



St Margaret's
School

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES



SCHOLARSHIPS AT ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL

St Margaret's scholarships are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement or promise in a particular subject. The majority of our scholarships are up to 10% of school fees, although the precise amount may vary at the school's discretion.

Academic scholarships are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+. Applications for 11+ and 13+ entry will automatically be considered for an academic scholarship on the basis of success in the entrance examinations and interview that take place in the January of the year of entry. 16+ Academic Scholarship examinations and interviews take place in the November of the year preceding the year of entry. Specialist scholarships are also available in: Art, Drama, Music, Sport and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry points. At 16+, specialist scholarships are also awarded for contribution to the St Margaret's community.

Pupils can apply for one specialist scholarship along with an academic scholarship. All scholarships are reviewed annually. There is one application form for all scholarships (including the Sixth Form academic scholarship) which can be completed online.

Please note that we will only consider scholarship applications from candidates who are registered for entry to the School.

If you require financial assistance please refer to the section on Bursaries. Simultaneous applications may be made for both a Scholarship and a Bursary.

	Scholarships Available
11+	Academic Art, Drama, Music, Sport & STEM
13+	Academic Art, Drama, Music, Sport & STEM
16+	Academic* Art, Drama, Music, Sport, STEM, Community Service

*At 16+, candidates may apply for academic scholarships in two subjects

Scholarship applicants' contributions to the life of the school will be reviewed regularly.

Failure to contribute as expected in the role of a Scholar may result in their position being rescinded and remuneration revoked.

ACADEMIC

Scholars at St Margaret's are presented with a wealth of new opportunities and exciting challenges. They are driven to attain the highest of academic standards and learn beyond the standard St Margaret's curriculum. Our emphasis on pastoral care, support and guidance at every step of each scholar's education, together with strong partnerships between parents, staff and pupils, ensures that every scholar thrives.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN AN ACADEMIC SCHOLAR?

The Academic Scholarship programme in St Margaret's gives the academically gifted a sense of identity, pride and additional purpose as they reach towards the highest levels of achievement, both within the curriculum and through enrichment activities.

We are looking for candidates who can not only demonstrate an overall high performance but who have a passion for learning and an enquiring mind. Pupils who are applying for an academic scholarship should be able to demonstrate evidence of independent learning, such as discussing an area of academic interest they have pursued outside the normal course of their school studies.

HOW ARE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS ASSESSED?

11+ (YEAR 7)

Candidates are automatically considered for an academic scholarship based on their performance in the entrance examinations taken in January. Those candidates who reach or exceed the expected level for academic scholars will be invited to have a scholarship interview with the Head, Vice Principal or Academic Director.

13+ (YEAR 9)

Candidates are automatically considered for an academic scholarship based on their performance in the entrance examinations taken in January. Those candidates who reach or exceed the expected level for academic scholars will be invited to have a scholarship interview with the Head, Vice Principal or Academic Director.

16+ (SIXTH FORM)

Candidates are asked to apply for an academic scholarship using the Scholarship Application Form, highlighting particular academic successes. Candidates have the opportunity to apply for up to two scholarships. Candidates will have an examination of 60-90 minutes in each of their chosen subjects, followed by an interview with the Director of Sixth Form and the Academic Director.

WHAT DOES THE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDE?

- ▶ We provide all academic scholars with a mentor who will help guide and plan challenging learning opportunities that will stretch and develop their abilities.
- ▶ They are offered co-curricular open-ended projects through which to develop their abilities.
- ▶ They can expect to experience additional enrichment opportunities.
- ▶ Fee remission of up to 10%.

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF AN ACADEMIC SCHOLAR WHILST THEY ARE AT ST MARGARET'S?

- ▶ We expect academic scholars to find innovative ways of giving something back to the community of learners to which they belong and to the wider school.
- ▶ They should be a role model for other pupils in the school, exhibit a passion for learning and inspire those around them.
- ▶ Scholars should continue to display academic enthusiasm both inside and outside the classroom, engaging in projects and learning opportunities beyond the normal curriculum.
- ▶ Scholars should be available to assist academic departments at open events.
- ▶ All academic scholars should seek to develop their own wider leadership, team-working and communication skills which will serve them well in their future careers.

