



# Scholarship Programme Policy 2025-2026

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# Introduction

The More House School 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 opportunities to develop their talents.

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 more information.



## 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 (Academic Scholar), 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.

There is a 25% fee remission applied for the Academic Scholarship, but no reduction in School fees for the remaining awards. Art, Music, Drama and Sport Scholarship holders have access to a research grant to support their individual scholarly projects. For these awards, 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). All scholarship awards are non-means-tested.

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 **Be More** high attainers group in a relevant subject area and will therefore be tracked and provided for in line with the School's More Able (our 'Be More') policy. They will also be required to attend a Be More Breakfast 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 5, 7 and Sixth Form.

## The Application Process for Year 5 and 7 Entry

At any time before or up to the closing date for registrations (Friday 7th November 2025), parents may apply for consideration for an Art, Music, Drama or Sport scholarship for their daughter by notifying the Registrar on the examination form. All scholarship applications should be accompanied by a recommendation from the applicant's current school.

Potential Academic Scholars are identified by the School following Selection Day and the completion of the 11+ common entrance test, they will then be invited to apply. The process involves a half day in School during which applicants complete a piece of work and take part in an interview.



# 11+ Academic Scholarship

## Introduction

Students awarded an Academic Scholarship at More House show resilience and diligence in all that they do. They will be nominated onto the Be More programme and will attend Be More breakfasts, and special trips. They will be ambassadors for high expectations of behaviour for learning.

## Expectation

At More House, all students with Academic Scholarships will have been identified as belonging to the **Be More** 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 a **Be More** Research Project in Year 8 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 or Deputy Head, the completion of a piece of work and a reference from the pupil's current school. Applicants chosen to apply will be contacted following Selection Day and the completion of the 11+ common entrance test. They will be contacted before the end of the Autumn Term and invited to attend a Scholarship Day at the School taking place in January.



# 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 have access to a grant each year (up to £500 for Years 7-8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11 and £1500 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, 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 also expected to exhibit work at the annual Art Department exhibition. Scholars are expected to take GCSE and A level Art, grants are dependent on subject progression.

## 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 School. 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 £1500 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 in 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 a 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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular 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. Drama scholars are expected to take GCSE and A-level Drama, grants are dependent on subject progression.

## Assessment

A formal interview in January, lasting no more than thirty 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. In addition to taking an active role in the annual programme of concerts, they are encouraged to share their expertise and skills with pupils from More House and other feeder Schools. Students who are awarded music scholarships have access to a grant each year (up to £500 for Years 7-8, £1000 for Years 9,10 and 11, and up to £1500 for Sixth Form students) to support their musical development in consultation with the Head 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 ABRSM standard. It is not necessary to have taken these exams, as long as the required standard is met.

### Expectation

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 performances during each informal and formal concert.

## Assessment

Each applicant will receive an invitation to a formal interview with the Head of Music, lasting up to thirty minutes. During this interview, candidates will have the opportunity to discuss their musical aspirations, contributions they believe they could make to the school, and the personal benefits they expect from becoming a music scholar.

Following the interview, candidates will be requested to showcase their musical abilities by performing either two pieces on their primary instrument or one piece on their primary instrument and another on their secondary instrument. Additionally, candidates will undertake short sight-reading and aural tests. Should the need for an accompanist arise, candidates can either make arrangements themselves or opt for accompaniment provided by our team. However, candidates must ensure they bring the relevant sheet music along for the process.

## Mark sheets

Candidates are requested to bring their latest mark sheets from The Associated Board or Trinity Exams for the instruments they will be performing on during 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 £1500 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, game 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. Sport Scholars are expected to play an active role in our Sports' Council. 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 to discuss 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 who 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 25% fee remission is offered for Academic Scholarships and a grant, up to the value of £1500 is available for Art, Drama, Music and Sport awards, 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.

## Criteria

Pupils are invited to apply for an Academic Scholarship following mock GCSE examinations and the issuing of predicted grades. Pupils interested in applying for Art, Drama, Music and Sport awards can do so by contacting the Head of Sixth Form at any time before the end of the Autumn Term.

## 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 Sport awards will also require a short performance or presentation of a portfolio. Full details of the requirements are sent out to candidates once applications are received.

## Expectations for all 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 More Able Coordinator;
- 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 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, and
- Scholarship holders, themselves, can ask to leave the programme at any time.

