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A Guide To Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships, Awards and Admissions Philosophy

At Kirkham Grammar School, we regard it as a privilege for any child to earn a place within our community. We are proud to welcome pupils at Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 who bring a diverse range of talents, abilities, interests and achievements, united by a commitment to making the most of the opportunities available to them.

Every application is considered carefully by the Head, supported by the Senior Leadership Team. Whilst academic ability is an important consideration, we believe that a Kirkham education is about much more than examination results alone. We seek young people who demonstrate ambition, resilience, integrity and a genuine desire to contribute positively to School life.

In reviewing applications, we consider a pupil's academic potential alongside their wider achievements, attitude to learning, engagement beyond the classroom, attendance record, behaviour and alignment with the values of School. The culture of Kirkham Grammar School is founded upon excellence, aspiration, mutual respect, service, kindness and a commitment to making a positive contribution to others. We therefore seek pupils who will both benefit from and actively enrich our community.

Places, scholarships and awards are offered following a holistic assessment of each candidate and careful consideration of the particular strengths of the applicant cohort in any given year. As a result, not every highly deserving applicant will receive a scholarship or award. This should not be viewed as a reflection on the quality of an individual's application. Rather, it reflects the competitive nature of the process, the limited number of awards available and School's commitment to maintaining awards at an appropriate and sustainable level.

All pupils who secure a place at Kirkham Grammar School, whether as a scholarship holder, award recipient or successful applicant, should take immense pride in their achievement. Admission itself represents recognition of their potential to thrive within our community and contribute to the life of KGS. Every successful applicant has earned their place and becomes part of a long-standing tradition of excellence as a Kirkhamian.

What scholarships are available and what does being a scholar mean?

Kirkham Grammar School offers a limited number of scholarships and awards at Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 in recognition of exceptional ability, potential and achievement.

Scholarships may be awarded across a range of disciplines including academic excellence, sport, performing arts, and other areas of significant accomplishment. The number and value of awards varies annually and reflects the strength and breadth of the applicant cohort.

Scholarships are reviewed periodically and may be withdrawn where the standards and expectations associated with the award are no longer being met.

Scholarship recipients are expected to demonstrate high standards of effort, attendance, conduct and commitment throughout their time at School. Beyond excellence in their chosen discipline, scholars are expected to engage fully in KGS life, embrace opportunities and serve as positive role models within the Kirkham Grammar School community.

Scholarships

Kirkham Grammar School offers scholarships in the following areas:

- **Academia**
- **Music**
- **Drama**
- **Sport**

All candidates registered for entry are eligible to apply for these awards.

Whilst the main entry points of the school are 11+ (Year 7) and Sixth Form (Year 12), many children join the school at different times, particularly 13+ (Year 9). Scholarships can be awarded at any year of entry and practical arrangements for assessments can be discussed upon enquiry.

Candidates must satisfy the school's entrance criteria in order to access any awards.

Those in receipt of awards will be expected to commit themselves into the life of the school, fully engage in the area/s of their award, prioritise appearance for school events, teams or productions over other commitments and be an ambassador for the school at times.

Awards are reviewed annually and are intended to recognise pupils who continue to demonstrate a positive contribution to KGS life, strong engagement with the relevant area of endeavour, and satisfactory progress. Recipients are also expected to maintain good attendance, academic progress and attainment. The continuation of an award remains at the discretion of the Head. All awards are offered on the understanding that the pupil will remain at Kirkham Grammar School **until the conclusion of Fifth Year at which point they can reapply for scholarships available in Sixth Form.**

The aggregate value of all scholarship awards granted to a pupil shall not exceed 40% of the applicable school fees, with the balance of fees remaining payable by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Any scholarship award may, in exceptional circumstances and subject to eligibility, be supported by a bursary. Whilst each case will be considered on its individual merits, the combined value of scholarship and bursary assistance will not normally exceed 50% of the applicable school fees, with the balance remaining payable by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

The financial details of any award must remain strictly confidential between the school and the recipient. Failure to adhere to this may result inn the withdrawal of the award and place at school.

The school would be delighted to meet prospective candidates with their parents by appointment at any time before applications are made.

If you are interested in applying for a Music, Drama, or Sports Scholarship for your child, **please register for a place** at Kirkham Grammar School **using our on-line admissions process** found on our website: www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk

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Academic Scholarships

11+ (Year 7) entry

All applicants that sit the 11+ entrance examination are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship, and therefore there is no need to apply. 11+ candidates must be under 12 years of age on 31 August on the year of entry.

All external candidates are required to sit the KGS 11+ **entrance examination** which is usually held on the first Saturday in February. This will take the form of an online assessment.

Internal candidates (current J4/Year 6 pupils) **do not need to sit the entrance examination** if they have attended the school from the start of J3 (Year 5) or prior to this. However, if they wish to be considered for an academic scholarship, they would need to sit the examination.

