



# KENT COLLEGE

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INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS 3-18

## Scholarships and Awards Information For entry at 11+, 13+ and 16+ Academic Year 2018-19



## Overview

This booklet contains details of the awards offered by Kent College for those entering the School at Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form. These details may change at the Headmistress' discretion; please consult our website for revised information.

Scholarships are available in the following categories: **Academic; Practical (Art; Drama; Music; Sport).**

Awards provide a reduction of the day fees, normally 10% per scholarship. The fee reduction may be further enhanced by a bursary if parents can demonstrate, through a means-testing procedure, that they would not otherwise be able to send their daughter to Kent College due to limited financial means. If you wish to make a bursary application, we ask you to contact the Bursary.

On occasions, we may offer higher value scholarships (up to 50%) for those with exceptional ability.

Girls may apply for an Academic Scholarship and/or up to two Practical Scholarships. It is possible for girls to receive multiple scholarships.

If a scholarship is awarded, but the parents wish to forego all or part of the financial concession in favour of other candidates of narrower means, then the status and title of 'Scholar' will still be retained by their daughter.

An award will normally be held for the full duration of a girl's time at Kent College, provided that performance and conduct remain satisfactory in the view of the Headmistress. A clear process of scholar support and monitoring is administered by the teacher with responsibility for supporting scholars, known as the Margaret James Tutor, and details will be sent to parents upon the awarding of a scholarship.

Applications must be received by the relevant date published on the Kent College website and given at the end of this booklet. Applicants are expected to present themselves for assessment on the published assessment date.

Scholarships will only be awarded if candidates of sufficient merit present themselves.

External candidates awarded Practical Scholarship Awards are still required to meet Kent College's academic entry requirements.



## Academic Scholarships

We wish our girls to be distinguished by, and for, the following intellectual qualities:

- *Aspiration: a maturing impetus to set goals and to realise potential*
- *Capacity: a desire to embrace extra opportunities to broaden horizons*
- *Confidence: a self-assurance to show intellectual ability without arrogance*
- *Contribution: taking a positive academic lead at all times*
- *Creativity: an ability to think 'outside the box'*
- *Curiosity: a real thirst to find out*
- *Independence: a passion for learning*
- *Integrity: an honesty in acknowledging the contributions of others*
- *Rigour: meeting an expectation to do one's best and to achieve excellence*
- *Stamina: a willingness to persevere with difficult concepts and tasks*

The examination and interview processes at Kent College are devised so that candidates are able to show the qualities that are listed above. The regurgitation of pre-prepared answers does not necessarily show the true ability of candidates; we are looking for genuine flair and intellectual acuity, together with a sensitivity towards other people.

An Academic Scholar will be expected to contribute to the intellectual life of the school and to perform at an academic level which is commensurate with ability. Academic Scholars are expected to actively participate in the school's scholarship programme, the Margaret James Society. This includes regularly attending Margaret James lectures, undertaking project-work (Years 7-10) and preparing and presenting Margaret James lectures (Years 11 and Sixth Form).

Academic Scholars are expected to be ambassadors of learning throughout their time at Kent College.

Candidates for Academic Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from the Head of her current school before assessment.



## Entry into Year 7

Candidates will sit and are expected to excel in the Kent College 11+ Entrance Examination, which comprises written papers in English and Mathematics, a computer-based test which covers comprehension and reasoning skills, and an interview. We are looking for girls who display:

- very strong performance across the board in all assessments, or
- exceptional performance in English or Mathematics, which is then underpinned by above average results in the other tests.

## Entry into Year 9

Candidates will sit and are expected to excel in the Kent College 13+ Entrance Examination, which comprises an interview and written papers in English, Mathematics, Science, Verbal Reasoning and Languages. The Languages paper requires girls to choose two of the follow languages: French, German, Spanish and Latin. (Provision is made for candidates who have only studied one of these languages – please contact our Admissions Department). We are looking for girls who display:

- very strong performance across the board in all assessments, or
- exceptional performance in English or Mathematics, which is then underpinned by above average results in the other tests.

## Entry into the Sixth Form

A candidate applying for a Sixth Form Academic Scholarship should write a personal letter to the Headmistress outlining why she should be awarded a scholarship. She should also prepare a presentation, lasting no longer than ten minutes, on a subject of her choosing.

The assessment will involve the candidate's presentation followed by an academic interview with the Selection Panel (expected to consist of the Headmistress, Deputy Head and Head of Sixth Form). A candidate's predicted GCSE grades (or equivalent) will also be taken into account.

It is expected that successful candidates will be predicted to achieve a minimum of eight GCSEs/IGCSEs at grade A (old system) or 8 (new system). Candidates should also be aiming for A\*/9 in the subjects they intend to study at A-level.



## Art Scholarships

Candidates for Art Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from the Head, plus a specialist reference from the Head of Art, of her current school before assessment.

### Entry into Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form

Candidates' level of artistic achievement, enthusiasm and future potential will be assessed during an interview to which candidates should bring a sketchbook and portfolio of up to six pieces of recent work. Together with drawing and paintings, candidates are encouraged to bring a range of work that shows their artistic skills. These should include two studies from life (not photographs) relating to one of the following topics:

- My Environment
- Portrait
- Natural Forms

Candidates are expected to bring in one sketchbook to talk about their work and ideas during the interview with the Head of Art. Sketchbooks which show the evolution of ideas are just as important as finished pieces of work.

Candidates for Art Scholarships will be required to demonstrate the following:

- A very high level of visual competence within a range of media specifically in the portfolio and completed workbooks.
- An informed knowledge of Art and artists as well as a solid grasp of the language of art as evidenced in discussion with Scholarship Assessors.
- The ability to work independently; at least two works from the portfolio must be work created from outside the classroom.
- A genuine commitment, enthusiasm and passion for the subject.

