

Derby Grammar School

The Scholarship Programme



Year 7 Entry / Academic Year 2024



Introduction to The Scholarship Programme Year 7 Entry

The Scholarship Programme at Derby Grammar School challenges pupils to think beyond the boundaries of subjects.

The programme encourages pupils to question and reflect, and to shift and broaden their academic horizons.

Through the programme, pupils are able to see links across subject, space and time. These are crucial skills not only for those aspiring to the most competitive universities, but also invaluable in equipping pupils for life beyond that.

Scholarships recognise a pupil's excellence in a particular discipline. At Derby Grammar School we offer scholarships in Academics, Music and Sport. A scholarship award will usually bring with it a small fee remission.

More importantly scholarships are given with a commitment from us to develop and extend each scholar's talents.

In turn, our scholars are required to contribute positively to the life of the school and set a good example to others. A scholar's school commitments to the discipline in which he or she holds the award take precedence over commitments outside of school.

External Pupils

The process

All external applicants – whether to be considered for an Academic Scholarship, Music or Sport Scholarship - must first complete the standard assessment process.

This involves completing the registration form, paying the registration fee and sending us a recent school report. Pupils will also be required to take part in a taster day where they will sit an online assessment.

Those pupils who display outstanding academic levels - as evidenced in the School report, reference and taster day online assessment - will be invited to attend an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and will be considered for an Academic Assessment.

Applicants for a Music or Sport Scholarship must also submit a subject-specific application form. These are available to download from our website or from Sarah Archer, Head of Admissions, Marketing & Development on 01332 523027 (email admissions@derbygrammar.org). Shortlisted Music and Sport Scholarship applicants will be invited to attend an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and they will also participate in a further assessment, appropriate to the subject in which they are applying for.

Timeline:

- Last day for completing registration and attending taster day: Friday 15th December 2023.
- Deadline for completing Music/Sport Scholarship application forms: Friday 15th December 2023.
- Scholarship Assessment Day: Saturday 20th January 2024.
- Scholarships awarded by Friday 2nd February 2024.
- Deadline to accept Scholarship: Monday 22nd April 2024.

Acceptance of a Scholarship Award:

The parents of successful applicants are sent a copy of the Terms and Conditions. They are also required to complete the acceptance forms and pay the acceptance deposit, if they haven't already done so. In the event of the deposit and acceptance forms not being received within the deadline given, the offer of the Scholarship Award will be withdrawn. The deposit is refunded to parents when a pupil leaves the school.

Internal Pupils

Current Derby Grammar School Year 6 pupils

The process

All Year 6 pupils at Derby Grammar School will be invited to sit the online assessment to be considered for an Academic Scholarship.

If pupils wish to be considered for a Music or Sport Scholarship, they must submit a subject-specific application form. These are available to download from our website or from Sarah Archer, Head of Admissions, Marketing & Development on 01332 523027 (email admissions@derbygrammar.org). Shortlisted Music and Sport Scholarship applicants will be invited to attend an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and they will also participate in a further assessment, appropriate for the subject in which they are applying for.

The Head and relevant staff will meet to discuss all applications and assessment outcomes. We will then notify all applicants of the outcome.

Timeline:

- Deadline for confirming intention to be considered for an Academic Scholarship: Friday 15th December 2023.
- Deadline for completing Music/Sport application forms: Friday 15th December 2023.
- Scholarship Assessment Day: Saturday 20th January 2024.
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Scholarships available:

Academic / Music / Sport

Academic

Scholarships

We are proud of our tradition of academic excellence and strive to give all our pupils a strong basis of academic rigour. Academic scholars are chosen on their ability and because we believe their work ethic, intellectual curiosity and level of attainment are all excellent. An inquiring mind and a desire to learn are essential.

Successful recipients of the Academic Scholarship are expected to display exceptional academic ability. These scholarships will be offered at the sole discretion of Mr Logan, Head.

Prospective candidates should be able to demonstrate their outstanding academic potential within their current school, and should be able to discuss their achievements.

