

SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

Sports Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate exceptional athletic talent and clear potential for future development. Our sports scholars are expected to lead by example, showing outstanding commitment, discipline, and sportsmanship - both during structured training sessions, fixtures and through their personal preparation. They should embody Royal Russell School's sporting ethos: to compete with determination and ambition, while always upholding integrity and respect. As ambassadors for sport at the School, scholars are encouraged to share their experience and mentor younger athletes, helping to build a supportive and aspirational sporting community.

In return, our scholars benefit from a comprehensive support programme. This includes tailored mentoring with expert advice on physical conditioning, mental resilience, and nutrition. Scholars have access to industry-leading sports coaching, video analysis, a dedicated strength and conditioning specialist, and on-site physiotherapy support.

A Sport Scholarship entitles the recipient to a percentage reduction in School fees and exposure to our outstanding programme to help scholars achieve their potential.

Who can apply and how long does a Sport Scholarship last:

We are looking for outstanding applicants to join our programme. Our normal expectations will be representation at **County level and/or at a recognised Academy level or equivalent**.

Sport Scholarships are available in Year 7, 9 and 12 and are reviewed annually. The Sport Scholarship is valid throughout the candidate's school career provided that:

- the recipient commits to the School with the use of their sports skills and contributes actively to the wider School and all sports teams
- the recipient takes an active role in all fixtures, training and house sport
- the recipient's parents adhere to all normal terms in relation to fees being met as usual.

How do I apply and what's the process:

Please complete the Scholarship application form which can be found on our website or requested from the Admissions Office. **Once completed, applications must be returned by Friday 31 October 2025.**

Applications will be pre-screened, and not all candidates may be invited to attend the assessment day. Please consider carefully what is included in the personal statement so that it accurately reflects the candidate's achievements and aspirations. All applications require supporting documentary evidence, including reports from the candidate's club(s) and current school. In some cases, submission of video evidence may be appropriate.

Pre-screened candidates will be invited to attend an initial assessment on **Friday 14 November**. This session will evaluate their physical fitness and sporting aptitude through a range of activities. Candidates who perform well in the initial assessment will be invited to the final assessment on **Friday 28 November** where they will undergo further evaluation focused on their sporting ability, character, and overall physical potential.



Attendance on the assessment day will not guarantee a successful application. We recognise, that children develop at different rates and unsuccessful applicants may be encouraged to reapply when appropriate.

Following the assessment, successful candidates will receive a scholarship offer conditional upon their performance in the academic entrance exam in January 2026.

Mr C.J Hutchinson
Headmaster

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Director of Sport, Health and Fitness