ART

St Margaret's has a thriving Art Department where individual creativity is seen to be a core and vital part of education that encourages all students to engage with and relate to the world around them. The Art Scholarship will look to foster, encourage and inspire the individual creative and artistic talents of successful candidates. We are looking for pupils who are passionate about art and are eager to make the most of all the co-curricular opportunities available to them.

The Art department is located in a purpose built modern building, has six specialist studios for painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture and textiles.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN AN ART SCHOLAR?

We are looking for applicants who demonstrate a commitment to Art and an enthusiasm for the subject that goes beyond the usual expectation at this level. Independence of thought is essential since the practice of the genuinely committed art scholar should be very similar to that of a practising artist. We are looking for artwork created outside timetabled lessons, work done at home, in the holidays and very much on the applicant's own initiative. We are, of course, also looking for highly developed levels of technical skill. It is expected that art scholars will continue to pursue their study of Art at GCSE and A level.

HOW ARE ART SCHOLARSHIPS ASSESSED?

11+ and 13+ will be asked to participate in a 60 minute practical examination. In addition, candidates will be asked to bring with them a portfolio of previous work and will have the opportunity to discuss this with the Head of Art.

16+ candidates will be required to participate in a two hour practical examination. In addition, candidates will be asked to bring with them a portfolio of previous work and will have the opportunity to discuss this with the Head of Art.

WHAT DOES THE ART SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDE?

- ▶ Mentoring by the Art Department.
- ▶ Subsidised trips organised by the Art department.
- ▶ Fee remission of up to 10%.

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF AN ART SCHOLAR WHILST THEY ARE AT ST MARGARET'S?

- ▶ To act as a role model at all times and to represent the Art department as necessary, including at open events.
- ▶ To attend Art clubs and activities.
- ▶ To produce work for the Schools' annual Art exhibition.
- ▶ Art scholars are expected to make a full contribution to co-curricular art. Year 9 Art scholars are expected to take GCSE Art.



DRAMA

St Margaret's is proud to present a wide variety of School productions every year, showcasing our students' many talents. Our Performing Arts Centre is impressive, with lighting, sound and projection facilities in addition to retractable seating creating a flexible and creative space. Pupils regularly produce and perform a wide range of exciting and ambitious shows, and experience first-hand some of the best London theatre, nationally acclaimed touring companies, and workshops with leading practitioners.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A DRAMA SCHOLAR?

We are looking for candidates who demonstrate a natural talent and enthusiasm for Drama. Applicants should be confident performers and willing to work both independently and as part of a team. They should be reliable and committed to achieving in this subject area. Candidates are expected to participate in both scholarship and school drama productions. It is anticipated that Drama scholars will continue to pursue their study of Drama at GCSE and Advanced Level.

HOW ARE DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS ASSESSED?

Drama scholarships are assessed through an audition of a prepared speech (selected by the candidate from a list provided) and a group workshop. Candidates will also be asked a series of questions following the audition by the Head of Drama.

Candidates are encouraged to include information about their contributions to co-curricular drama and performance both in and out of school on their application.

WHAT DOES THE DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDE?

- ▶ The opportunity to attend a range of theatre productions.
- ▶ A broader theatrical experience and development of skills: as a performer, director and technician.
- ▶ One-to-one specialist tuition for auditions.
- ▶ Regular information regarding workshops and performances of interest.
- ▶ Fee remission of up to 10%.

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF A DRAMA SCHOLAR WHILST THEY ARE AT ST MARGARET'S?

- ▶ Scholars should have a working knowledge of all aspects of theatre and be available to promote the department when required, e.g. at assemblies and open events.
- ▶ We anticipate that our scholars will attend live theatre and read plays and reviews.
- ▶ Year 9 Drama scholars are expected to take GCSE Drama, and Sixth Form scholars are expected to take Advanced Level Drama and Theatre.



