



Sixth Form Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards September 2024 Entry

Each year the Governors award a limited number of Scholarships and Bursaries to encourage students' potential and to widen access, ensuring as many talented students as possible are able to take advantage of the excellent education that Pipers Corner provides.

The number of Scholarships and Bursaries awarded varies year-on-year depending on the quality and circumstances of the candidates and the available funds.

Sixth Form Scholarships

Scholarship applications are invited from both current Pipers students as well as those looking to join us from other schools. Awards are not means-tested.

Scholarships are available in one of the following areas:

- Academic
- Art, Design and Technology:
 - Art and Textiles
 - Design and Technology
 - Food Science and Nutrition
- Music
- Performing Arts:
 - Dance
 - Drama
- Physical Education



Scholarship selection criteria

Candidates should:

- Be achieving at the highest level in their chosen subject area – including in Year 10 and mock examination results.
- Be predicted a grade 9-8 in their specialist subject.
- Demonstrate extra-curricular commitment to their specialist area.
- Be likely to achieve excellent grades in a number of other subjects.
- Be able to work independently and show an interest in studying beyond the syllabus.
- Participate fully in the academic and extra-curricular life of the School.

Scholarship Assessment

The assessment process will consist of a department-based assessment and an interview with a senior staff member. For Academic Scholarship applicants there is a written assessment and a panel interview with a Governor representative and one of the Heads of Sixth Form.

Bursaries

Whenever possible, the Governors are committed to supporting students in the Sixth Form who might otherwise be unable to complete their education at Pipers. In addition, they have established Bursaries to enable a limited number of students each year to join the Sixth Form at Pipers from other schools.

A Bursary

- Can be granted for a student who would otherwise be unable to accept an offered place or Award due to the family's financial circumstances.
- Is means-tested with the value of the Bursary being related to the financial circumstances of the student's family.
- Is usually expressed financially as a percentage of fees and can vary up to a maximum of 100% of fees (including any Scholarship or other award). In exceptional circumstances, further support may be available from the School towards the cost of Sixth Form attire, travel and school trips.
- Is confidential and is not published.

All parents applying for a Sixth Form Scholarship will be asked if they wish to apply for a supporting Bursary. Bursaries are also available for students who are not applying for Scholarships.

Parents who wish to apply for a Bursary will be asked to complete a Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances form.

The form is confidential and requires full disclosure about the family's financial circumstances, with supporting documentation. The School uses an independent company, to review and assess Bursary applications. Shortly after receipt of the application form you will be contacted to arrange a home-visit to talk through the financial circumstances form and discuss the application. These visits are undertaken at the applicant's home (or via Zoom) in a sensitive manner and all information is treated in the strictest confidence. The application and the feedback will be submitted to the School where a decision will be made about the value of the Bursary that may be awarded.



How to apply

Sixth Form Scholarships

- The Sixth Form Scholarship process will take place in the Spring Term prior to entry in September of the same year. All parents (of both internal and external Sixth Form applicants) will be supplied with the Scholarships and Sixth Form Options form after the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 9 November 2023.
- The deadline for completing this form is Monday 4 March 2024.
- Once students have submitted their application they may be shortlisted for a School award according to the criteria by both senior pastoral and academic staff. For external candidates, a reference, including predicted grades, will be sought from their current school.
- Scholarship shortlisting will be completed and letters sent to candidates informing them if they have been shortlisted in March 2024. The shortlist is likely to consist of no more than ten students, with Scholarship Assessments taking place shortly after shortlisting.
- Letters announcing the results of the Scholarship Assessments will be sent out at the end of March 2024, after the assessment process has been completed.

Bursaries

- Families can express their wishes to be considered for a means-tested bursary using the Sixth Form application form.
- Parents of students currently in Year 11 at Pipers who are not applying for a Scholarship but wishing to submit a Bursary application should contact the Bursar.
- Parents of external candidates who are not applying for a Scholarship but wishing to submit a Bursary application should contact the Registrar.

Applicants will then be provided with a confidential form to complete and return in order to provide essential information regarding their financial circumstances for means-testing purposes.*

*Please note that all external candidates seeking Sixth Form entry to Pipers Corner School will need to be formally registered for entry and will be required to submit a Sixth Form application form and attend an entrance interview with the Headmistress.

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