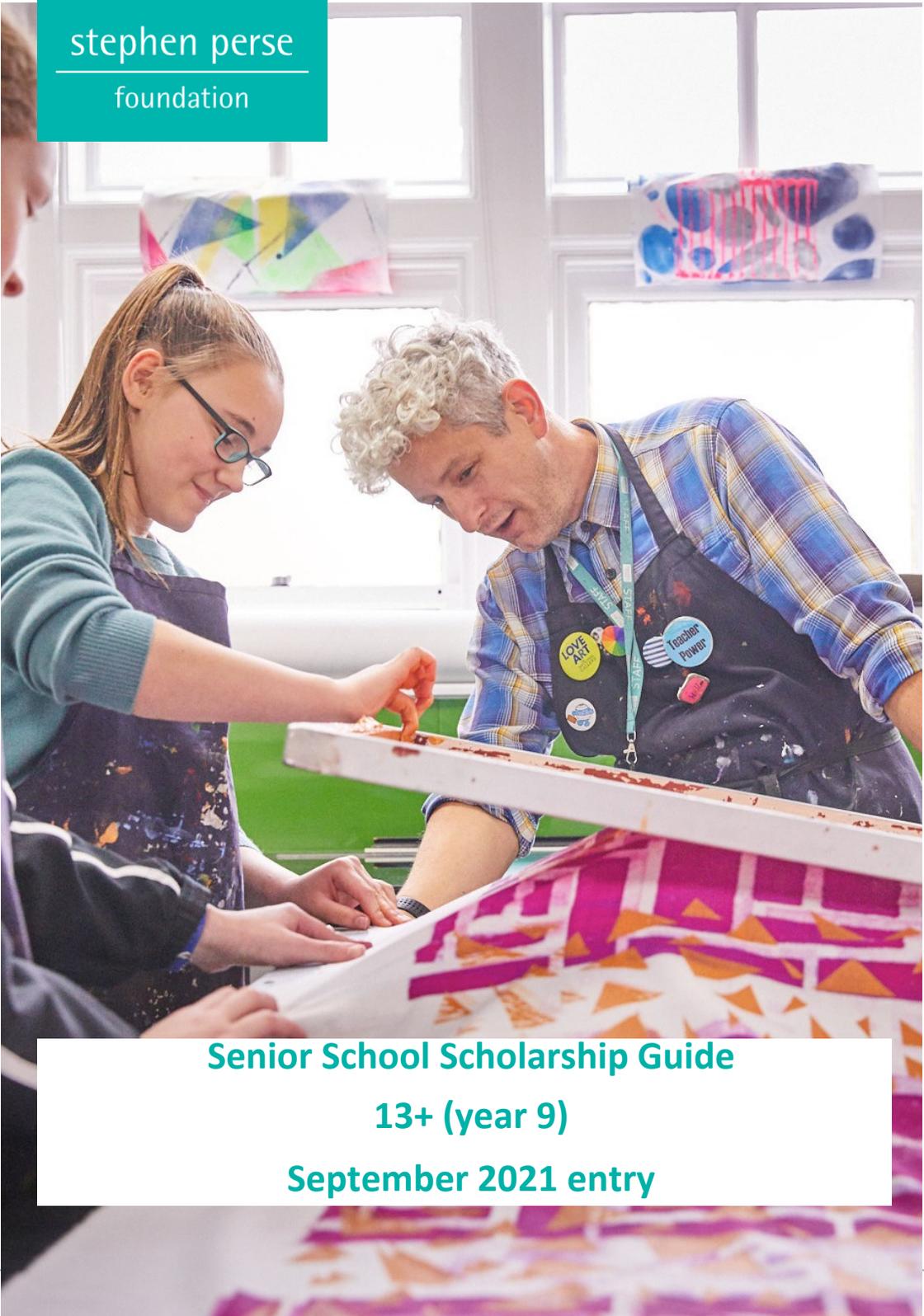


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Senior School Scholarship Guide

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Our scholarship programme for Year 9 is about recognising aptitude and developing talent, rather than rewarding success. For this reason the Foundation has taken the view that these scholarships should be ‘**honorary**’, in the sense that they carry no direct financial fee remission. Scholars are expected to show a commitment to the relevant discipline and make a meaningful contribution to this aspect of school life.

All scholarships are available to both external applicants and to pupils progressing from Year 8 in the Senior School

It is possible to hold both a scholarship and a bursary, so if you are in need of financial support to attend the Foundation, please do consider applying for a bursary. The process for this is outlined on our website in the ‘financial assistance’ section.

