



# Scholarship Programme Booklet 2021-2022

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# Introduction

The More House Scholarship programme enables us to work with pupils, parents and previous schools to identify and foster the potential of more able pupils, ensuring that they receive the best possible opportunity to develop their talent.

All scholarships are competitive and our assessment and interview process seeks to give all pupils an opportunity to demonstrate their potential.

If you are considering applying for our Scholarship Programme, please contact our Registrar on 020 7235 2855 or email [registrar@morehouse.org.uk](mailto:registrar@morehouse.org.uk) for an application form, stating which scholarship(s) your daughter would like to apply for. Please note that for an academic scholarship there is no additional form to complete.

## Background

Personal development is central to our concept of scholarship and our approach aims to align scholarship beneficiaries with the following school's aim:

*To engender a culture of intellectual curiosity both inside and outside of the classroom and pride in individual and collective achievement.*

We welcome applications from current or prospective pupils who demonstrate academic excellence in several subjects, and/or show particular talents in Art, Music, Drama and Sport. All awards recognise both ability and effort, as well as a love of learning and committed approach to study.

Scholarship holders have access to a research grant to support their individual scholarly projects. There is no reduction in school fees and the research grants are non-means-tested. The value can be rolled together for a maximum of two years for any unspent allocation (eg. a contribution of £1,000 could be made for a summer course based on two years of scholarship).

The award of a scholarship is reviewed annually based on student performance and ongoing commitment. All Scholars will have been identified as belonging to the 'high attainers' group in a relevant subject area and will therefore be tracked and provided for in line with the school's More Able policy. They will also be required to attend a 'Showcase' event during the year to talk about the use of their grant.

Scholarship grants are awarded at the main entry points of the School, namely Year 7 and Sixth Form. These Scholarships may be either general, for academic all-rounders, or subject specific in Art, Drama, Music or Sport.

# The Application Process for Year 7 Entry

At any time before or up to the closing date for registrations (Friday 12th November 2021), parents may apply for consideration for a scholarship for their daughter by notifying the Registrar on the entrance test form.

All scholarship applications should be accompanied by a recommendation from the applicant's current school.

## 11+ Academic

### Introduction

Those with an Academic Scholarship at More House have access to an annual research grant (up to £500 for Years 7 - 8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11 and £2000 for Sixth Form) to which they apply, to the Head, for books, courses and other research/scholarly activities.

### Expectation

At More House, all students with Academic Scholarships will have been identified as belonging to the 'high attainers' in a relevant subject area and will therefore be tracked and provided for in line with the school's More Able policy. Scholars are expected to complete the Extended Project Qualification in the Lower Sixth or fulfil another extension activity that has equivalent academic challenge (eg. enter national competitions).

### Assessment

In the case of a scholarship grant for academic performance these will be awarded, by the Head based on the performance in the 11+ Entrance Examination itself, an interview with the Head in the Autumn Term and a reference from the pupil's current school.



# 11+ Art & Design

## Introduction

Students awarded Art & Design Scholarships are expected to participate fully in the school's Art Department as well as visiting exhibitions and attending lectures. They are also encouraged to exhibit their work each year in school, and also to share their expertise and skills with pupils from More House and other feeder schools. Students awarded Art & Design Scholarships, like Academic, also have access to a grant each year (up to £500 for Years 7-8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11 and £2000 for Sixth Form) to support their artistic development in consultation with the Head of Art and the Head.

## Criteria

Candidates must display evidence of a personal interest in Art & Design both inside and outside the confines of the classroom. Candidates must have the ability to record from first hand observation using a range of materials, techniques and processes. Candidates must display genuine engagement over time and demonstrate they are passionate about this subject. We are expecting to see sustained development of individual projects and the potential to develop further. A candidate should also have seen a range of Art & Design, at first hand, in museums and art galleries.

## Expectation

11+ candidates will be expected to attend an after-school art session every week. This is in addition to their normal curricular Art & Design lessons. An Art Scholar is expected to exhibit work at the annual Art Department exhibitions, as well as the Scholars' Showcase. Scholars are expected to take GCSE and A level Art, although this is not a requirement.

## Assessment

### Interview

A formal interview in January, lasting around an hour. This will include a practical drawing task and an interview with the Head of Art.

### Portfolio (brought to Interview)

To include a minimum of:

- 2 Pencil Drawings (no bigger than A3)
- 2 Mixed Media pieces any size
- 2 Paintings any size
- 1 Sketch book A4 or larger
- 2 Pieces of 3D work supported by drawings and preparatory work (This may be photographed)



We understand that many students who apply for the art scholarship will have attended art classes. Whilst this work is valuable, we are even more interested in work produced independently. This may not look as 'finished' but gives us a really clear understanding of your daughter's interests.

# 11+ Drama

## Introduction

Students awarded Drama Scholarships are expected to be ambassadors for their subject, taking opportunities to develop their abilities while they are at More House. Those opportunities that make up the minimum expectation for drama scholars include auditioning for all plays, supporting (or producing) student dramatic work. Drama Scholarship beneficiaries have access to a grant each year (up to £500 for Years 7-8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11 and £2000 for Sixth Form) to support the development of their drama skills, in consultation with the Head of Drama and the Head.

## Criteria

Candidates should have experience of performance outside of a school environment. This might be as part of an organisation such as Sylvia Young or Stagecoach, or with either an amateur group or professional company. Candidates should, ideally, have undertaken Speech and Drama lessons and have taken individual or pair examinations, although not to a specified standard. We would also expect a candidate to have participated in a variety of school productions and extra curricular activities, as available. We are looking for candidates with a strong level of imagination, creative flexibility, and excellent practical skills (use of movement and voice). An active interest in theatre going would be expected.

