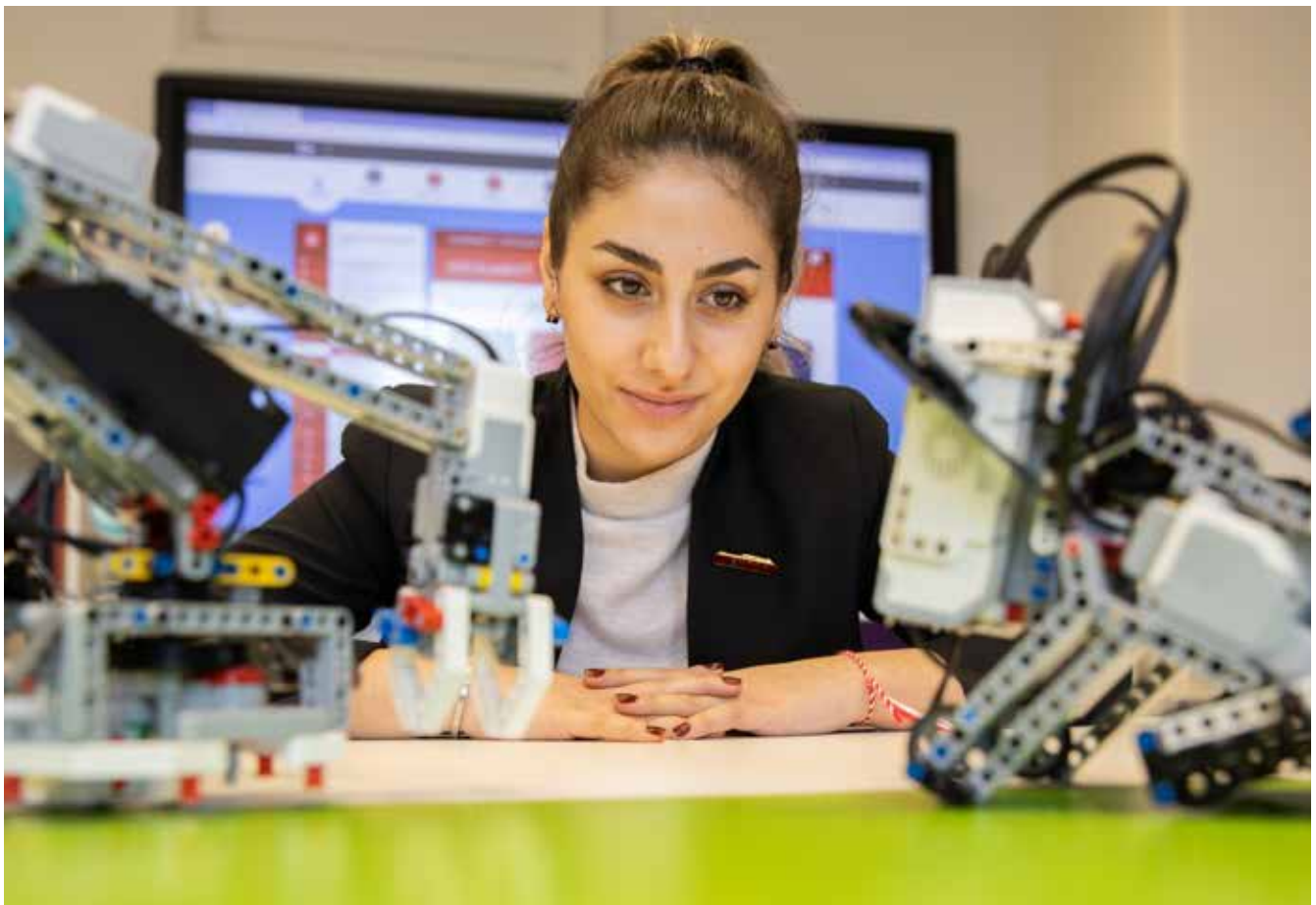
High standards and commitment are expected from scholars who must consider themselves ambassadors for both the subject and the school.

Candidates will sit a one hour examination and discuss their design portfolio (including photographs of a product or products they have made) with the Head of DT. Portfolios must be received by 20th October 2023.

The exam and interviews will take place on 15th November 2023.



Any questions relating to the Design & Technology Scholarships may be directed to Andrew Mason, Head of DT, andrew.mason@tauntonschool.co.uk



Drama Scholarships

Our Drama Scholars play an integral part in the academic and co-curricular life at Taunton School. Scholars 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 students' 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*.

