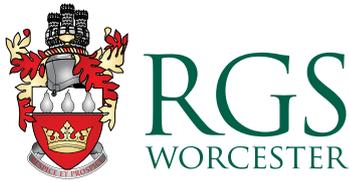


RGS  
WORCESTER



BURSARIES AND  
SCHOLARSHIPS BROCHURE



Welcome

## From the Headmaster

We describe an RGS education as being 'Inclusive', 'Challenging' and 'Stimulating'.

**Bursaries** provide access to the School for those families for whom an RGS education might otherwise be out of reach. They are designed to make the School inclusive and they offer all children the opportunity to join the RGS community, subject to performance in our entrance examinations.

**Scholarships** are provided in recognition that pupils will bring to the School excellence in their Academic studies and in Co-curricular activities which will encourage other pupils to aspire. Scholarships are available from Year Five in our Prep Schools and at each point of entry through the Senior School. In recognition of the all-round education that RGS Worcester provides, **Academic Scholarships** are provided, as well as **Scholarships in Art, Design Technology, Textiles, Drama, Music and Sport** at different levels in the School.

All pupils at RGS are stretched academically and in their co-curricular activities and encouraged to aim high. Those with Scholarships will also be encouraged to achieve excellence, through academic extension such as The Billingham Society, or in national competitions such as Mathematics and Science Olympiads or essay-writing competitions. Debating is extremely successful at the School and one of a number of ways in which pupils here are stretched and challenged.

In Art, Design Technology, Textiles, Drama, Music and Sport, additional programmes are provided for those who are performing at the highest level such as exhibiting work at the Creative Arts festival and to the public, participating in the DIY Theatre Company in Drama, and in the Athlete Development Programme in Sport.

We expect those pupils who are successful in their Bursary and Scholarship applications to keep aiming high and adopt the 'can-do' attitude that makes RGS Worcester such a vibrant and successful school community which is inclusive, challenging and stimulating.

If you have any questions about our Bursaries and Scholarships, please do contact our Registrar ([registrar@rgsw.org.uk](mailto:registrar@rgsw.org.uk)) who can provide any information you may need.

John Pitt  
Headmaster

# General Introduction

## Definitions

**Scholarship:** an award made to recognise exceptional achievement in the assessment / audition.

**Exhibition:** a one off payment to acknowledge potential.

**Bursary:** fee remission granted to families with a low income / limited capital assets.

## Aims

The School wishes to recognise outstanding academic, musical, sporting and artistic ability and potential, and Scholarships are awarded for this purpose.

## Scholarships

1. Scholarships are awarded to individual pupils to encourage excellence across a range of academic and co-curricular activities in keeping with the aims of the School.
2. 11+ and 13+ candidates are automatically considered for Academic Scholarships when they sit the RGS Entrance Examination. There are separate assessment processes for all other types of Scholarship, including Sixth Form Academic Scholarships.
3. All Scholarships may be supplemented by Bursary funding of up to 100% remission of fees.
4. All external non-academic Scholarship candidates will be required to perform satisfactorily in the relevant academic entrance examination process.
5. Pupils awarded Scholarships will retain them throughout their careers at RGS Worcester subject to good performance.
6. All Scholars are expected to show leadership and loyalty to the School.

School practices, rehearsals, events and fixtures must be prioritised over external events or club matches.

## Bursaries

If you are applying to RGS Worcester and are concerned about the School fees, the School does offer the opportunity to apply for a Bursary. This is funding of up to 100% of the full School fee, provided by the School and is means-tested (i.e. the amount of funding is calculated based upon parents' own financial circumstances). Bursaries are awarded to pupils based upon their performance in the School's Entrance Examination.

A significant number of pupils at RGS Worcester are able to attend the School as a result of receiving a means-tested Bursary and/or Scholarship. A pupil offered a Scholarship may also receive a Bursary to provide extra assistance with the School fees.

Bursary Application Forms can be obtained from the Bursary please email ([bursary@rgsw.org.uk](mailto:bursary@rgsw.org.uk)) but will not be sent out before the November preceding the Entrance Examination and must be returned two weeks prior to the Examination.



Academic Scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form, with a special programme overseen by the School's Head of Enrichment to ensure that Scholars move well beyond the curriculum. RGS runs a wide range of clubs and societies, which encourage our Scholars to develop their ideas and interests.