MUSIC

Music is central to the life of St Margaret's. Our choirs, orchestras and ensembles take part in a full programme of concerts and performances both in the School and across the community and there is a varied programme of workshops by professional musicians. Our new Music building will provide a state of the art facility which includes rehearsal spaces, classrooms and practice rooms for individual music lessons.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A MUSIC SCHOLAR?

When selecting scholars we look primarily for musical and technical potential combined with an obvious passion for the subject and commitment to participation in school music. Many applicants will already have reached a high level of competency; the minimum expected standards are outlined below. Ideally this benchmark should be passed by December of the year prior to entry. However, this can be dependent on the instrument studied and this is taken into account on application.

11+ candidates would normally be expected to be at Grade 4/5

13+ candidates would normally be expected to be at Grade 5/6

16+ candidates would normally be expected to be at Grade 7/8 (Merit or Distinction)

HOW ARE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS ASSESSED?

Candidates selected for interview will audition to the Director of Music. 11+, 13+ and 16+ candidates are asked for the following:

- ▶ 2 contrasting pieces on main instrument (or singing).
- ▶ If applicable, a piece on second instrument (or singing).
- ▶ Sight reading on main instrument (or singing).
- ▶ Aural tests.
- ▶ Questions about the performance pieces.

A second instrument is not required but may be an advantage; the expected standard will be lower for a second instrument.

Additionally, 16+ candidates will sit a short listening test.

WHAT DOES THE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDE?

- ▶ Masterclasses and workshops.
- ▶ The opportunity to attend a range of concerts.
- ▶ Financial assistance for a place in National Youth Orchestras or choirs.
- ▶ Regular performance opportunities.
- ▶ Fee remission of up to 10%.

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF A MUSIC SCHOLAR WHILST THEY ARE AT ST MARGARET'S?

- ▶ To be an ambassador for the Music Department.
- ▶ Music Scholars are expected to make a full contribution to co-curricular music, such as participation in School choirs, orchestras and chamber groups.
- ▶ To assist with open events and selected Chapel services..
- ▶ Year 9 Music Scholars are expected to take GCSE music, and Sixth Form Scholars are expected to take A-level Music.

SPORT

Sport at St. Margaret's mirrors the ethos of the school: hard work, commitment and teamwork. Through each student's sporting journey they are given the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities and develop their talents through lessons, clubs and teams. Pupils are also given leadership opportunities to develop key life skills such as leadership and communication. Our facilities reflect our commitment to physical activity which enable our students to go on to achieve at district, county and international level. Our sports scholars will be given every opportunity to develop their potential and are invited to regular development discussions with other scholars and members of the Physical Education team.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A SPORTS SCHOLAR?

This scholarship may be awarded to an individual who shows potential, talent and commitment in any sport currently offered by the school. Numerous sports are played at, or above, County level at St Margaret's including Swimming, Football, Netball, Tennis and Athletics.

HOW ARE SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS ASSESSED?

In the Scholarship Application Form candidates are required to highlight their previous sporting background, team participation and levels they have played at in relation to the sports St Margaret's offers e.g. football, netball, swimming, tennis, rounders, athletics, gymnastics. It is important that sporting strengths are highlighted.

Candidates will then be invited to participate in a fitness activity, a practice session of a favoured sport as well as be required to play in a sport that they are less familiar with.

WHAT DOES THE SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDED?

- ▶ A personal mentor.
- ▶ Regular meetings with other scholars.
- ▶ Fee remission of up to 10%.

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF A SPORTS SCHOLAR WHILST THEY ARE AT ST MARGARET'S?

- ▶ To work to improve their own performance, representing the school in competitions as required.
- ▶ To be an ambassador for St Margaret's sport, both internally and outside school.
- ▶ To assist with open events.



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS)

St Margaret's offers some of the best teaching in the area for STEM subjects; our students are taught by highly skilled and passionate teachers in all departments. Almost 50% of our pupils leave the Sixth Form to go on to study STEM related degrees such as Civil Engineering at Cambridge, Medicine at King's College London, Mathematics at Oxford and Biomedical Science and Biochemistry at Warwick.

