

**GREAT
BALLARD**

Scholarships



Application Pack for 13+ Awards
Deadline 8th January 2024

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The Great Ballard story is gathering momentum all the time and we are welcoming students from a wide range of schools and areas. And as our school grows, so too does our ambition to recognise potential in all children and nurture excellence across the broadest range.

While not every candidate can be successful in our scholarships, we welcome applications from any students keen to have a go. The assessment days will be an opportunity to find out more about our school and to get to know the Great Ballard family. They will be challenging but, above all, we want them to be fun.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any more information or are keen to apply.



- Matt King, Headmaster

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships are available for entry into Year 9 for pupils who demonstrate excellence in one or more of these areas:

- Academia (including Computer Science)
- Sport
- Performing and Creative Arts (including Art, Drama, Music and Musical Theatre)
- Service and Leadership

Other areas may be considered at the Headmaster's discretion.

All scholarships are awarded solely on merit and are assessed through competitive examinations, assessments and interviews.

The financial value of scholarships will vary between both individual candidates and the different disciplines. However, whatever the financial worth of the award, we value all scholars equally, and indeed view recognition as a scholar as the prime reward. Scholarship awards are generally capped at approximately 20% of fees and the majority of awards will be smaller. If scholars require further support beyond the scholarship award to enable them to attend the school, supplementary 'means-tested' bursaries are available. Further details of the process of applying for a bursary can be found on the website. Pupils applying for a scholarship at 11+ and 13+ would usually have been recommended by their current school.

Scholarships are competitive assessments and there are only a limited number of awards available each year. Whilst we welcome applications from suitable candidates, it is inevitable that there will be some disappointment at the outcome. We would urge candidates to apply as much for the invaluable experience of the process as for any expectation of reward.

An application pack is attached. Please indicate on the application which category you are applying for and complete the appropriate pages.

Candidates with strengths in more than one area will be considered for an all-round 'Brian Jay' award at the discretion of the Head.

ALL candidates MUST complete Sections 1 and 2 of the forms in addition to the pages relating to their specialist areas.

Application Deadline: Monday, 8th January 2024, 4.00pm

Assessments: Week commencing 5th February 2024

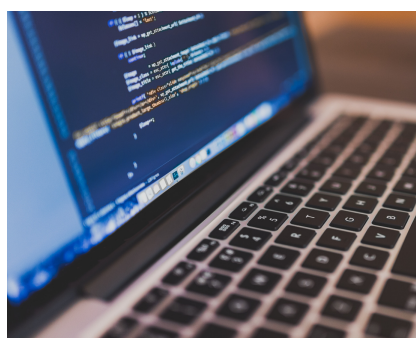
Interested external candidates should contact Mrs Rachel Lewis in order to complete the school's admissions procedure prior to the scholarship days.

Parents of current pupils interested in applying for a scholarship are advised to contact Ms. Hayley Johnson (h.johnson@greatballard.co.uk) before submitting an application.

Procedures and Regulations

The following should be noted before completing the application form:

- All Scholarship candidates must be formally registered with the school before sitting for an award (Registration Forms are available from the Admissions Registrar - headspa@greatballard.co.uk);
- Applicants may only apply for a maximum of three scholarship awards;
- All 13+ Scholarships are 'continuation awards', given on the understanding that recipients will continue through to GCSE at the end of Year 11 at the School;
- Acceptance of an award must be received by the date stated in the offer letter;
- It is an explicit condition of any Scholarship that the financial details of the offer of a Scholarship remain confidential between Parents and Great Ballard School. It is our belief that the honour of being a Scholar is the reward for Pupils and that the financial element of the award is a confidential contract between the Parents and the School;
- Application forms are attached. Please indicate on the application which category you are applying for and complete the appropriate pages.



Section 1

(must be completed for all applicants)

Name of pupil: _____

Date of birth: _____

☐ I confirm that I have completed a Registration Form and paid the Registration Fee of £50
(Registration Forms are available on request from headspa@greatballard.co.uk.
NB Internal candidates are not required to register).

I am applying for a Scholarship for the above pupil. I understand that the offer of a scholarship will be based on:

- Entrance tests
- Practical Assessment
- Recent reports from current school (copies must be submitted with this application)
- Interviews with Headmaster and senior staff
- Personal statement
- References

My child is applying for (please tick as appropriate):

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Performing and Creative Arts (please indicate area(s) for assessment)
 - Drama
 - Dance
 - Music
 - Musical Theatre
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Service and Leadership

Signature of parent _____

Date _____

Name in block capitals _____

Please note: if you wish to apply in more than one area (e.g. Art and Sport), please complete each of the relevant forms in this pack.

