

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

In awarding Academic Scholarships we are looking for girls who perform at a standard well above their peers. Girls may have a preference for, or particular skill in, one area of the curriculum such as the humanities but they should demonstrate the same thirst for knowledge and attitude to learning across all subject areas.

Assessment:

- Academic Test:
 - YI - Via normal assessment papers
 - YIII - Computer based testing to show potential, not based on curriculum studies
 - LVI - Based on GCSE results
- Interview with a senior member of the academic staff
- Reference from current school.

Benefits:

- Membership of the Academic Scholars' Society. This involves fortnightly meetings to provide intellectual challenges through debate, lateral thinking, critical thinking, problem solving and research
- Personal mentorship from an academic member of staff with similar field of interest. Thus giving the opportunity to set specific academic targets to achieve the highest accolades and ensure that they are remaining on track with their Scholarship
- Access to internal and external events that cater for gifted students such as lectures and conferences that seek to broaden knowledge beyond the confinements of examinations
- Annual trip to a national centre of excellence such as the Science Museum
- Academic Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Act as a role model to other girls in the School through excellent effort and achievement
- Gain consistently high 'Attitude to Learning' grades across all areas of the curriculum
- Be ambitious and engage in personal target setting and review with their mentor
- Show initiative and commitment to the extension activities on offer through support and contribution
- Participate in House academic events
- Act as an ambassador for the School demonstrating that academic success for each individual can be achieved through hard work, dedication and focus.
- Contribute to the wider life of the School community.

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ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The Art and Design Department at QM is recognised for the outstanding quality of work produced. We regularly mount external exhibitions and girls have worked with professional artists and designers. Each year a number of girls join Art Foundation courses at the most prestigious Art Schools.

Assessment:

- Three hour informal test in drawing skills
- Presentation of a portfolio of up to 15 items of work showing commitment to and interest in Art. Within the folder the teachers are looking for good drawing skills and evidence of having been to a gallery or viewed artwork. Any sketchbooks and notes should accompany the final pieces
- Interview with the Head of Art to determine the candidate's motivation and passion for the art and design world.

Benefits:

- Study time outside lessons in our well-resourced Art Department
- Mentoring from members of the Art Department
- Art Scholars carry out work, from time to time, under the direction of the Art Prefect
- Opportunities to display work in gallery exhibitions and around the School
- Chances to publish work in 'Q' and 'The Margaretian'
- Opportunities to act as the lead designer for School initiatives
- Art Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Have an enthusiastic and sustained interest in Art and Design, and a desire to develop skills
- Join or assist with an Art enrichment activity, depending on age and interests
- Enter art competitions organised by the School and nationally
- Visit art galleries and exhibitions, providing feedback to other artists in School
- Keep sketchbooks of ideas to be developed and always seek opportunities to discuss work
- Show commitment to the subject, promoting it within the School and assisting the Art Department with Open Days, Taster Events and other initiatives
- Exhibit original work at the annual QM Art Exhibition.

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CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Queen Margaret's has a strong tradition of choral singing. The Chamber Choir leads the worship in Chapel and the choir also performs at concerts inside and outside School. There are regular tours and opportunities to sing in prestigious venues, including an annual Evensong at York Minster and Durham Cathedral.

Assessment:

- Performance of three contrasting songs, one of which must be unaccompanied; total programme to last no more than 15 minutes
- Sight-singing
- Aural tests
- An interview with the Director of Music
- A reference from current teacher and singing examination reports if appropriate.

(Copies of any accompaniments should be sent to the Director of Music at least ten days prior to the audition).

Benefits:

- Singing lessons free of charge during term time with one of QM's specialist vocal teachers
- Opportunities for solo performances both in School and at other venues
- Encouragement to work with professional singers and ensembles and to gain a broad base of experience
- Specialist coaching for examinations (ABRSM, Trinity, etc) as well as preparation for the National Youth Choir and other prestigious events and courses
- A mentor within the Music Department who will review progress and help to identify suitable opportunities for performance and improvement
- Choral Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Sing at all Chapel Services on weekdays, Sundays and special occasions and attend the relevant rehearsals, prioritising this commitment
- Participate in School concerts or attend as a member of the audience
- Prioritise and attend regular and special rehearsals before concerts and performances
- Develop a regular practice schedule
- Take a lead in House singing events and support vocal ensembles throughout the School
- Perform in the annual QM Musician of the Year competition
- Sing Choral Evensong at York Minster and Durham Cathedral.

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DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Dance is very popular at QM and we offer individual and group lessons in Ballet, Tap and Modern dance, all these disciplines can be studied to examination level. Ballet follows the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) and/or the Cecchetti Society examination boards. Tap and Modern dance follow the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) board. Hip-Hop and Contemporary dance are non-examination classes. We have introduced Dance Scholarships because we are uniquely placed to provide specialist tuition to girls who want to pursue Dance at the highest level whilst also receiving a superb general education. We have strong links with the trainers of Dance teachers and regularly attend conferences and training events.

Assessment:

- A non-syllabus Dance class in the candidate's choice of Dance style
- Performance of two prepared, contrasting pieces
- Interview with the Head of Dance
- Candidates will also be required to provide Dance examination reports if appropriate and references from their current Dance school or teacher.

