



Sixth Form Scholarships for
September 2026 Entry



Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

At QEH we provide our students with exceptional quality learning opportunities and challenge all our students in their studies to ensure they achieve the best possible academic success at A-level. This is particularly true of our scholars whose gifts and talents have been recognised and who are guided and supported to excel in their studies.

Scholars play an important role in school life. They are expected to show academic dedication, display a passion for their chosen subjects and have an encouraging attitude towards learning and collaboration in their chosen field and throughout all of their classes.

In line with other top independent schools, scholarships at QEH do not carry an automatic fee remission. Means-tested financial support continues to be available to families in the form of funding for up to 100% of the fees. For more information on our financial assistance process please view our [website](#)

Pupils awarded a scholarship may apply for an annual grant to aid enrichment in their chosen area once they have started at QEH.

Scholarship applicants will have a track record of commitment and engagement in their chosen area. They are also encouraged to utilise opportunities to develop and take on leadership roles.

As such our Heads of Department provide tailored opportunities and support for our scholars designed to guide them to reach their full potential.

The following pages give you a flavour of the scholarships on offer to QEH Sixth Form applicants.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mr Richard Porter
Head of Sixth Form





Curious

We inspire curiosity by encouraging lifelong learning that is creative, thoughtful and ambitious. Curiosity not only develops our minds but also enriches our interactions and experiences, strengthening our relationships with others.

Kind

We emphasise the importance of being kind to others, as well as ourselves. With a focus on emotional intelligence, we value empathy, courtesy and integrity. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, has a positive impact.

Positive

Positivity inspires and uplifts others, fuelling motivation and creativity. Life's challenges often also present opportunities to build resilience and to focus on potential solutions. We encourage this positive outlook on life, knowing that optimism and perseverance support personal growth.

Collaborative

We believe in the power of working collaboratively, bringing together diverse skills, knowledge and perspectives. Partnerships foster trust, mutual respect and understanding. We understand the importance of working alongside others to benefit wider communities.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Enquiries

Enquiries for our Sixth Form are welcomed. The closing date for applications is Friday 5 December 2025. Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the School.

STEP 1

Registration

In order to apply for a scholarship, applicants must complete and submit our online application form and make the non-refundable application fee payment of £75.00.

STEP 3

Visiting

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday 15 October 2025. An appointment for an individual visit to QEH may be arranged by contacting our Admissions Team. Additionally, please contact our Admissions Team if you have any questions: admissions@qehbristol.co.uk or phone 0117 930 3068 / 3078.

STEP 2

STEP 4

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are invited at the same time as completion of the application form. Please indicate on the online form that you wish to apply for a scholarship and our Admissions Team will email you this form separately on receipt of the application.

Scholarship applications are invited for art, drama, music, product design and sport in addition to academic scholarships listed separately. Each subject has specific requirements and these are contained on the scholarship application form. An applicant may only apply for a scholarship in one subject. A personal statement needs to be submitted in support of the application, which should focus on the scholarship applicant's subject interests both inside and outside the classroom. We are interested in what has been done to build on these interests and what inspires the potential scholar.

Assessment

Scholarship applicants will be required to attend an interview with the relevant Head of Department and a Sixth Form interview with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will be on the same date and run consecutively.

STEP 5

STEP 6

Offers of Places and Scholarships

Notification of place offers and scholarship outcomes will be sent during the week commencing Monday 2 February 2026. Offers are subject to an applicant achieving a minimum of six grade 6s in GCSE examinations, including English and mathematics. This is a minimum requirement and for the subjects to be studied at A-level, grade 7s are required. If a scholarship award is made, then a grade 8 or higher at GCSE is expected in that subject. The offer letter will contain the date by which the place should be accepted or declined.

STEP 7

Finance

In line with other top independent schools, scholarships at QEH do not carry an automatic fee remission.

Means-tested financial support continues to be available to families in the form of funding for up to 100% of the fees.

For more information on our financial assistance programme please view our [website](#).

The school aspires to be able to help support students by providing the right level of assistance for families if they need it. This process enables us to support more students to attend QEH than would otherwise be possible.

Financial assistance and scholarships must be applied for by the relevant application deadline date. Applications made after this date may not be considered.