Auditions and interviews for Drama Scholarships will be held on the 15th November 2023.

PART 1

Candidates write a timed essay on a subject relating to their own experiences of live theatre both as an actor and as an audience member.

PART 2

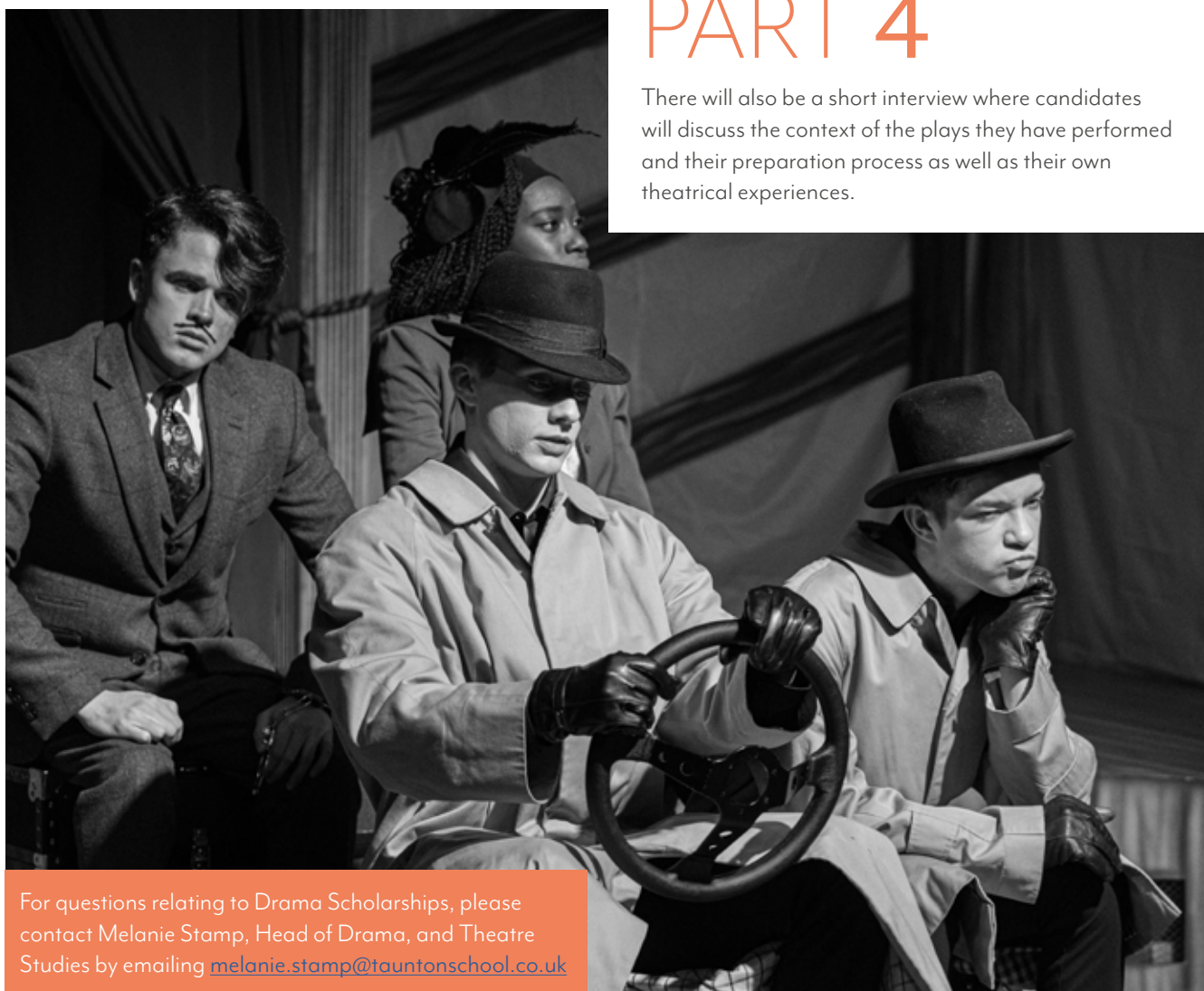
There will be a group assessment which will be an improvisation-based task set on the day.