Benefits:

- One free Dance lesson per week in the chosen dance style
- Mentoring from the Dance Department to enable growth as a performer and seek suitable opportunities to facilitate development
- Opportunities to organise, direct and take part in extra-curricular activities, ranging from film to staged performances
- Chances to be involved with the production work of another age group; for example, assisting with the younger girls in some capacity, in rehearsal or backstage
- Inclusion on appropriate trips to dance shows at various venues, whether local or further afield, to see live performances which the Dance Scholar will be encouraged (and sometimes requested) to review in writing
- Encouragement to join appropriate courses and activities outside term time which will contribute to development
- Dance Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Practise regularly and be committed to taking examinations in the chosen dance disciplines
- Join or assist with extracurricular Dance clubs and productions, depending on the age and interests of the Scholar.
- Be expected to perform in the annual Dance Showcase
- Seek to direct and choreograph small scale productions for younger girls and House events
- Have an enthusiastic and sustainable interest in Dance, as well as a clear and genuine commitment to the discipline, promoting Dance within the School
- Assist the Dance Department with Open Day and Taster Day events and support other Dance initiatives organised by the School.

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DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Drama Department at QM enjoys the excellent facilities of The Chapman Theatre and stages productions of an exceptional standard. Recently these have included *West Side Story*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Bad Girls* and *Out of the Woods*. QM girls are regularly accepted into the National Youth Theatre and a number of Old Margaretians have followed theatrical careers.

Assessment:

- Audition: There will be a group audition followed by an individual audition where candidates perform a prepared speech to members of the Drama Department
- The auditions will be followed by an interview with a member of the Drama Department where candidates will be assessed on their motivation and asked to discuss aspirations for the future.

Benefits:

- LAMDA lessons free of charge during term time with one of QM's specialist LAMDA teachers
- Mentoring from the Drama Department, to enable candidates to grow as performers and seek suitable roles to encourage development
- Opportunities to be involved with the production work of another age group, eg assisting with the younger girls in some capacity, in rehearsal or backstage
- Work together with other Drama Scholars for workshops and trips
- Encouragement and support to join a recognised organisation such as The National Youth Theatre, or take part in suitable Drama workshops and projects in School holidays
- Drama Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Show commitment to dramatic performance and study, promoting it within School and supporting the Drama Department when required
- Scholars are expected to take part in QM's theatre productions
- Scholars must demonstrate an excellent attitude towards learning and performance and be role models for other girls in the School.

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music Scholars at QM play a key role in the life of the School and, in return, the School guides their musical development in a variety of ways. The ambitious musician needs to establish a rigorous and focused routine if potential is to be realised. Our aim is to encourage Music Scholars to view their musical commitments seriously but also as a source of recreation, fun, enjoyment and personal fulfilment. Being a Music Scholar is time consuming, but we wish to attract girls who will relish hard work and show ambition.

Assessment:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on principal instrument or voice; total length no more than 10 minutes
- Sight-reading on principal instrument or voice at a level reflecting the candidate's current stage of musical development
- Second instrument or voice: one piece only; no more than four minutes in length
- Aural tests
- An interview with the Director of Music
- A reference from current teacher and Music examination reports if appropriate.

(Copies of any accompaniments should be sent to the Director of Music at least ten days prior to the audition).

Benefits:

- Instrumental lessons free of charge on one instrument during term time
- One hour weekly tuition
- Opportunities to play solos and concertos in concerts and at special events
- Opportunities to have performances recorded
- A mentor within the Music Department who will review progress and help to identify suitable opportunities for performance and improvement
- Music Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Demonstrate enthusiasm and desire to improve in all areas
- Give priority to musical activities
- Prioritise and attend all regular and special rehearsals before concerts and performances
- Develop a regular practice schedule
- Participate in at least two ensembles within the Music Department
- Work on general musicianship, especially composing and listening, alongside instrumental studies
- Help maintain and raise the profile of Music at QM by playing and singing in School concerts and participating in other musical events and performances
- Perform in the annual QM Musician of the Year competition.

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SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate the potential to reach the level of performance necessary to achieve county or regional recognition in one or more chosen disciplines.

Assessment:

- A trial in the chosen discipline
- An interview with the Director of Sport
- Reports and references from your current school and relevant coaches/teachers
- Assessment of cardiovascular endurance, tactical/technical awareness, speed/agility and techniques specific to the chosen discipline.

Benefits:

- Specialist mentoring to set targets, monitor progress and evaluate performance
- Specific tuition in chosen discipline, given by highly dedicated and qualified staff
- Free personalised fitness and conditioning programme from a professional coach
- Membership of a strong sporting community and access to excellent facilities
- Competitive fixtures or opportunities to perform alongside other dedicated and talented sportswomen
- Additional support in preparing for trials at county, regional and potentially national level
- Sport Scholarships can carry a fee remission in exceptional circumstances at the Head's discretion.

Expectations:

- Aim for excellence, promoting Sport at QM
- Weekend fixtures, tournaments and tours: demonstrate commitment to represent QM as a priority and play competitively; supporting the Sport Department when required
- Prepare for and take additional qualifications in fitness, life-saving, first aid or Sport leadership
- Scholars must demonstrate an excellent attitude towards learning and performance and be role models for other girls in the School
- Support the House Sport programme and take a leading role at the annual QM Sports Day.

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