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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

An academic scholarship aims to recognise and develop excellence and intellectual curiosity. Such scholarships are awarded both on merit and assessed potential.

Academic scholarship applications will be welcomed in the following subjects:

- Business
- Classical civilisation
- Computer science
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Language (ancient and modern)
- English literature
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Religion and Philosophy
- Science

An applicant may only apply for a scholarship in one subject. If this is an academic scholarship, then the applicant cannot also apply for an art, drama, music, product design or sport scholarship.

Scholar Benefits

- Scholars are supported by our Heads of Department and Tutors. These staff members work together to ensure that academic and pastoral staff understand the individual talents, abilities and aspirations of our scholars. Scholars will be encouraged to take on new challenges and opportunities designed to stretch them and showcase their strengths
- Scholars meet for discussions, seminars, lectures and trips and act as hosts for external specialist speakers. They will enjoy special events celebrating their particular academic achievements
- Scholars will be encouraged to enter competitions in their chosen academic subject
- The support we offer these students is designed to give them different perspectives and insights to challenge and inspire them to excel
- These opportunities will help to facilitate university applications

Scholar Expectations

- Scholars should act as ambassadors for their subject and be proactive in their engagement with other students
- Scholars should be passionate about their subject and this interest should be clear through the extra activities they undertake
- Scholars will attend specialist functions that are arranged, and represent the school at both internal and external events
- Scholars should be willing to engage with younger pupils and to support clubs and activities in the Senior School

Application Process

Applications are open to candidates wishing to join the Sixth Form.

Scholarship applications are invited at the same time as the completion of the online form. If you have indicated on this form that you wish to apply for a scholarship, our Admissions Team will email you the form separately.

Interviews will be with the Head of Department and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will be on the same date and run consecutively.





ART SCHOLARSHIP

The art department features a beautifully lit studio, a dark room for traditional photography and ceramic studio. Each studio offers an area of specialism from drawing and painting, through to printmaking and 3D work in plaster and clay.

A fine art programme is followed, offering a rich personal experience and the freedom to explore ideas, experiment and take risks.

Scholars will be supported to achieve and to identify their skills. We provide and promote opportunities that motivate and encourage students to be aspirational.

Scholar Benefits

- Scholars will be supported by the Head of Department and all art staff. These staff members all work together to ensure that academic and pastoral staff understand individual scholar's talents, abilities and aspirations. Students are encouraged to take on new challenges and opportunities designed to stretch them
- Regular extra time in the art studio will enable them to develop their work with a dedicated personal Sixth Form workspace in the studio which they are able to access in their study periods. During extra sessions there will be opportunities to discuss developing their own talent and work and to develop their skills. There are also dedicated extra study/tuition sessions available for students to attend where personalised advice and guidance is given
- Students will be fully supported in preparing their portfolio for interview and we will complete mock interviews to prepare them for specific college or university courses
- Opportunities to go to exhibitions and galleries both locally and further afield, and to attend local life drawing classes to enhance their drawing skills
- A day of life drawing in Year 12 summer term is delivered by Bristol School of Art tutors and scholars will take a trip to St Ives in the autumn term
- Opportunities are arranged for scholars to lead on developing the artistic skills of younger pupils
- Students are also encouraged to contribute to school events and activities: for example they can get involved with the set designs for the school's drama productions, produce posters, take photos at Old Elizabethan events etc
- We have an established link with Bristol School of Art/RWA/Bristol Museum and South Wales University with lecturers coming into school annually to talk to students about portfolios, personal statements, courses for further education and careers in the creative arts and scholars can benefit from meeting and receiving feedback from other artists
- We intend to develop an outreach programme with primary schools. The scholars would be involved in delivering workshops in Year 12

Scholar Expectations

- We expect an art scholar to be passionate about art
- Their interest in art and art-making should be clear through the extra activities in which they have participated such as keeping a sketchbook, attending workshops and attending exhibitions



- An art scholar will attend specialist events and represent the school at art events, supporting both internal events and also exhibition events such as the Bristol Arts Trail
- To show a willingness to engage with the art department and the art for younger pupils and to support art clubs and activities in the Senior School
- Will demonstrate an element of risk taking and originality in their approach to tasks
- Will have visited galleries independently and will have used this experience to explore the work of others
- Will be able to communicate their ideas both visually and verbally, and show intellectual and artistic curiosity by going beyond the art curriculum
- Will demonstrate flair and a natural aptitude for learning in art

Application Process

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Scholarship applications are invited at the same time as the completion of the online form. If you have indicated on this form that you wish to apply for a scholarship, our Admissions Team will email you the form separately.

