



16+ PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP (Technical/Design) FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Assessment date: Wednesday 11 October 2023

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS AND BURSARY AUGMENTATION IS FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023
FOR APPLICANTS AT SCHOOL OVERSEAS THE CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023**

The Drama Scholarship auditions will take place on Wednesday 11 October 2023, starting at 10 a.m. They will be led by the Venue Manager in conjunction with the Artistic Director.

Awards will be made to candidates who are outstanding technicians amongst their peers. In interview they will demonstrate excellent technical knowledge and creative flair. Scholarships may be awarded to candidates offering expertise in Lighting, Sound, Stage Management, Set Design or any number of these.

Prior to assessment, candidates are welcome to arrange an informal *pre-interview* with the Venue Manager where they can discuss any portfolio they may have and get feedback, as well as asking any questions they may have about drama at the school. Please contact the Venue Manger, Mr Matthew Gray directly on mwg@rugbyschool.net if you would like to arrange this. In some cases, where feasible, a member of the drama department from Rugby School could visit a candidate if they are performing in a significant technical role in their current school.

The interview in October is held in conjunction with the Sixth-form Entrance Examinations. Candidates sit three academic examinations, one of which **must** be the Theatre Studies paper, together with a Verbal Reasoning Test. If a Drama Scholarship (Technical/Design) is awarded, the student will be expected to take Theatre Studies as IB Higher subject or an A-level subject.

The Assessment Process

Part 1

The first stage of the assessment process is to have an informal interview with a member of the drama department. This is an opportunity for candidates to share with the interviewer their enthusiasm for the subject and offer any evidence they have of their prior commitment to drama and technical theatre. Typically candidates present a portfolio that may include past programmes, GCSE coursework, production photos, set designs, rigging diagrams or sound and lighting plots, although this is not obligatory.

Part 2

All candidates will be required to carry out a practical exercise which will be focused on their specific area of interest or expertise. For example, a candidate offering lighting design will be asked to rig, patch and operate a simple plot.

Part 3

The final part of the assessment will require candidates to respond creatively to a piece of text and suggest how they might bring their specialism to bear on the given extract.

Throughout the assessment process we are looking for evidence of candidates who have:

- A genuine enthusiasm for technical theatre and the dramatic arts
- A desire to develop their theatre knowledge and technical expertise with awareness that this takes time and commitment
- An enthusiasm to be involved in all aspects of drama at Rugby School and a passion for the subject.

Application

Parents of prospective candidates should fill in a Scholarship application form returning it to the Admissions Registrar, The Admissions Office, Rugby School, Temple House, 1 Barby Road, Rugby CV22 5DW by the relevant closing date.

Applications should be supported by a detailed drama reference from the candidate's current school.

In further support of the application, any additional references from theatre societies or drama clubs that the candidate belongs to are also welcome.

All awards are conditional upon the academic entrance requirements of Rugby School being met. Awards may be reviewed from time to time and are conditional upon satisfactory progress and attitude being maintained.

Award and Augmentation

The value of a Scholarship award is a fee concession of 5% which parents or legal guardians of the awardee may elect to accept. More than one Scholarship can be awarded to a candidate although the total fee reduction available is limited to 5%.

The level of fee concession provided may be augmented by means-tested bursary support up to 100% of the boarding or day fees. Bursary applications are made via an online system, please complete the [Bursary Application Form](#) to start an application. In order for your bursary application to be considered, your child must be registered with the School and the Registration Fee (if applicable) paid in full. Applications submitted after the closing date may not be assessed until after the result of a scholarship application is known.

Additionally, at the Head Master's discretion, exceptional awards with a fee concession which may be greater than 5% can be made where, **during the assessment process**, we identify exceptional potential.

For further information, please contact

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