

11+ and 13+ Scholarship Application Forms



September 2027 Entry

Scholarship Awards

Great Ballard scholarships recognise pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent, commitment and potential, while embodying the values and spirit of our school community. Scholarships are available for entry into Years 7 and 9 for pupils who demonstrate excellence in one or more of these areas:

- Academic
- Computer Science
- Sport
- Performing and Creative Arts
- Service and Leadership

Other areas may be considered at the Headmaster's discretion.

All scholarships are awarded solely on merit and are assessed through competitive examinations, assessments and interviews.

The financial value of scholarships will vary between both individual candidates and the different disciplines. However, whatever the financial worth of the award we value all scholars equally, and indeed view recognition as a scholar as the prime reward. Scholarship awards are generally capped at approximately 20% of fees and the majority of awards will be smaller. If scholars require further support beyond the scholarship award to enable them to attend the school, supplementary 'means-tested' bursaries are available. Further details of the process of applying for a bursary can be found on the website. Pupils applying for a scholarship at 11+ and 13+ would usually have been recommended by their current school.

Scholarships are competitive assessments and there are only a limited number of awards available each year. Due to the competitive nature of scholarships, we are unable to make offers to all applicants, but we hope every candidate finds the experience rewarding and valuable. We would urge candidates to apply as much for the invaluable experience of the process as for any expectation of reward.

An application pack is attached. Please indicate on the application which category you are applying for and complete the appropriate pages.

Candidates with strengths in more than one area will be considered for an all-round 'Brian Jay' award at the discretion of the Head.

ALL candidates MUST complete Sections 1 and 2 of the forms in addition to the pages relating to their specialist areas.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, 5th January 2027

Assessments: Week commencing 18th January: 13+
Week commencing 25th January: 11+

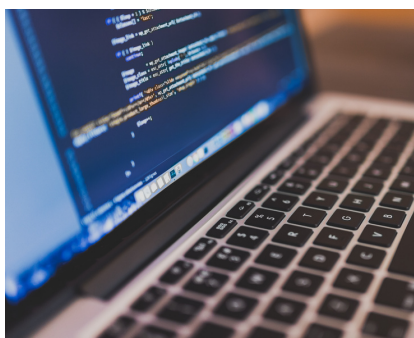
Interested external candidates should contact Mrs Rachel Lewis (headspa@greatballard.co.uk) in order to complete the school's admissions procedure prior to the scholarship days. Parents of current pupils interested in applying for a scholarship are advised to contact Mrs Alice Hardwick (a.hardwick@greatballard.co.uk) before submitting an application.

Procedures and Regulations

We hope the following guidance helps you complete your application smoothly and we are always here to help should you require further assistance:

- All Scholarship candidates must be formally registered with the school before sitting for an award (Registration Forms are available from the Admissions Registrar - headspa@greatballard.co.uk);
- Applicants may only apply for a maximum of two scholarship awards;
- All 11+ and 13+ Scholarships are 'continuation awards', given on the understanding that recipients will continue through to GCSE at the end of Year 11 at Great Ballard;
- Acceptance of an award must be received by the date stated in the offer letter;
- It is an explicit condition of any Scholarship that the financial details of the offer of a Scholarship remain confidential between parents and Great Ballard School. It is our belief that the honour of being a Scholar is the reward for pupils and that the financial element of the award is a confidential contract between the parents and the School.

Please indicate on the application which category you are applying for and complete the appropriate pages.



Section 1

(must be completed for all applicants)

Name of pupil: _____

Date of birth: _____

Scholarship being applied for (please circle): 11+ 13+

☐ I confirm that I have completed a Registration Form and paid the Registration Fee of £120
(Registration Forms are available on request from headspa@greatballard.co.uk.
NB Internal candidates are not required to register).

I am applying for a Scholarship for the above pupil. I understand that the offer of a scholarship will be based on:

- Entrance tests
- Practical Assessment
- Recent reports from current school (copies must be submitted with this application)
- Interviews with Headmaster and senior staff
- Personal statement
- References

I am applying for (please tick as appropriate, maximum of two awards may be applied for):

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Service and Leadership

Signature of parent _____

Date _____

Name in block capitals _____

Please note: if you wish to apply in more than one area (e.g. art and sport), each of the relevant forms in this pack should be completed.

Section 2

(must be completed for all applicants)

Personal Statement

This section should be handwritten and completed by the pupil. Please feel free to use extra paper if needed.

Please tell us a little about yourself, including your hobbies, interests and achievements. You should use this section to tell us all the interesting things about you that don't fit into your subject specific application sections. At Great Ballard, we are particularly interested in young people with an enthusiasm for learning more about their areas of interest; with a passion for helping others and an ambition to push themselves further.

What would make you an outstanding pupil at Great Ballard?

Academic Application

Name of pupil:

Academic strengths, achievements and areas of interest:

A recent school report must be submitted with all academic applications.

All candidates will take assessments in English, Maths and Science, these will be both written and practical tasks. No preparation will be required for these tests.