A personal statement is required in support to explain why you wish to be an art scholar.

To be submitted with the application is a 500 word written task analyzing and responding to the work of an artist of your choice.

Applicants will be requested to bring their portfolios to the scholarship interview with the Head of Department.

Interviews will be with the Head of Department and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will be on the same date and run consecutively.



DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

Drama is a busy and thriving department at QEH and alongside our academic programme, offers a wide range of co-curricular activities including clubs, workshops, school productions and theatre trips.

For those passionate about acting, who love creating theatre, are interested in playwrights, enjoy changing performance styles and are keen to learn more about major developments in theatre history, are encouraged as young actors to apply for a drama scholarship.

The Sixth Form scholarship is for those who share a passion for drama as a vital part of their future studies at A-level. The programme develops skills as both individual and ensemble performers, while giving students a glimpse into life as a working theatre professional.

Facilities include performance and rehearsal spaces.

Scholar Benefits

- Scholars will be supported by the Head of Department and the departmental staff. These staff members all work together to ensure that academic and pastoral staff understand individual scholar's talents, abilities and aspirations. Students are encouraged to take on new challenges and opportunities designed to stretch them
- Regular extra time in the theatre to enable them to develop, mentored by the Director of Drama
- Opportunities to discuss developing their own talent and work and to develop their skills
- There are also dedicated extra study/tuition sessions available for students to attend where personalised advice and guidance is given
- Professional led industry and theatre workshops
- Trips to theatre productions and drama school showcases
- Support with any audition/interview process

Scholar Expectations

- Drama scholars are expected to play an active role in the department and be heavily involved in the school performance programme
- Participate in school productions and support new initiatives, school events and projects offered
- Attend workshop/productions and theatre trips
- Proactive in taking up opportunities to broaden their dramatic experience in all areas which could include acting, directing, script writing or technical support



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A personal statement is required in support to explain why you wish to be a drama scholar and show evidence of experience of live and/or recorded theatre performance, which you have attended or performed in.

Our audition process is with our Director of Drama and applicants will be required to perform a practical unrehearsed assessment.

Interviews will be with the Director of Drama and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will be on the same date and run consecutively.





MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Talented musicians are encouraged to apply for a music scholarship whatever their instrument. Music is a key element of life at QEH. We have excellent facilities and performance venues.

Talented music teachers provide tuition in a wide range of instruments as well as singing and a full schedule of performance opportunities through the year. During a normal year, there are around 30 concerts including lunchtime ensembles, chamber music and orchestra concerts, competitions, rock and pop nights, annual productions and cathedral services for Christmas and Charter Day.

The scholarship programme aims to enable students to pursue music to as high a level as they wish. Some will wish to study music beyond school and aim to go into a music profession, whereas for others it is a wonderful way to dedicate the time and space toward achieving something of real creative value alongside their academic studies.

Scholar Benefits

A music scholar at QEH will benefit from –

- Dedicated and highly skilled staff who all share a passion for music. The music department is thriving and a central part of the school
- Ability to use the extensive music facilities
- The opportunity to be part of orchestras, choirs, bands and ensembles
- An extensive calendar of music concerts each term
- A programme of activities throughout the year, aimed to support their musical talent and widen their musical horizons. These include:
 - Music Awareness Seminars. Scholars will listen, explore and analyse pieces of music. These seminars will be informal presentations and discussions where scholars widen their understanding and appreciation of the musical language, the composers and the musical context.
 - Introduction to Conducting and Rehearsing Workshops. Scholars will discuss the role and attributes of a successful conductor. Baton technique will be introduced, including foundation to stance, production of beat and beat patterns. Using this learning, the scholars will conduct a piece of music with a chamber ensemble.

Progressively students will direct and collectively evaluate the most effective ways of improving the ensemble; developing a rehearsal technique.