PART 3

Candidates must also prepare two performances of contrasting individual monologues from published plays; one which is post 1950 and one which is either Shakespearean or from a Classical Greek play - these should be prepared in advance of attending the audition; please note it is imperative that candidates do not perform pieces that they have prepared for, or are preparing for LAMDA or Speech and Drama examinations.

PART 4

There will also be a short interview where candidates will discuss the context of the plays they have performed and their preparation process as well as their own theatrical experiences.



For questions relating to Drama Scholarships, please contact Melanie Stamp, Head of Drama, and Theatre Studies by emailing melanie.stamp@tauntonschool.co.uk

Computer Science Scholarships

Computer Science Scholars have many opportunities to take part in an extensive range of programs, challenges and competitions offered by some of the world's biggest technology companies and world-renowned organisations, including GCHQ's Cyber Discovery Program, University of Southampton's National Cipher Challenge and Amazon's Future Engineer Program. These all provide an exciting environment to develop problem solving, programming and teamwork.

As a Computer Science Scholar, you will be encouraged and nurtured to think outside the box and develop your problem-solving skills, applying these to design websites, create your own apps for mobile devices and even model the spread of a virus. Past Computer Science Scholars have produced websites for local community groups and apps which have been the most downloaded in their category on Apple's App Store. The department is well resourced and has strong links with the other STEM subjects.

Solutions should reach Taunton School by 20th October 2023 and selected candidates will then be invited for an interview on 15th November 2023.

The Computer Science scholarship is examined in two parts.



For questions relating to the Computer Science Scholarships please contact Simon Ryder, Head of Computing & ICT, by emailing simon.ryder@tauntonschoool.co.uk

PART 1

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 can viewed on the following link: [Problem Set For Computer Science Scholars](#).

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.





Music Scholarships

Music Scholars are offered outstanding opportunities to develop their passions and skills in a vibrant department, with a full co-curricular programme encompassing a variety of musical styles. A passion for music is vital, and although there is no absolute requirement of an ABRSM practical level, all Music Scholars are expected to perform to a high standard. Carefully-tailored specialist pathways are developed individually with scholars, to support musical performance at the highest level. Successful candidates are often working at around Grade 7 level or beyond.

Candidates will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces at an assessment; there will also be sight-reading, aural tests, and a short interview.

Candidates should be prepared to offer a piece on further instruments, if applicable. In addition to the award, successful candidates will receive free tuition in school on their principal instrument of one lesson per week during term time. First study singers are also encouraged to apply, given the extensive choral programme at Taunton School.

The Director of Music, Toby Carden, is pleased to meet prospective Music Scholars at any time throughout the year to discuss their prospects informally, answer questions, and show them round the Music School.



For questions relating to Music Scholarships, please contact toby.carden@tauntonschool.co.uk.

Sports Scholarships

During their assessments, candidates will be expected to demonstrate enthusiasm, knowledge and a high level of sporting proficiency. Candidates should bring along any appropriate records of sporting success. Candidates wishing to apply for Sports Scholarships should complete the [16+ entry form](#) as well as the sports entry form.

Exceptional ability must be shown in one of the core Taunton School sports, though successful candidates will

be expected to represent the school in all three terms at some level. The Taunton School core sports are athletics, cricket, hockey, rugby, swimming and tennis, but we also have representational sports including badminton, basketball, football, and squash.

For questions relating to Sports Scholarships please contact Daniel Pettifer, Director of Sport, by emailing daniel.pettifer@tauntonschool.co.uk



CASE STUDIES: CHARLIE'S STORY



Charlie joined the Taunton School community having been awarded a scholarship for his excellence in the Performing Arts. The school has continuously supported Charlie, who has formed strong relationships with staff and other students. Charlie praises the varied opportunities offered by the school; he not only enjoys the debating society, drama and music departments, but has also taken the opportunity to speak publicly about homophobia on the English Speaking Union Platform, for which the support Charlie has received is unrivalled: 'I am completely indebted to Taunton School'.

16+ SCHOLARS: CHECKLIST

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- ✓ **16+ Sports Scholarship entry form**
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EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARS 13+ & 16+

Every year Taunton School provides financial support for students 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 Scholars should display exemplary commitment to the school, both as a musician and as a member of the school community.
- Music Scholars are expected to actively consider taking an academic Music A-Level or IB course.
- It is expected that all Music Scholars will take a significant role in a number of musical ensembles. All performers on orchestral instruments should participate in the school orchestra. Every Music Scholar is expected to sing in the Taunton School Chorus.