## Expectation

Over and above the standard expectation of all Scholars, Drama Scholars are expected to participate in all extra curricular drama activities and productions as available. The precise commitment will vary term to term, depending on productions. Drama Scholars are expected to act as ambassadors for the creative arts, within and beyond the school, as required. A Drama Scholar is expected to exhibit work at the annual Scholars' Showcase. Drama scholars are expected to take GCSE and A level Drama, although this is not a requirement.

## Assessment

A formal interview in January, lasting no more than 30 minutes, with the Head of Drama to discuss experience within the creative arts and demonstrate practical skill through the performance of one published monologue. To help communicate understanding of theory and practical skill, a portfolio is recommended. This will form the basis of discussion during the final part of the interview.



# 11+ Music

## Introduction

Students awarded music scholarships are expected to participate fully in the school's Music department. Not only to perform in concerts, but they are encouraged to share their expertise and skills with pupils from More House and other feeder schools. Students that are awarded Music Scholarships, like Academic, also have access to a grant each year (up to £500 for Years 7-8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11 and £2000 for Sixth Form) to support their musical development in consultation with the Director of Music and the Head.

## Criteria

A candidate should be capable of playing at least one first study instrument (including voice) at grade 4 - 5 standard. It is not necessary to have actually passed these exams.

## Expectations

Over and above the standard expectations of all Scholars, a Music Scholar is expected to be a member of the choir, junior or senior chamber choir, and an ensemble (if another instrument is played). The Music Department is looking for students with enthusiasm, reliability and commitment.

Music Scholars are expected to take Music at GCSE and A level, although this is not a requirement. A Music Scholar is expected to exhibit work during each informal concert, and perform at the annual Scholars' Showcase.

## Assessment

## Interview and Performance

Each candidate will be invited to a formal interview with the Head of Music lasting no more than thirty minutes to discuss their musical aspirations, what they feel they could offer the school, and what they feel they would get out of being a music scholar.

Candidates will then be asked to perform two pieces on their first instrument, or one on their first and one on their second. In addition, there will be short sight-reading and aural tests. If an accompanist is required, this must be provided by the candidate.

## Mark sheets

We would ask candidates to bring with them the most recent mark sheets of Associated Board or Trinity Exams that they have taken on the instruments that they are playing at the audition.





# 11+ Sport

## Introduction



Students awarded Sport Scholarships are expected to be ambassadors for their sport and take part fully in the sporting life of the school; representing the school and clubs in their teams, as well as helping to coach others. A grant is available each year (up to £500 for Years 7-8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11 and £2000 for Sixth Form) to support the development of their sporting skills, in consultation with the Head of PE and the Head.

## Criteria

Candidates are expected to demonstrate outstanding ability, games awareness and remarkable potential in their chosen sport. They should be participating at school 'A' team standard in their chosen sport and be representing a team at Club, County, Regional or National level.

## Expectation

Over and above the standard expectation of all Scholars, Sports Scholars must be fully committed to their chosen sport, to practices and to fixtures during the week (if applicable to their sport). Sports Scholars should display the values and qualities expected of a sporting role model and a desire to be involved in all aspects of sporting life at More House. A Sports Scholar is expected to present the use of their grant at the annual Scholars' Showcase. Sports Scholars are encouraged to take GCSE and A level PE, although this is not a requirement.

## Assessment

Candidates will be invited for an interview in January with the Head of PE for approx. 30 minutes about their sporting achievements; knowledge of rules and tactics relevant to the major sports; current sporting affairs and their expectations for involvement within More House.

Applicants will be asked to bring to interview a portfolio of their sporting experience and achievements (this could include some video footage) and references from a PE teacher or coach.



# The Application Process for Sixth Form Entry

## Introduction

These awards are given to girls entering the Sixth Form that we believe have shown talent and indeed potential for the rigours of the coming years, as well as acting as excellent role models. So, while the talent may vary from skills in different academic subjects, to sporting or creative gifts, the approach to life and commitment to study are the same.

A grant, up to the value of £2000 is available to support the development of an area of interest which will complement their A level subjects. This will be in consultation with the Head of Sixth Form and the Head.

## Assessment

Both internal and external candidates should apply by completing the Sixth Form Scholarship Application Form. They will then be required to attend an interview and deliver a presentation for the Head, Deputy Head Academic and the Head of Sixth Form in January. Relevant Heads of Department will also be part of the application process.

The presentation should be no longer than ten minutes in length and the subject matter is of the candidate's choosing, but we would expect it to reflect the relevant area of study. Once candidates have finished their presentation, they will take questions and then be interviewed. Art, Music, Drama and PE awards will also require a short performance or presentation of a portfolio. Full details of the necessary requirements are sent out to candidates once applications are received.



# Expectations for Scholarship Holders

- Scholarship holders are expected to demonstrate the very highest standards of commitment, discipline and loyalty to the School.
- Scholarship holders are expected to set a lead among their peer group in relation to behaviour, leadership and attitude to the School.
- Scholarship holders are expected to achieve high effort in all subjects. They will be expected to work closely with our Most Able Coordinators.
- Scholarship holders are expected to promote their particular area of expertise among their peer group, through external activities, and in all ways.
- Scholarship holders are required to participate in the Annual Scholars' Showcase.
- Scholarship holders are required to have an annual review of their award, to be carried out by the Head, or whomever the Head selects to carry out the review.
- The scholarship grant can be taken away following an unsatisfactory review.
- Scholarship holders, themselves, can ask to leave the programme at any time.