- Improvisation Workshops. Scholars will explore the fundamentals of improvisation on their chosen instrument or piano. A variety of genres will be explored ranging from jazz, blues and folk. After an introduction into the different scales and modes the students will take their instruments and bring it all together, creating their own improvisations.
- Performance Workshops. These sessions are to compliment the one-to-one lessons given by our specialist Visiting Music Teachers. The performance workshops are an opportunity to look at all areas of performing including topics such as; talking to an audience, stage craft, tuning with a piano or in an ensemble, how to create an effective programme and much more!
- Composition Projects. Scholars can opt for a composition project instead of or as well as the performance workshops listed above. This includes producing a brief with a portfolio (agreed with members of the music department) and then working on this portfolio throughout the academic year. Performances of compositions can be included in the summer term concert that is put on by music scholars.
- Support with Competition Entries. Competitions are a great place to practise performing. You will have the opportunity to perform in front of unfamiliar people in venues you don't know. You will gain valuable feedback from the adjudicator, have a goal to work towards outside of school and your exams and, if you're lucky, may even win a prize!
- Performance Opportunities. Music Scholars have their own performance opportunities at both lunchtime and evenings. They go out into the community to share their talents. Most recently, we have been attending sessions at Trinity Lunch Club in Hotwells.
- Trips to Local Concerts. With St. Georges Hall just down the road from school we're extremely lucky to have fostered great links with the education department at the venue. Each term we regularly attend lunchtime concerts at St. Georges Hall as well as special events such as Q & A sessions with the performers. These are inspirational events.

Scholar Expectations

- Attend recital and master classes within the school and externally
- Perform in internal and external concerts
- ABRSM (or equivalent) Merit or Distinction in their main instrument to be at or working towards grade 8

Application Process

Scholarship applications are invited at the same time as the completion of the online form. If you have indicated on this registration form that you wish to apply for a scholarship, our Admissions Team will email you the form separately.

A personal statement is required in support to explain why you wish to be a music scholar.

The assessment includes

Interviews with the Director of Music and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interview and assessments will be on the same date and run consecutively.

At audition, potential scholars are asked to perform a piece on each instrument (or voice) offered, are given some aural tests and sight reading commensurate with their grades and then asked about their musical experiences and interests to determine their commitment to music in a broader context.



PRODUCT DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP

Product design inspires the designers and engineers of the future, preparing students to enter the UK's, world leading creative, design and engineering industries. We aim to give students real world skill and knowledge, ensuring that they relate subject content to industry and explore how design and innovation can play their part in shaping and improving the world.

We have outstanding facilities including a newly refurbished department and a large range of manufacturing equipment from traditional hand tools, metal turning and casting, to CAM facilities, including a laser cutter, a CNC router and 3D printers. The classrooms are equipped for drawing and investigating, complemented by PCs linked to a range of CAD software.

Opportunities for enhancement in the subject are considerable and scholars will be encouraged to refine and practice skills whilst working with subject specialists. As well as additional support in school, product design scholars will be encouraged to visit local museums, artisans and businesses to enhance and develop their own personal skill set.

We encourage scholars to enter a number of competitions to stretch innovative thinking and widen their experiences.

- Biomimicry Institutes youth design challenge
- Makeable 3D printing challenge
- Earth Prize Sustainability competition
- Teen Tech Awards
- Technology, design and innovation challenge
- Samsung Solve for tomorrow
- Queen Elizabeth prize for engineering
- Lego league robotics challenge

Scholar Benefits

- Mentoring from highly skilled design teachers
- Support and training by skilled computer aided design teachers
- Access to innovative technology such as 3D printers that can be used after school hours
- Regular one to one meetings with the Head of Department
- Trips to design fairs, companies, artisans and design museums
- Support with next steps in design education or apprenticeships
- Opportunity to lead lower school pupils in a nationwide robotics competition