- All 11+ and 13+ external candidates are automatically considered for Academic Scholarships when they sit the main Entrance Examinations
- Sixth Form candidates must state in which subject they wish to sit the Scholarship papers. The candidate, under normal circumstances, must take that subject at A Level
- Each year the Headmaster is able to nominate a suitable member of Year Eleven for support from the Rank Foundation if he/she shows exceptional leadership potential

## Leader Arts and Technology Scholarships

These Scholarships are named in honour of Sir Edward Leader Williams (1828-1910), civil engineer, who designed the Manchester Ship Canal, and his brother Benjamin Williams Leader RA (1831-1923), notable landscape painter. Both were born in Worcester and educated at RGS Worcester.

### Art Scholarships

Art Scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form. The RGS Art Department is a truly vibrant place, providing artists with exceptional opportunities to develop their talents, under the right combination of technical instruction and guidance, together with the freedom to express themselves.

- Candidates will be asked to produce a portfolio of work which reflects the strength and depth of their personal artistic interests beyond the normal school curriculum
- There will be an assessment process involving practical tasks and an interview with the Head of Art

### Design Technology and Textiles Scholarships

These Scholarships are offered at 13+ and Sixth Form. The DT Department at RGS has an extraordinary track record of producing students who go to the very top in engineering, design, fashion and textiles.

Twenty pupils have won prestigious Arkwright Scholarships in the past six years alone. These awards are made by the Institution of Engineering & Technology to the very best candidates in the United Kingdom. Our pupils win external design competitions with an array of inventive and technically proficient work, as well as producing three electronic cars that race in the Greenpower national racing series. RGS also hosts the Young Fashion Designer of the Year (Midlands) and the School regularly has pupils in the finals of this competition.

- Candidates will be asked to produce a portfolio of work which reflects the strength and depth of their interests in Design Technology or Textiles, beyond the normal school curriculum. Such a portfolio might contain work from a wide range of skill areas
- There will be an assessment process involving practical tasks and an interview with the Head of Design Technology and/or Textiles



## Drama Scholarships

RGS has a superb track record of helping committed pupils reach their goals; that often means reaching acting schools, including RADA. Past pupils have then gone on to forge professional careers in all aspects of the performing arts.

Aspiring actors and actresses will have wide opportunities to take part in performances throughout their RGS careers. Drama is taught to all pupils in Years Seven and Eight, then through Year Nine, GCSE and A Level. LAMDA teaching and examinations are also available at RGS Worcester.

- Auditions will be held prior to the Entrance Examination
- The capability to work harmoniously with other young people and adults as well as performing ability will be included in the assessment
- Additionally, a number of Drama Exhibitions may be offered

## Music Scholarships

The scope for performance for musicians at the School covers an extraordinarily wide spectrum of styles and genres, with some fifteen ensembles from which to choose.

There is a major concert at the end of every term, plus Jazz evenings, Year Group concerts and an annual Cathedral Choral Concert every March. Scholars receive guidance and mentoring from our Music department throughout their time at RGS – including conducting lessons when appropriate.

- Auditions are held in January each year
- As a guide we would expect 11+ candidates to have achieved Grade Four or above, 13+ candidates to have achieved Grade Five or above and Sixth Form candidates to be at Grade Seven or Eight in their principal instrument
- In addition, a number of Music Exhibitions may be offered, each to the value of free instrumental tuition on one or more instruments, taught at RGS

## Godfrey Brown Sports Scholarships

These are named after AGK Brown, a former Headmaster of RGS Worcester, who was a worldclass athlete. His career climaxed at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, where he won a Silver medal in the 400 metres, then Gold in the 4 x 400 metres relay.

The Director of Sport has overall responsibility for overseeing the progress of our Sports Scholars.