Process:

- For external pupils, Academic Scholarships are by invite only. Applicants are shortlisted based on their school report, reference and taster day online assessment.
- Current Derby Grammar School pupils must indicate whether they would like to be considered for an Academic Scholarship. They will then sit an online assessment.

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to:

- Attend an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, where they will discuss their strengths, interests, and future ambitions. This will also indicate potential and willingness to commit to the academic life of the school.
- Complete an online assessment of academic potential.

What is expected of an Academic Scholar at Derby Grammar School?

- Participate in the Omnium Society for Academic Scholars, with the opportunity to develop leadership skills.
- Participate in school events and local and national competitions for the subject.
- Represent the school and subject as an academic ambassador.
- Maintain excellent work ethic and academic attainment throughout the duration of their studies.

Music

Scholarships

The standard of music in our Senior School is consistently impressive and we believe in fostering the love of music and performing in all pupils. Chances to perform are frequent with a host of concerts and musical events scheduled each year.

Music Scholarships are offered to those pupils who show ability, commitment and potential in their chosen instrument at audition. In addition to grade achievement, a fundamental passion and musical ambition will be looked for, along with a willingness to participate and contribute to the rich musical life of Derby Grammar School.

Applicants should be able to perform accurately to a high standard on their main instrument or voice and demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm. Qualifications in ABRSM/Trinity Guildhall/ Rock School (or equivalent) and Theory of Music examinations are not a necessity but would be preferred. As a guide, a Grade 4 standard would be indicative of the pupil's ability and potential. Prospective candidates should already be involved in music-making, representing their school through an orchestra, band or choir or participating in other musical ensembles as part of a local or community setting.

Process:

- To be considered for a Music Scholarship, external pupils must complete the standard assessment process. They must also complete a Music Scholarship application form.
- Current Derby Grammar School pupils must complete a Music Scholarship application form.
- All applicants must also provide a reference from their current Music or Instrumental teacher supporting their application.

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to:

- Take part in a face-to-face audition with Mr. Coley, Head of Music and a member of senior staff. The audition will take approximately 20 minutes and will consist of the following:
 1. A solo performance on your main instrument (please note, your performance should represent Grade 4 standard).
 2. Sight reading on your main instrument. This will be a short piece at the appropriate level for your entry year, similar to what you might get in a graded examination. You will have 30 seconds to look through and try it out before performing it.
 3. A performance on your second instrument (if applicable).
 4. An interview with the Head of Music.

What is expected of a Music Scholar at Derby Grammar School?

- Participate in rehearsals and concerts for at least one of the School Ensembles.
- A Music Scholarship is reviewed at the end of Year 9. A pupil will not need to reapply for a Music Scholarship into Year 10, but must ensure they meet the entry requirements if they wish to have the Scholarship reviewed. Music must be taken at GCSE to meet the requirements of a Music Scholarship in Years 10 and 11.

Sport

Scholarships

We are proud of our pupils' sporting achievements. Each year we award Sports Scholarships to those individuals who demonstrate aspirations to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport.

In general, potential to reach, or already be playing at club level is expected, and regional representation would be within the capabilities of the successful scholar. Successful applicants will be expected to make a contribution to our main school sports.

Process:

- To be considered for a Sport Scholarship, external pupils must complete the standard assessment process. They must also complete a Sport application form.
- Current Derby Grammar School pupils must complete a Sport Scholarship application form.
- All applicants must also provide a reference from their current PE teacher or coach supporting their application. Any additional information and references from external clubs should also be submitted.

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to:

- Attend an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and participate in a series of physical activities including agility, stamina, fitness, teamwork, attitude to training and specific sport ability.

What is expected of a Sport Scholar at Derby Grammar School?

- Scholars are expected to be fully committed to the School's sports teams throughout the academic year, unless there is a direct clash with a county or regional match.
- They will also be required to respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy.
- Act as a good role model for other pupils to follow, showing that they could act as a link between the staff and pupils.





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