The Art Scholarship Examination will take the form of:

- A portfolio inspection.
- An interview with the Head of Art.
- A one hour observational drawing test on the day.

Expectations of an Art Scholar:

- To play an active and positive leading role amongst Art students.
- Be ambassadors for Art throughout their time at Kent College.
- Attend Art talks/exhibitions/life drawing sessions.
- Create and exhibit work independent to syllabus requirements.
- Attend Margaret James lectures, as required of all scholars.



## Drama Scholarships

Candidates for Drama Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from the Head, plus a specialist a reference from the Head of Drama, of her current school before assessment.

### Entry into Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form

Candidates will be expected to show creativity, verve, commitment to the subject and excellent vocal and physical skills. Candidates should also have a feeling for text, atmosphere and character and an interest in the theatre that will sustain them throughout their time at Kent College.

Candidates for Drama Scholarships will be required to demonstrate the following:

- The ability to analyse and evaluate a play.
- The use of own skills and imagination to create a meaningful performance.
- To be able to take direction and use it to develop and improve their skills.

The Drama Scholarship auditions will involve the following elements:

- To take part in a voice class, followed by a movement class.
- To work alone and in a group under intense directorial intervention.
- Each candidate to present a dramatic piece chosen by Kent College, learnt and prepared beforehand.
- An interview during which the candidate should present a side of A4 documenting her performance history, displaying commitment and a genuine interest in the subject.

Expectations of a Drama Scholar:

- To play an active and positive role within the School.
- Be ambassadors for Drama throughout their time at Kent College.
- Participate in Drama productions and support whole school events by showcasing the department.
- Attend Margaret James lectures, as required of all scholars.



## Music Scholarships

Candidates for Music Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from the Head, plus a specialist reference from the Head of Music, of her current school before assessment.

Music Scholars must have demonstrable enthusiasm and ability in music. Potential is at least as important as past achievement and musicality is more important than qualifications. However, candidates should have achieved a minimum standard in Associated Board examinations (or equivalent) as outlined below.

**Year 7** - Candidates should be at least Associated Board Grade 3 standard in one instrument.

**Year 9** – Candidates should be at least Associated Board Grade 5 standard in one instrument.

**Sixth Form** – Candidates should be at least Associated Board Grade 7 standard in one instrument.

We normally expect candidates to offer two instruments and a commitment to ensembles. Please note that 'instrument' includes voice/singing.

### Entry into Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form

Candidates will be expected to play two contrasting pieces or, if offering more than one instrument, one piece on each. In addition, candidates will be expected to sight-read, sight-sing and talk about their musical experience and aspirations.

We are looking for confident and musical players who will progress rapidly in whatever musical disciplines they choose and who will also participate in a wide variety of school musical ensembles. Technical ability such as intonation and tone will be judged, but enthusiasm, potential and above all, musicality are key.

The Music Scholarship Examination will take the form of:

- A practical ensemble arranging activity to assess sight reading, ensemble skills, team work, leadership potential and social skills (If sufficient number of candidates apply).
- A computer composing activity to assess creativity and ability to focus.
- A rehearsal with staff accompanist to assess musicianship and flexibility.
- An audition to assess competence and musicianship.
- An interview to assess general music knowledge and music theory.

Expectations of a Music Scholar

- To play an active and positive leading role amongst Music students.
- Be ambassadors for Music throughout their time at Kent College.
- Attend concerts and support whole school events by showcasing the department.
- Attend Margaret James lectures, as required of all scholars.



## Sport Scholarships

Candidates for Sport Scholarships must submit all completed forms, including a CV (not exceeding one side of A4) summarising her sporting activities and achievements over the last two years, by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from the Head, plus a specialist reference from the Head of PE, of her current school before assessment. If relevant, Kent College will also seek specialist references from external coaches/clubs.

### Entry into Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form

Candidates are expected to be either:

- Exceptional in any one sport (i.e. performing at county level in any sport); or
- Excellent in two Kent College sports (i.e. performing or have the potential to perform at regional or county level in any two of the following sports: netball, hockey, gymnastics, swimming, athletics, tennis and cross country)

The successful Sport Scholar will strive to continue developing and achieving in her chosen sport(s) whilst at Kent College. She will also represent Kent College at the request of the Director of Sport with the sole aim of a mutually beneficial outcome to both the Scholar and sporting reputation of Kent College.

To support the CV, which should be submitted in advance, candidates are asked to bring a portfolio of achievements (which may include video evidence, if appropriate) for discussion at interview.

The Sport Scholarship Assessment will take the form of:

- An interview with the Director of Sport where the candidate's CV and portfolio will be discussed.
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate their practical skills individually and within a team.

Expectations of a Sports Scholar:

- To play an active and positive leading role amongst Sports students.
- Be ambassadors for Sport throughout their time at Kent College.
- Willing to take part in matches/competitions as required by the department.
- Attend Margaret James lectures, as required of all scholars.





## Scholarship Admission and Assessment

### 11+ (Entry into Year 7)

Deadline for applications:	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Entrance Examination:	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Art Scholarship Assessment:	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Drama Scholarship Assessment:	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Sport Scholarship Assessment:	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Music Scholarship Assessment:	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2017

### 13+ (Entry into Year 9)

Deadline for applications:	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Entrance Examination:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Art Scholarship Assessment:	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017
Drama Scholarship Assessment:	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017
Sport Scholarship Assessment:	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017
Music Scholarship Assessment:	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017

### 16+ (Entry into the Sixth Form)

Assessment day (all scholarships):	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
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