Governors Academic Award

The Governors Academic Award is awarded to those candidates who have achieved high results in their CAT4 entry assessment tests. Should a candidate wish to be considered for this award they should indicate this on the scholarship application form. Students who meet the criteria will be invited for an interview after which they will be notified if they have been successful.

Music scholarships

Music scholarships are awarded on the basis of an audition. **Music scholarships and exhibitions are available to both external applicants and pupils progressing from Year 8 in the Senior School.**

Application

To apply for a music scholarship, applicants should complete the relevant sections of the scholarship application form found in the admissions portal checklist. Applicants should be of **Grade 6 standard** or above at the time of the audition. Applicants will be considered for both scholarships and exhibitions.





Auditions

During the audition applicants will be required to perform **two contrasting pieces on their main instrument or voice and undertake some aural tests in which they will be asked to sing back short passages of music played on the piano**. They will also be asked by the Director of Music to talk about their current musical activities. Applicants may, if they wish, perform on a second instrument or voice. As part of the audition process applicants will be expected to show that they already make an appropriate contribution to Music in their current school. Auditions take place at the Senior School and an accompanist will be provided free of charge. Alternatively, applicants are welcome to arrange their own accompanist for the audition if they wish (at their own expense).

The role of music scholars and exhibition holders

The musical life of the Foundation is very active, and music award holders are expected to play a full role in supporting and developing this. Those who audition on an orchestral instrument will be expected to join the Symphony Orchestra (which rehearses after school on Wednesdays); singers will join The Singers (a choir which rehearses after school on Tuesdays), and pianists should be prepared to be involved in solo and ensemble performances as appropriate. Other instrumentalists are equally welcome to apply and the role they could play as a potential music scholar will be discussed at the audition. Above all, music scholars should lead by example, both musically and also by being punctual and regular in their attendance at rehearsals and concerts.

Art scholarships

Art scholarships are awarded to shortlisted applicants based on the submission of a portfolio and an interview. **Art scholarships are available to both external applicants and to pupils progressing from Year 8 in the Senior School.** Scholars will be able to attend the after-school open studios, to benefit from being introduced to new skills and techniques, including new GCSE level processes. They will be invited on trips alongside GCSE & Sixth Form art students, and also be eligible to take part in regular competitions as and when they occur such as the Saatchi schools prize, and local art awards.

Application

To apply for an art scholarship, applicants should complete the relevant sections of the scholarship application form in the admission portal in the checklist. To be shortlisted for interview applicants will be asked to submit work via an e-portfolio. Further information regarding the types of work required, dates and deadlines for submission is detailed on the scholarship application form. Applicants will be informed if they have been shortlisted for interview and will receive further portfolio advice relating to what to bring along to the interview with the Curriculum Leader of Visual Arts. In addition to this, shortlisted applicants will be asked to complete an additional task for the interview as described in the scholarship application form.





Interview

During an interview, the shortlisted applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their portfolio of work and their current artistic activities, and be expected to talk about how they would benefit from an art scholarship. Interviews will take place at the Visual Arts Centre.

The role of Art scholars

Art scholarship holders are expected to contribute to the artistic life of the Senior School and the Visual Arts Centre. They should be willing to help with the organisation and running of Art exhibitions and activities as appropriate. There will be an exhibition of KS3 student work in the Senior School in the summer term which the Year 9 scholars will organise, curate and create work for along with their peers.

Design engineering scholarships

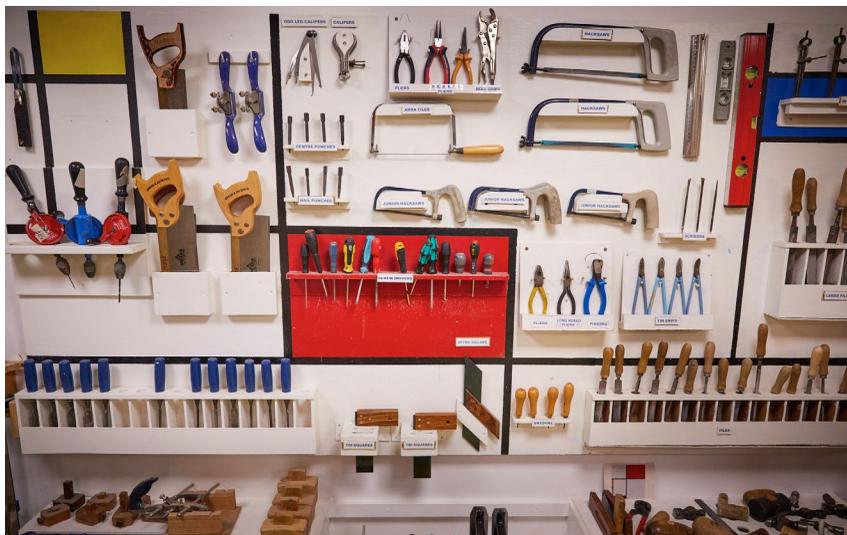
Design Engineering scholarships are awarded to shortlisted applicants based on the submission of a portfolio and an interview. **Design Engineering scholarships are available to both external applicants and to pupils progressing from Year 8 in the Senior School.**