Scholar Expectations

- Scholars will be supported by the Head of Department and departmental staff. These staff members all work together to ensure that academic and pastoral staff understand individual scholars' talents, abilities and aspirations. Students are encouraged to take on new challenges and opportunities designed to stretch them and showcase their strengths
- Must have a keen interest in design and be able to demonstrate this interest both inside and outside the classroom
- Have a talent, aptitude and ability in product design and manufacturing using resistant materials
- Demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a technologic degree course in a subject such as engineering, product design or architecture
- Visit local museums and businesses regularly
- Enter competitions
- Study GCSE design and technology or engineering or shown similar aptitude in another creative subject



Application Process

- Applications are open to candidates wishing to join the Sixth Form
- Scholarship applications are invited at the same time as the completion of the online form. If you have indicated on this form that you wish to apply for a scholarship, our Admissions Team will email you the form separately
- A personal statement is required in support to explain why you wish to be a product design scholar
- Interviews will be with the Head of Department and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will be on the same date and run consecutively
- Applicants will be requested to bring their GCSE coursework / portfolio to the scholarship interview with the Head of Department. They will be asked to talk through their design concepts as well as a portfolio of work they have created in school and in their own time

For ease, good quality photographs of large three – dimensional works are acceptable in the portfolio. The portfolio should contain concept sketches, diaries and detailed photography of finished products. To accompany their portfolio, students will also be required to complete a design task.

Potential scholars are also encouraged to bring any outside projects to interview. For example, building projects that have been undertaken at home or information about hobbies they feel may be relevant.



SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

Sport scholarships are available to applicants who offer exceptional talent in at least one of our major team sports, football, rugby, cricket, hockey and netball and who possess the ability to excel. Opportunities for training and matches are considerable and the standard of sport at QEH is excellent.

Scholars represent the school in a number of sports and pursue their sporting careers outside of school.

Previous sport scholars have gone on to win professional contracts or sign with academies.

Scholars are expected to represent school as a priority when selected as advised by the Director of Sport.

Scholar Benefits

A sport scholar at QEH will benefit from -

- A highly qualified and dedicated sports department which includes ex-professional and semi-professional sports people
- Extensive sports facilities at our £3m sports campus at Failand
- A termly one-to-one meeting with our Director of Sport and Assistant Director of Sport to chat through development and areas of focus
- Being given an individual development programme related to their principal sport. The program will include targets to aim for with specialist coaching offered
- Specialised trips, in the past these have included trips to Bath University Sports Village and Bristol professional sports teams
- Termly seminars that include professional sports nutrition, sports psychology, performance analysis, recovery techniques, time management and injury prevention

- Guidance with goal setting and reviews
- A personalised strength and conditioning programme as part of a wider fitness programme (age appropriate)
- Strong links with Bristol City and Bristol Bears academies and Firebrands Hockey club
- Before school strength and conditioning sessions with one of our qualified coaches
- Regular supervised visits to the gym
- Being an ambassador for sport at QEH. As scholars move through the Sixth Form you would be a mentor for younger sports people and help represent sport at QEH at Open Mornings and events

Scholar Expectations

- Take part in sport outside school, probably at county or academy level
- Represent the school in at least 75% of fixtures
- Participate in a club
- Show leadership in sports teams
- Possess outstanding techniques/skills/tactical understanding in at least one of our major sports

We encourage applicants with exceptional potential to apply and we expect all applicants to be taking part in sport outside of school. It is unlikely that we would award a scholarship to a student who is unable to represent the school or someone who is simply a good 'school player'.

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A personal statement is required in support to explain why you wish to be a sports scholar.

We also request that references are provided from club or school coaches together with video evidence of key skills and match play.

Interviews will be with the Director of Sport and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The interviews will be on the same date and run consecutively. The applicant will also take part in an assessment at our Failand sports ground.





KEY DATES FOR SIXTH FORM ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2026



Sixth Form Open Evening:

Wednesday 15 October 2025. Please sign up [here](#)



Closing Dates:

The closing date of all scholarship and non-scholarship Sixth Form applications is Friday 5 December 2025.

The closing date for financial assistance applications is Friday 5 December 2025.



Taster Mornings:

Taster mornings will be held during October and November 2025, with the dates to be confirmed nearer the time.



Scholarship and Non-scholarship Interviews:

January 2026 - Exact dates TBC.



Offers:

Week commencing Monday 2 February 2026.



FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Team who would be happy to help with any questions.

Email admissions@qehbristol.co.uk or by telephone on:
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