



DANES HILL SCHOOL
STRONG & SAGACIOUS

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Scholarships are merit-based awards given to pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent, potential, or achievement in specific areas. Danes Hill School offers scholarships in various categories such as academic excellence, arts, sports and music. Scholarships may provide partial fee remission and/or contribution or full support for tuition of the scholarship area.

Scholarships are offered for pupils in Years 3, 5 and 7 and both internal and external candidates may apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship eligibility is determined based on specific criteria related to each scholarship category. The criteria may include academic performance, artistic or athletic achievements, leadership potential, and other relevant factors. The Scholarship Committee, consisting of the Head, Deputy Heads and relevant teaching staff assess each applicant in their chosen discipline. For music awards an external expert may also be invited to be part of the process.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship applications should be submitted to the Head. The application should include relevant supporting documents, such as academic transcripts, portfolios, or letters of recommendation, as required for each scholarship category.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The school selects the most deserving candidates based on the scholarship criteria. The school's decision is final, and successful applicants are notified in writing. In some cases, shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview or audition as part of the selection process.

5. SCHOLARSHIP DETAIL

Scholarships are awarded for the entirety of a child's time at the school as long as they continue to apply themselves fully in their area of scholarship.

The quantum of the scholarship will be set as a percentage of the full fee. In addition, families can apply for bursarial support to supplement the scholarship which may equate to 100% of the total fee. Full details are set out in our Bursary Policy.

Scholars will be supported in several ways to ensure they are able to flourish in their chosen discipline. An annual review with each scholar of their application and commitment will help with planning a support programme to ensure they continue to develop. Being a scholar is not a badge of honour, it is a role that comes with privilege but also responsibility and expectations. The school reserves the right to withdraw scholarship funding if a scholar is not showing the necessary dedication or is not role modelling positive behaviour – within their area of interest or within the wider school community. A scholar failing to meet the standards of behaviour expected may have their status as a scholar removed. They will have moved through a staged review system before reaching this point, unless there are extraordinary circumstances.

A full list of scholarships available are set out in Annex 1 – which will be updated on an annual basis.

6. ANNEX 1

Scholarship Provision for the Academic Year 2024-2025

Year 3	Value	Process
Academic	1x25%	Pupils will be asked to sit short English and maths papers and will also take part in a group session where they will complete a problem solving task. A reference will be sought for external applicants.
	2x10%	

Year 5	Value	Process	Additional notes
Academic	1x25%	Pupils will be asked to sit short English, maths and reasoning papers and will also take part in a group session where they will complete a problem solving task. A reference will be sought for external applicants.	
	2x10%		
Music	2x10%	Pupils will be invited to perform on one instrument; if a second discipline is offered it will also be considered. Musicality references will be sought, including current levels of performance.	For lessons taken at school, musical tuition costs will be covered for one instrument/up to one lesson per week during term time.
Sport	2x10%	Pupils will be invited to take part in an assessment of their fitness and skills.	It is expected that sports scholars are present at all weekend fixtures when they are requested to play.

Year 7	Value	Process	Additional notes
Academic	2x25%	Pupils will be asked to sit VR, NVR, English and maths papers and will also take part in a group session where they will complete a problem solving task. A reference will be sought for external applicants.	
	4x10%		
Music	3x15%	Pupils will be invited to perform on one instrument; if a second discipline is offered it will also be considered. Musicality references will be sought, including current levels of performance.	For lessons taken at school, musical tuition costs will be covered for up to two instruments/up to one lesson per week for each during term time.
Sport	3x15%	Pupils will be invited to take part in an assessment of their fitness and skills.	It is expected that sports scholars are present at all weekend fixtures when they are requested to play.

Art	1x15%	Pupils will be invited to take part in a day of art. Portfolios will also be considered.	
Drama	1x15%	Pupils will be asked to prepare a monologue to perform as part of the assessment process. They will also spend half a day in school working on a mixture of assessments with the Drama department.	For lessons taken at school, LAMDA tuition will be covered up to one lesson per week during term time.
Design Technology	1x15%	Pupils will be invited to attend a day workshop. Portfolios will also be considered.	

The school reserves the right to not award all scholarships if the standard reached is not sufficient. Pupils may apply for multiple scholarships and if appropriate an All-Rounder scholarship may be awarded. There is no limit to the number of scholarships a pupil can receive.

In exceptional circumstances the value of a scholarship may be increased at the point of the award being made or during the pupil's time at the school, following Governor approval.

In addition to the scholarships, parents can apply for bursaries which can be awarded in conjunction with scholarships or as a stand-alone provision up to a maximum of 100% of the fees.