Scholars will be able to attend the extra club sessions and be given opportunities to develop their skills in designing and making to a greater depth including skills relating to the GCSE course. Scholars will also be invited to take part in various competitions and schemes such as those run by the British Science Association and the Engineering Development Trust.

Application

To apply for a Design Engineering scholarship, applicants should complete the relevant sections of the scholarship application form found in the admissions portal checklist.

To be shortlisted for interview, applicants will be asked to submit work via an e-portfolio. Further information regarding the types of work required, dates and deadlines for submission is detailed on the scholarship application form. Applicants will be informed if they have been shortlisted for interview with the Curriculum Leader of Design Engineering. In addition to this, shortlisted applicants will be asked to complete an additional task for the interview as described in the scholarship application form.





Interview

During an interview, the shortlisted applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their portfolio of work and their current design based activities, and be expected to talk about how they would benefit from a Design Engineering scholarship.

The role of Design Engineering scholars

Design Engineering scholarship holders are expected to contribute to the development of the department in the Senior School. They should be willing to help support the organisation and running of events, exhibitions and activities as appropriate. DE scholars will also be expected to take a lead in developing extra-curricular projects and running teams taking part in creative design and STEM projects.

Drama & theatre scholarships

Drama & theatre scholarships are based on a written application, individual auditions and an interview. **Drama and theatre scholarships are available to both external applicants and to pupils progressing from Year 8 in the Senior School.**

Application

To apply for a drama scholarship applicants should complete the relevant sections of the scholarship application form in the admissions portal checklist. Written account of their relevant theatrical experience to date. In addition to this applicants should provide details of an audition speech either from the suggested list www.stephenperse.com/dramaspeeches or from a work of their own choosing.

This should all be uploaded to the admissions portal.



Auditions and interview

During an individual audition, applicants will have the opportunity to perform their audition speech, which will be followed by an interview with the Curriculum Leader of Drama. Auditions will take place at the Senior School.

The role of drama scholars

Our drama scholars are expected to take part actively and contribute to a range of extracurricular Drama & Theatre activities such as productions and clubs relevant to their year group.

Additional opportunities for scholars

Drama scholars may also be invited to participate in additional workshops and informal performances. All scholars are invited to participate in a selection of theatre trips organised by the department throughout the year free of charge.





Sport scholarships

Sport scholarships are awarded to shortlisted applicants based on supporting evidence and an interview. **Sport scholarships are available to both external applicants and pupils progressing from Year 8 in the Senior School.**

Application

To apply for a sport scholarship applicants should complete the relevant sections of the scholarship application form in the admissions portal checklist. All applicants should submit a letter with their application form, outlining skills and experience and provide supporting testimonials. We can consider applicants who currently play at county level or above in at least one of our major sports, which are: hockey, netball, football and cricket. Applicants should also represent their school at the highest level in a minimum of two of our major sports. We will consider other sports on an individual basis if at regional standard or above. Applicants will be shortlisted for interview.



Interview

During an interview with the Director of Sport, shortlisted applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their skills and experience as described in their letter and supporting testimonials. Applicants may also wish to bring a portfolio of evidence with them to the interview. Interviews will take place at the Senior School. A practical assessment is not undertaken due to the variety of sports a scholarship may be awarded for.

The role of sport scholars

Sport scholarship holders are expected to play a full role in the sporting life of the foundation. Scholarship holders are expected to commit to school club practices and fixtures taking place during the week and on Saturdays.

Further information

Scholarship applications and supporting documents must be submitted via the admissions portal by the 10 December 2020. Invitations to interviews and auditions will be made after external students have been offered a place.

Scholarship interviews and auditions will take place on the
14 and 15 January 2021.



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