- Music Scholars are expected to set an excellent example in terms of academic standards, and attendance and leadership within musical activities, including punctuality, and maintaining good and proactive communication.
- Music Scholars should be committed to demonstrating continued progress on their chosen instrument/voice through regular practice, and by performing at concerts, in Chapel, at Open Mornings, and other events.
- Music Scholars will need to be available for rehearsals and performances which occasionally fall outside the normal school day.
- Music Scholars must take a proactive approach to involvement in the musical life of the school, including participation in chamber music opportunities, composing for live musicians, participating in musical productions, honing accompaniment skills, or developing student-led projects, as appropriate.

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 are expected to attend our Sports Scholars' Programme, based on the five facets of training: Movement, Nutrition, Mind-set, Recovery and Sleep. There are a mixture of practical and theoretical sessions covering aspects from all five facets, including confidence building, developing healthy sleep habits, and pre and post-match nutrition.
- 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 students 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 co-curricular side of the subject e.g. Greenpower.
- A successful applicant is expected to study Design & Technology at 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.
- Scholars who consistently do not perform to these expectations could have their scholarship reduced or, in extremis, terminated.



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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2024 ENTRY



IB SCHOLARSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 2024

What is the International Baccalaureate?

Taunton School has been offering the IB Diploma since becoming an IB World School in 2007. During that time over 350 students have obtained the diploma and its popularity continues to grow not just with students, but also with universities and employers.

The two-year IB course appeals to the academic all-rounder, allowing them to study a broad range of subjects in the Sixth Form. It consists of nine elements: six academic subjects and three core components called the Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) and the Extended Essay (EE).

Background

The Ian Evans-Lombe International Baccalaureate Scholarship Fund forms part of the Foundation Funds. The gift was made by the Trustees of Mr Evans-Lombe with the objective of advancing the education of children who could not otherwise afford the school's education by awarding scholarships to two pupils starting in the Lower Sixth each year.

Ian Evans-Lombe had a very successful career in the City of London. He retired to Somerset but sadly died with lung



cancer in 2007. He left the entire value of his estate to charities. Taunton School successfully applied for some of this money and because of his generosity the school can offer two Scholarships for Sixth Form IB students every year. Ian never knew Taunton School or the lasting difference this can make for these students but we feel humbled by his choice to help young people who he did not know and incredibly grateful that he could be so generous.



CASE STUDIES: VALENTIN PECHNIKOV



- Former Sixth Form IB student, from The Castle School in Taunton
- Mathematics and Economics, London School of Economics
- MSc Mathematics and Finance, Imperial College London

"The IB at Taunton School provided the academic challenge I needed to pursue Mathematics and Economics at university and it was the perfect preparation for my career as a Quantitative Researcher at hedge fund Marshall Wace."

NINA PORTER



- Former IB Student from The Castle School in Taunton
- Social Sciences, University College London
- Global Corporate Graduate Role at Ramsay Health Care and involved in radio and TV work

"My advice to anyone thinking of studying the IB at Taunton School is know that it is truly not as daunting as people make it sound. I was able to work a part-time job, and undertake extra-curricular activities alongside my studies very easily."

KEY DATES

Friday 20th October 2023

IB (Evans-Lombe) Scholarship Application and Essay Deadline.

Thursday 16th November 2023

IB (Evans-Lombe) Scholarship Morning. This will include a tour of the school, a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) group activity and an interview with the Headmaster and IB Coordinator.

From 29th November 2023

IB (Evans-Lombe) Scholarship offer letters sent.

For questions relating to IB Scholarships please contact Julie Amann Admissions Manager, by emailing julie.amann@tauntonschool.co.uk

IB SCHOLARS: CHECKLIST

- ✓ **IB Scholarship entry form**
Please complete this [form](#) for all entries.
- ✓ **Headteacher's reference**
Please give permission for our admissions team to contact the candidate's headteacher.
- ✓ **School report**
Please include a copy of the candidate's most recent school report.
- ✓ **Personal Statement**
Please submit with all entries (maximum of 500 words).
- ✓ **IB Scholarship essay**
Please submit an essay of 400 words in response to the following statement: "How will the International Baccalaureate help you to thrive in a global environment?".
- ✓ **Sixth Form choices form**
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