Our results in recent years have been excellent. In 2018, 67% of our separate Science GCSE pupils achieved grade 9, the highest possible grade. When compared to the national average of 12%, it is clear that this is a remarkable achievement.

At St. Margaret's we inspire our pupils through our co-curricular STEM programme, including Science and Mathematics Clinics, Year 8 Forensic Science day, Year 8 Cyberfest Girls competition, Year 8 Faraday Challenge at Queen Mary University, Year 7-13 Nancy Rothwell award for Biological Art, Visits from Wild Science for all, Year 10 visit to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham, the Biomedical Society, Year 9 Darwin project competition, Year 12 and 13 Chemistry and Physics in Action conferences, Year 11 - 13 Biology Live conference, Year 9 and 10 Biology Challenge, Year 12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and Peterhouse Science competition, and Olympiads in all of the Sciences and Mathematics.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A STEM SCHOLAR?

We are looking for pupils who not only excel in the relevant subjects but also have a passion for them and are likely to pursue this route at University.

HOW ARE STEM SCHOLARSHIPS ASSESSED?

All STEM scholarship applications will be assessed by asking candidates to sit an examination paper which will test a candidates' natural aptitude for STEM disciplines by asking problem solving type questions within the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Candidates are also invited to explain their particular interest in STEM in the Scholarship Application Form.

WHAT DOES THE STEM SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDE?

- ▶ Mentoring by the STEM Co-ordinator.
- ▶ Coaching for Olympiads and national competitions.
- ▶ Fee remission of up to 10%.

WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF A STEM SCHOLAR WHILST THEY ARE AT ST MARGARET'S?

- ▶ To work to improve their own performance, representing the school in Olympiads and competitions as required.
- ▶ To be an ambassador for St Margaret's STEM department, both internally and outside school.
- ▶ To assist with open events.
- ▶ To assist in running STEM events for junior pupils
- ▶ Sixth Form STEM scholars are expected to include some of the STEM subjects in their AS/A2 subject option choices.

BURSARIES

WHAT IS THE BURSARY APPLICATION PROCESS?

STEP ONE

Parents seeking a bursary are required by **30 November** for entry the following September to complete an application form which seeks to establish the financial circumstances of the household. The form, which requests details of income, expenditure and capital, must be accompanied by full documentary evidence. The completed forms together with the necessary documentary evidence, are to be submitted to the Bursar at **bursar@smbushey.com** normally at the time of registration but in exceptional circumstances prior to this. All people with parental responsibility (even if separated and one parent makes no contribution to living costs) must complete the form.

STEP TWO

The Bursar assesses all applications in order to establish the likely level of support which will be required in order to allow the child to attend the School. This may involve the Bursar, or his representative, visiting the parents/guardians' home to ensure the information has been correctly interpreted and the basis of the financial assessment has been fair.

STEP THREE

The Bursar prepares a recommendation in accordance with the St Margaret's School Scale of Awards which is considered with the Headmistress and a joint recommendation is then reached.

STEP FOUR

The joint recommendation is presented to the Chairman of the Governors' Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

STEP FIVE

The parents are advised whether their child is to be offered a place at the School and of the Bursary offer.

St Margaret's School is committed to broadening access to the School by making available to parents/guardians of those who have been offered a place following the normal admissions and selection process, means-tested financial support with the payment of schools fees. Such support is known as a Bursary and these may be awarded in the form of a discount of tuition fees payable, depending on the financial, compassionate or other pertinent circumstances of applicants. This discount rarely exceeds 33%.

Bursary awards are subject to repeat testing of parental means each year and may be varied upwards or downwards, depending on parental circumstances.

Requests for financial support usually fall into two categories:

- ▶ New applicants to the school, where a place has been offered but parents are unable to fund the tuition fees.
- ▶ Existing pupils where a change in parents' circumstances has resulted in a difficulty in meeting tuition fees and may result in the child being withdrawn part way through a stage of education.





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