



RUGBY SCHOOL

Sixth Form Design Scholarship and Arkwright Awards September 2026 Entry

Closing Date for Applications: 19 September 2025.

The Design assessment will be based on a portfolio of recent work showing their design ability and diversity, a practical assessment (sketching design solutions to a problem) and an interview with the Head of Design.

The task is designed to test the abilities of strong D&T GCSE candidates from a range of backgrounds and experience.

Candidates must submit a digital portfolio but also bring examples or a portfolio of recent work to be discussed at the interview. If complete tasks cannot be brought, appropriate photographs, design folders, relevant design work or CAD records should be brought.

All candidates who wish to be considered for a Design Scholarship MUST attend Rugby School for a practical assessment. Practical assessment will take place on 09 October 2025 from 14.30 to 17.00 in the Design Centre, Rugby School.

If a Design Scholarship is awarded, the pupil will be required to take Design as an A-level or an IB Higher subject subject, and would be encouraged to apply for a national Arkwright Award (see below).

Further information please contact:

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Head of Design
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Arkwright Engineering Scholarships

Arkwright Scholarships are intended for those likely to study Engineering at university (or possibly a Design-related course). The written papers for this award are based on Design capability. Any Academic Scholar of the School is, in effect, eligible to sit for an Arkwright Scholarship if they intend to study Engineering. More details can be found at <http://www.arkwright.org.uk>.

To apply for a Design Scholarship please submit your [Design Scholarship Application 2026](#)

Award and Augmentation

If a scholarship is awarded, fees may be augmented by means-tested bursary support up to 100% of the boarding or day fees for UK residents.

Bursary applications are made via an online system, please complete the [Bursary Application Form](#) to register your interest. You will then be sent an email containing a link to create an account and begin a Bursary 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.