- Sports Scholarships are awarded at 13+ and Sixth Form
- Sports Exhibitions (ie a one off payment), are also awarded at these age groups as well as for 11+ applicants, who will join the Athlete Development Programme
- Candidates are also expected to show exceptional promise in at least one major sport played at RGS (Rugby, Football, Cricket, Athletics and Rowing for boys; Netball, Hockey, Athletics and Rowing for girls). See overleaf for other sports



- It is likely that, particularly at 13+ and Sixth Form, successful candidates will have reached County level, and will be aspiring to levels above that
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a selection day during which they will take part in drills and game situations to show evidence of their positional and tactical awareness as well as their skill, agility and fitness
- All Sports Scholars are expected to be fully committed to the School's sports programme
- Sports Scholars will form part of the RGS Athlete Development Programme. This will provide individualised programmes to support and develop Sports Scholars under the overall direction of the Director of Sport

## Niche Sports Scholarships

Here at RGS we want to support those pupils who currently excel in any sport, even if it is not one of the major sports we offer. Pupils interested in this Scholarship will not attend a Sports Scholarship day, but rather fill in an application form, stating the standard at which they are currently performing, together with appropriate supporting reference(s) from a suitably qualified coach. Successful applicants will then attend a separate interview day. It is expected that pupils applying for this scholarship should already be competing at Regional or National level for their given sport.

## Prep School Scholarships

### RGS Springfield and RGS The Grange

Both of our prep schools offer the same Scholarships for pupils entering Year Five. The process is designed so as not to be daunting for candidates, so that they feel welcome at the School. The respective Heads of both schools are closely involved in monitoring the progress of Scholars as they move through the School.

## Academic Scholarships

- Academic Scholarships are offered to children entering Year Five
- There is no separate exam – pupils who perform exceptionally well in the Entrance Examinations are offered Scholarships
- Children have a test in English, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning

## Music Scholarships

- Music Scholarships are offered to children entering Year Five
- As a guide, applicants should play two or more instruments and have achieved Grade Three in at least one of these, or to be working to that standard
- Singing voice will be considered the equivalent of an instrument
- All candidates wishing to be considered for a Music Scholarship must take the academic assessment prior to taking the Music Scholarship assessment



# Bursary Application

Bursary Application Forms can be obtained from the Bursary please email (bursary@rgsw.org.uk) but will not be sent out before the November preceding the Entrance Examination and must be returned two weeks prior to the Examination.

## Scholarship Application Form (to be completed by parent or guardian)

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Known as: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

### For which Scholarships are you applying? Please tick all boxes that apply

All external candidates sitting the 11+ and 13+ Examinations are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship – you do not need to tick that box.

#### 11+

- Music
- Art
- Drama
- Sport Exhibition
- Niche Sport
- Academic (Internal Only)

#### 13+

- Music
- Art
- Drama
- DT/Textiles
- Sport (Major)
- Niche Sport
- Academic (Internal Only)

#### Sixth Form

- Academic (subject to be specified overleaf)
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- DT/Textiles
- Sport (Major)
- Niche Sport

Please complete the following relevant sections and also your details at the end of this form

### Music Scholarship 11+, 13+, Sixth Form

First Instrument:	Second Instrument:	Singing/Choral:
Last graded examination	Last graded examination	Last graded examination
Grade	Grade	Grade
Date (month/year)	Date (month/year)	Date (month/year)
Mark	Mark	Mark

### Other performance experience:

### **Art Scholarship 11+, 13+, Sixth Form**

You will be expected to bring examples of your work and prepare as per the enclosed sheet.

### **Drama Scholarship 11+, 13+, Sixth Form**

The Scholarship Day will comprise of a workshop, where students will be assessed and will have both a classical and a contemporary focus.

Please tell us why you want to be part of the Drama Scholarship programme and what you could offer RGS Drama:

### **DT/Textiles Scholarship 13+, Sixth Form**

You will undertake a practical assessment. Please bring a portfolio of up to six pieces of your work to the Scholarship Day, to demonstrate your interest in the subject beyond the classroom.

### **Sports Exhibition 11+; Sports Scholarship 13+, Sixth Form, Niche Sport Scholarship**

Please list sports played in order of strength:

Please give details of any representation in School teams/County teams:

Niche Sport experience:

Evidence of achievement: (If you wish to include video evidence this should be sent to the Director of Sport, Mr Gareth Roots (gdr@rgsw.org.uk).

### **Sixth Form Academic Scholarship**

Subject for Scholarship Examination (ONE ONLY which must be studied at A Level):

Internal Candidates ONLY - Agreed and signed by the Head of Department

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date