DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS 2027

A Drama Scholarship is awarded to pupils showing strong ability and potential in drama.

Pupils holding Drama Scholarships will be encouraged to maintain their commitment to drama throughout their time in the school. We offer a programme of annual reviews with the Director of Drama to reflect on participation and progress in the past year and to set challenges for the year ahead.

A Drama Scholarship entitles the recipient to a percentage reduction in school fees for the period of tenure.

Who can apply and how long does a Drama Scholarship last?

Typically, an applicant will be actively involved in external drama clubs and organisations and will have had many performance opportunities.

Drama Scholarships are available from Year 7 through to Year 11 and again for Sixth Form and are reviewed annually. The Drama Scholarship is valid throughout the candidate's school career provided that:

- the recipient makes constructive use of their Drama skills and contributes actively to the school and the department, including attending Royal Russell Day
- the recipient takes an active role in events and productions organised by the Drama department
- the recipient is expected to study Drama at GCSE and A level
- 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?

Applicants will be required to attend a 10-minute audition run by the Director of Drama who will consider their skills and potential.

They will be asked about their involvement in Drama, both at school and with external organisations. Pupils will also be asked to perform an individual prepared piece. The prepared piece should be a monologue from a published play (Not TV or film) which has been learnt by heart and which should take between two and three minutes to perform, followed by some questions and their experience of live theatres.

Completed applications must be received by Wednesday 4th November 2026 and applicants must be available to attend the set audition during the morning of **Tuesday 24 November 2026**. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer an additional time.

Attendance at audition will not guarantee a successful application. We recognise, however, that children develop at different rates and unsuccessful applicants will be encouraged to reapply when appropriate.

Following the auditions, successful candidates will receive a scholarship offer conditional upon their performance in the academic entrance exam in January 2027.

Mr C.J Hutchinson
Headmaster

Mr M Valerio
Director of Drama