



Orwell Park School

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Scholarship FAQ's

What scholarships are available at Orwell Park School?

Scholarships are available in the following categories: Academic, Art, Design & Technology, Drama, Music and Sport. Pupils may apply for up to two scholarship categories where appropriate.

Who can apply for a Year 7 scholarship?

Year 7 Scholarships for September 2026 are open to both current Orwell Park pupils and external applicants. We welcome applications from children who demonstrate strong ability, potential and enthusiasm in one or more scholarship disciplines.

Can existing Orwell Park families apply for a scholarship?

Yes. Current Year 6 pupils are actively encouraged to apply. Scholarships recognise not only current achievement but also commitment, progress and developing talent during a pupil's time at Orwell Park.

Can international pupils apply?

Yes. Scholarship applications are open to international pupils seeking entry into Year 7 through to the end of Year 8. International candidates will be assessed online where appropriate.

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How do families apply?

Families should complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit it by the published deadline. Our Admissions Team is happy to guide families through the process and answer any questions before an application is submitted.

Are scholarships based on ability or potential?

Both. Scholarship assessments are designed to identify existing achievement alongside future potential. We look for pupils who demonstrate talent, enthusiasm, commitment, curiosity, confidence and a willingness to contribute positively to school life.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. Pupils may apply for a maximum of two scholarship categories where appropriate. This allows candidates to showcase strengths across more than one area of excellence.

How much are the scholarships worth?

Scholarship awards are worth 10% of school fees (excluding VAT). Additional bursarial support may be available on a discretionary basis. Families are encouraged to contact the Admissions Team to discuss their individual circumstances. We are particularly keen to encourage talented pupils who may not otherwise consider Orwell Park, helping them realise their ambitions and fulfil their potential. Additional support, including music tuition, LAMDA lessons and sports coaching, may also be available subject to individual need.

Do scholarships include fee remission?

Yes. Successful scholarship candidates receive an award equivalent to 10% of school fees (excluding VAT). In some circumstances, additional means-tested bursarial support may be available.

What happens on Scholarship Assessment Day?

Assessment activities are designed to be supportive, engaging and age-appropriate.

Depending on the scholarship category, candidates may take part in:

- Written assessments
- Practical tasks
- Group activities
- Auditions or performances
- Portfolio reviews
- Sporting assessments
- Interviews with senior staff

Invitations will include full details of the day's activities, timings and any materials that candidates should bring.

How should pupils prepare for the assessments?

No specific preparation is required. Pupils are encouraged to continue enjoying their chosen subject area, practise regularly where appropriate and bring examples of recent work, performances or achievements if requested.

What makes Years 7 and 8 at Orwell Park distinctive?

Years 7 and 8 provide exceptional preparation for senior school entry. Pupils benefit from inspirational teaching, extensive co-curricular opportunities across our 110-acre campus, flexible boarding options and a strong track record of success in securing scholarships and places at leading senior schools.

What happens if a pupil is not awarded a scholarship?

A scholarship application is entirely separate from the admissions process. Not receiving a scholarship does not affect a pupil's offer of a place at Orwell Park. Many pupils who are not awarded scholarships go on to thrive, achieve excellent outcomes and enjoy exceptional success during their time at the school.

Who can we contact for further information?

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Families interested in applying for a Year 7 scholarship at Orwell Park School are encouraged to contact visit www.orwellpark/scholarships to learn more about the application process and download the information booklet.