



KENT COLLEGE

INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS 3-18

Scholarships and Awards

For entry to:

Year 7

Year 9

Sixth Form

Academic Year 2019-20



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.

Only a limited number of awards will be made and there are usually many applications of a very high standard. Scholarship is a competitive process; the criteria detailed in the pages that follow are guidelines only, they are there to help families determine whether to make an application. They are not success criteria.

Scholarships will only be awarded if candidates of sufficient merit present themselves. Kent College reserves the right not to award any scholarship if this does not happen.

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

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

Exhibitions are awarded to scholarship applicants who show great potential but who are not quite yet at the level for scholarship. These girls will take part in the scholarship programmes as detailed below but not receive a financial award. It is expected that these girls will use their Exhibition status to enhance their application for scholarship at the next opportunity.

Outcomes of scholarship applications will be made known by 14th December 2018.

Value

Awards provide a reduction of the day fees, normally 10% per scholarship. On occasions, we may offer higher value scholarships (up to 50%) for those with exceptional ability.

It is possible for girls to receive multiple scholarships. Girls applying for Year 7 and Year 9 will automatically be considered for Academic Scholarship and may apply for no more than two Practical Scholarships. Girls applying for Sixth Form may apply for Academic Scholarship and up to two Practical Scholarships.

If a scholarship is awarded, but the parents are able to forego all or part of the financial concession and transfer it to our bursary fund, then the status and title of 'Scholar' will still be retained by their daughter.

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 bursary@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk



Duration

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 a designated supervisor, overseen by the Head of Enhanced Learning. The supervisor will be allocated shortly after a girl joins the school.

Applying for scholarship

Applications must be received by the relevant date published on the Kent College website and given below, and applicants must present themselves on the published assessment dates below:

Entry to Year 7 (11+)

Deadline for applications:	Wednesday 17 th October 2018
Entrance Assessment:	Saturday 10 th November 2018
Art Scholarship Assessment:	Tuesday 13 th November 2018
Drama Scholarship Assessment:	Wednesday 14 th November 2018
Music Scholarship Assessment:	Thursday 15 th November 2018
Sport Scholarship Assessment:	Friday 16 th November 2018

Entry to Year 9 (13+)

Deadline for applications:	Wednesday 17 th October 2018
Entrance Assessment:	Friday 23 rd November 2018
Art Scholarship Assessment:	Tuesday 27 th November 2018
Drama Scholarship Assessment:	Tuesday 27 th November 2018
Sport Scholarship Assessment:	Tuesday 27 th November 2018
Music Scholarship Assessment:	Tuesday 27 th November 2018

Entry to the Sixth Form (16+)

Assessment day (all scholarships):	Wednesday 28 th November 2018
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Benefits of scholarship and expectations of scholars

Our scholars at Kent College, be they academic, music, art, drama or PE are all allocated a dedicated staff supervisor with whom they meet regularly. Their supervisor not only writes a report about them but also helps them to balance the demands on their time, their expectations and those of their teachers and the wide range of commitments that many of our scholars have.

Personal targets are set and strategies considered to ensure that our scholars are best placed to 'learn without limits'. All scholars are expected to contribute enthusiastically and regularly to the life of the school in their scholarship area and to be ambassadors of learning throughout their time at Kent College. Attendance at annual scholar events, for example project presentation evening, is expected and supported by the supervisor.



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*

Academic scholars are expected to contribute to the intellectual life of the school and to perform at an academic level which is commensurate with their ability.

Academic scholars will attend project club, to enhance their extended research skills and, as of September 2019, they will be working towards a formal qualification in project skills. Staff at Kent College know who our scholars are and ensure that significant 'stretch' material is always available for them in individual classes. The scholars and all girls identified as Able, Interested and Motivated are able to access a wide range of extra curricular and in class enhancement activities, including for example CREST awards. For girls in years 10, 11 and Lower Sixth the High Aspiration Learning Opportunity (HALO) club is available. This offers the opportunity for girls to consider theory of knowledge, significant historical and cross-curricular schools of thinking, significant cultural, scientific and political epochs together with developing a personal learning journal which may be used during the university and career application process. Scholars are expected to self-select for this opportunity. Additional university visits, for example to Cambridge, are offered to HALO participants.

Art Scholarships

Art scholarships are awarded to girls who show a high level of skill and inclination towards visual creativity. Scholars attend a weekly lunchtime club led by the Head of Art where they not only work on their own pieces but also debate topics of interest and support each other's work. This mentoring approach is valuable to all involved and excellent preparation for A'Level and university. Scholars also have access to the art studios outside of timetabled lessons and display their work at an annual exhibition attended by friends, family and the whole school community.

Art is taught in modern studios in our Susannah Wesley Arts and Library Centre, built in 2013. Apart from equipment for drawing and water-based painting, we have facilities and materials to use oil paint, dry paint, screen and lino print and a printing press. For those interested in photography, we also have Nikon DSLR cameras with a wide range of lenses and software for digital postproduction.



Drama Scholarships

Drama scholars have the opportunity to take part in regular theatre trips, workshops with specialist teachers and industry professionals, leadership involvement in clubs and instruction in technical theatre and historical drama. Our productions are equal to any school in the country, with scholars taking an amazing array of roles from Shakespeare to Checkov, Richard Rodgers to Sondheim and Lloyd Webber.

Drama is taught in our Drama studios and in our state of the art Countess of Wessex Theatre. The Theatre is a modern, flexible performance space with a capacity of 300. With raked seating providing excellent sight lines and computerised lighting and sound equipment, it is a first class venue for both end on theatre and theatre in the round. The Head of Drama leads a team including a Dance specialist, Speech and Drama specialists and a Theatre technician.

Music Scholarships

Music scholars take part in regular themed lunches focussing on topics such as conducting and performance technique, analysis of selected pieces from a range of genres and the development of practical skills. There are also regular concerts giving scholars a chance to hone their performance techniques and peer mentoring gives scholars valuable experience in collaborating with fellow musicians. Masterclasses and workshops with specialist teachers and industry professionals enhance scholars' experience and they are encouraged to take the initiative or organise their own events for other students. Scholars are also entitled to one free in-school instrumental lesson each week during term time.

Sport Scholarships

Sport scholars benefit from a weekly programme that includes lectures with nutritionists, physiotherapists, sport psychologists and other specialists in the field. Each scholar has a dedicated mentor who meets with them weekly to discuss academic performance, their sporting schedule and general wellbeing. Goals are set and extra study support is put in place during busier training or competition periods to ensure they keep on top of their schoolwork. Each mentor acts as liaison with subject teachers and external coaches when needed and communication is frequent with parents. There is also strength and conditioning coaching, sport specific coaching, performance analysis programmes and visits to watch elite sport and talks by top-level athletes.

Sport facilities include a full size Astro Pitch and Athletics Track, 7 Tennis Courts, 9 netball Courts, two modern sports halls with viewing galleries, dedicated PE teaching classrooms, a swimming pool, Fitness Suite with cardio and strength training machines, a Dance Studio, a Cross Country Course, an Outdoor Adventure Course, 3 competition size trampolines and top level gymnastics equipment.