16+ (Year 12) entry

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students entering the Sixth Form who have demonstrated exceptional academic attainment at GCSE and who are judged to have the potential to excel further in their chosen studies at Kirkham Grammar School.

Awards are primarily based upon GCSE performance. In addition, for existing Kirkham Grammar School pupils, consideration may also be given to those who have demonstrated exceptional progress and value-added achievement throughout their GCSE studies, recognising sustained effort, commitment and academic growth alongside final outcomes.

The number and value of awards varies annually and is determined by the strength of the applicant cohort. Academic Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Head following review of each student's academic profile and potential for future success.

Recipients of scholarships and awards must provide a copy of their GCSE results following their publication; this is normally between November to January post their results being released in August.

Music Scholarships

Awards will be made at the discretion of the Head in liaison with the Head of Music.

Whilst we are looking for **potential** in a candidate, most of our scholars will have achieved at least Grade 3 for 11+ candidates, and Grade 7 for 16+ candidates, on an instrument or voice.

During auditions, Music Scholarship candidates will be required to:

a. Play/sing at least one piece of their own choice
b. Play/sing at sight
c. Complete ear tests
d. Write a short description of their musical interests and activities. This should be brought to the audition.

Sports Scholarships

Awards will be made at the discretion of the Head in liaison with the Head of Sport.

Awards will be made on the demonstration of **potential** contribution in one or more sports:

Athletics	Cross-Country	Cricket	Hockey	Football
Netball	Rugby Football	Swimming	Tennis	Golf

Candidates must be able to demonstrate aptitude/potential in one or more of these areas although it is not expected to have experienced all these areas. Exceptional sporting potential in sports not listed above will also be considered by the Head.

The school is looking for evidence of achievement and potential, and will conduct an assessment to identify that potential amongst those who apply for a scholarship.

Supporting **references** from a current coach in any sport are required, as are details of any representative honours, verified by the Head of School or representative body.

Sixth Form Sports Scholarships are **highly competitive** and it is anticipated that applicants will have gained selection at least at County level in one sport or more, or have equivalent accreditation where appropriate.

Drama Scholarships

Awards will be made at the discretion of the Head in liaison with the Head of Drama.

Whilst we are looking for potential in a candidate, most of our scholars will have some experience of public performance. Drama covers scripted and devised acting/performance and the technical aspects of the subject (lights, sound, set etc).

During 11+ **(Year 7)** entry auditions, Drama Scholarship candidates will be required to:

a) Take part in a group activity using improvisation to demonstrate creativity and teamwork;

b) Take part in a group activity exploring a short-scripted extract, focusing on characterisation and basic blocking skills;

c) Perform one monologue of their choice. This must be taken from a published play that can be easily verified online. Afterwards, they will be asked to discuss the plot, their character, and their choice of monologue;

d) Respond to direction from the Head of Drama during any of the activities.

During 16+ **(Sixth Form)** entry auditions, Drama Scholarship candidates will be required to:

a) Perform a monologue (an individual scripted performance) of their choice. The piece must last between 2–5 minutes and demonstrate a range of vocal and physical skills as well as characterisation. It must be taken from a published play that can be easily verified online.

b) Present research on a particular aspect of Drama and Theatre. Candidates may choose from the suggested topics below (which link directly to the course) or select a theatre company, practitioner, or period of theatre history that particularly interests them. There are no restrictions on how this research is presented; however, it should draw on a range of sources and take into account social, historical, and cultural context.

Suggested topics:

- The origins of Ancient Greek Theatre
- Antigone by Sophocles
- Konstantin Stanislavski (1863–1938) – Stanislavski's System
- Bertolt Brecht (1898–1956) – Epic Theatre
- Frantic Assembly – Physical Theatre
- The Paper Birds – Verbatim Theatre
- Max Stafford-Clark – Actioning

Bursaries

1. Bursaries are only available to those who have received an award or scholarship.
2. The value of bursaries vary according to the financial circumstances of parents.
3. The combined value of award/scholarship and bursary will not normally exceed 50%.
4. Applicants can indicate that they would like to be considered for a bursary (should a scholarship be awarded) by indicating this on their online application form hosted through OpenApply. An online bursary application form will then be added into their online account for completion and further supporting evidence will be requested.
5. The bursary application will be assessed by an external agency and a telephone interview will take place with parents to confirm relevant details.
6. Bursaries will be reviewed to cater for changing financial circumstances. Should a recipient's circumstances remain unchanged there will be no change in the bursary provision.
7. It is expected that the financial details of any award will remain strictly confidential between the school and the recipient. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the award.

Sixth Form Loyalty Awards

Current families at Kirkham Grammar School will also be offered a Loyalty Award which is based on the number of years a pupil has attended the school. This can also be combined with other awards but will not normally exceed 50% of the applicable school fees with the balance remaining payable by the parent (s)/Guardian(s). All awards will be updated on new invoices at the start of the academic year.

Length of time at KGS	Reduction in Fees
8 years or more	8%
5 years or more	5%



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