All applicants will participate in group exercises involving problem-solving tasks and discussion on the assessment day. All applicants will also be interviewed by the Head about their personal statement and about their interests.

Art Application

Name of pupil:

Details of particular areas of interest and any participation in exhibitions, specific projects completed etc.:

Project to complete prior to the day:

Inspired by the work of NIKOS GYFTAKIS take a number of portrait photos.

Choose your best 4 photos and present as a portfolio page.

Choose one of these shots to draw on A4 paper. Your drawing can be in any media of your choosing and your work should show your interpretation of the artist's work. We are interested in seeing your individuality, experimentation and imagination

This work should be included in your portfolio.

Portfolio:

Pupils should bring a portfolio of work on the day.

Your portfolio should show a clear and organised presentation of your work. Your most interesting work should be first.

Your portfolio should contain a minimum of ten pieces of work including the above project.

You may submit a digital portfolio which should show large clear photographs of work as a PowerPoint Presentation or a PDF file.

Digital submissions: Add the title (if relevant), media and dimensions of the work.

Physical Portfolio: Add the title (if relevant) and media of the work in the bottom right corner of the image.

On the day, candidates will be asked to complete a timed, practical assessment and a creative task, enabling them to demonstrate their skills in observation, creativity and problem solving.

This will be followed by a short interview/group discussion with the Head of Art, where candidates will present their portfolio of their work.

They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

Drama Application

Name of pupil:

Name and details of relevant external group(s) attended, if any:

Relevant qualifications (e.g. Dance/LAMDA exams):

NB Originals of any examination certificates should also be submitted.

Recent productions and roles:

NB Candidates will have held major roles in various productions either in their current school or in external drama groups.

On the day of the assessment, applicants will be required to perform a short prepared piece of their choice from memory such as a monologue or piece of verse/prose to a small audience.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their experiences on stage and to discuss any future projects and any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

All candidates will also be required to produce a practical piece of work on the day of the assessment.

Music Application

Name of pupil:

Please state the instruments you study and the grade:

1st instrument and grade:

2nd instrument and grade:

NB Originals of any examination certificates should also be submitted.

Any particular interests or relevant experience (e.g.: choirs, orchestras, bands):

On the day of the assessment, applicants will be required to perform a short musical piece of their choice to a small audience. Vocal and instrumental performances will be considered.

Candidates who excel in more than one instrument may wish to offer more than one short performance on the day.

Candidates will also be expected to sight read a short passage of music and will be tested on the appropriate scales for their current grade.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their musical tastes and talents, and to discuss any future projects and any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

Please provide at least one written reference, to be submitted with these forms.

Computer Science Application

Name of pupil:

Area of strength/expertise. Please include details of any projects completed, participation in exhibitions, competitions etc.:

Candidates will be required to bring with them a portfolio of recent projects, which can be work produced in or out of their current school. Submissions should ideally demonstrate a varied and advanced range of skills.

All candidates will also be required to produce a practical piece of work on the day of the assessment.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their work, to discuss their ideas and future projects, and to indicate any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

Sports Application

Name of pupil:

Two strongest sports:

We will conduct a series of aptitude tests during the scholarship day that will allow us to assess each candidate's ability and potential across a broad range of sports. You will not necessarily participate in your strongest sports on the day itself so please make full use of this form to ensure we have as much evidence as possible about the sporting achievements that you wish to be taken into account, regardless of whether or not you are assessed in them on the day.

Outline your sporting achievements in and outside school. All sports will be considered here:

Sport	Level of participation: team/county/regional Any awards or significant achievements

Candidates will be expected to be competing at a high level in their sports. Candidates exhibiting outstanding potential will also be considered. Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their interests in sport, their ambitions and plans for the future, and to indicate any areas of special interest to them. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

All candidates will also be required to take part in practical assessments and group work session on the day.

Please provide at least one written reference to support this application from a relevant coach who knows your child well.

Service and Leadership Application

Name of pupil:

Evidence of outstanding contributions to school or the community - please include details of any community projects completed, volunteering and/or leadership experiences:

Candidates will be required to bring with them a portfolio demonstrating how they have lifted their school and peers, and made a difference in the community. This might include details of community projects, volunteering they have done and leadership experiences they have gained.

Candidates will be interviewed and given the opportunity to talk about their work and experiences and to discuss their values, perspectives and aspirations. They will also have a more general interview with the Head.

All candidates will take part in a team exercise on the day.

Additional Information

Please use this page to submit any additional information in support of your application for any of the scholarship areas.

Checklist



Please ensure that you have completed all of the relevant sections of the application pack and that you have included the following:

- ☐ Scholarship Application Form
- ☐ Registration Form and fee (external candidates only)
- ☐ A recent photograph of the applicant (external candidates only)
- ☐ A copy of the applicant's most recent school report (external candidates only)
- ☐ Certificates where applicable
- ☐ Supporting references where applicable

Completed applications should be sent to Mrs Rachel Lewis, the Admissions Registrar by the published application deadline.

Email: headspa@greatballard.co.uk

Post: Great Ballard School, Eartham House, Eartham, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0LR