Section 2

(must be completed for all applicants)

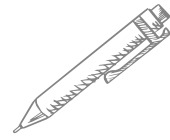
Personal statement

This section should be completed by the pupil, by hand. Please feel free to use extra paper if needed.

Please tell us a little about yourself, including your hobbies, interests and achievements.
(aside from those related to your specific application)

What qualities and strengths do you expect to bring to the school?

Academic Application



Name of pupil:

Academic Strengths:

Applicants must supply a recent school report with this application.

All candidates will take assessments in English (a combination of grammar, comprehension and creative writing tasks) and Maths (this will involve general calculation work, problem-solving and application of Maths skills). No preparation will be required for these tests.

All applicants will participate in a group exercise involving problem-solving tasks and discussion on the assessment day. All applicants will also be interviewed by the Head about their personal statement and about their interests.

Art Application



Name of pupil:

Details of any participation in exhibitions, specific projects completed etc.:

Candidates should bring a selection of their work which could be in the form of a portfolio- this should not be all the work, but the best work. It can include paintings, drawings, photographs, textiles, collage or any other 2D art work. Sculptures do not need to be brought in person but good photos will suffice. Try to be selective; there will not be time to talk about everything.

There should be some work created of a pupil's own volition, not as school work, but for themselves. A good sketchbook can be brought in if it shows a variety of techniques. Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their work, to discuss their ideas and future projects and to indicate any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the head.

All candidates will also be required to produce a practical piece of work on the day of the assessment.

Performing and Creative Arts Application



Name of pupil:

Name and details of relevant external group(s) attended, if any:

Relevant qualifications (e.g. Dance/ LAMDA exams):

NB Candidates will be required to produce originals of any examination certificates.

Recent productions and roles:

NB Candidates will have held major roles in various productions either in their current school or in external drama groups.

On the day of the assessment, applicants will be required to perform a short piece of their choice to a small audience.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their experiences on stage and to discuss any future projects and any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

All candidates will also be required to produce a practical piece of work on the day of the assessment.

Music Application



Name of pupil:

Instruments studied:

Relevant examination results (indicating instrument/ vocal):

NB Candidates will be required to produce originals of any examination certificates.

On the day of the assessment, applicants will be required to perform a short musical piece of their choice to a small audience. Vocal and instrumental performances will be considered. Candidates who excel in more than one instrument may wish to offer more than one short performance on the day.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their musical tastes and talents, and to discuss any future projects and any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

Please provide at least one written reference, to be submitted with these forms.

Computer Science Application



Name of pupil:

Area of strength/ expertise. Please include details of any projects completed, participation in exhibitions etc.:

Candidates will be required to bring with them a portfolio of recent projects, which can be work produced in or out of their current school. Submissions should ideally demonstrate a varied and advanced range of skills.

All candidates will also be required to produce a practical piece of work on the day of the assessment.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their work, to discuss their ideas and future projects, and to indicate any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

Sports Application



Name of pupil:

Please indicate your strongest two sports. We will aim to assess each candidate in these areas on the day:

Briefly outline your sporting achievements in and outside school. All sports will be considered here:

Sport	Participation/Team/Level etc.

Candidates will be expected to be performing already at a high level in their sports. Candidates exhibiting outstanding potential will also be considered. Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their interests in sport, their ambitions and plans for the future, and to indicate any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

All candidates will also be required to take part in a practical assessment and group work session on the day.

Please provide at least one written reference to support this application from a relevant coach who knows your child well.

Service and Leadership Application



Name of pupil:

Evidence of outstanding contributions to school or the community- please include details of any community projects completed, volunteering and/ or leadership experiences:

Candidates will be required to bring with them a portfolio demonstrating how they have lifted their school and peers, and made a difference in the community. This might include details of community projects, volunteering they have done and leadership experiences they have gained.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their work and experiences and to discuss their ideas and world views. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

All candidates will take part in a team exercise on the day.

Additional Information



Please use this page to submit any additional information in support of your application for any of the scholarship areas.

Checklist



Please ensure that you have completed all of the relevant sections of the application pack and that you have included the following:

- ☐ Scholarship Application Form
- ☐ Registration Form and fee (external candidates only)
- ☐ A recent photograph of the applicant (external candidates only)
- ☐ A copy of recent school report/grades (external candidates only)
- ☐ Supporting references where applicable (from out of school only)

Completed applications should be sent to Mrs Rachel Lewis, the Admissions Registrar by the published application deadline.

Email: headspa@greatballard.co.uk

Post: Great Ballard School, Eartham House, Eartham, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0LR