



Scholarships & Bursaries

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AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to welcome you to King's Rochester.

It is a remarkable School with a rich and diverse heritage; people have been educated here for over 1400 years under the watchful gaze of Rochester Cathedral and Rochester Castle.

While a sense of place is bound to have an impact on the development of the children learning here, it is the skills, experiences and opportunities provided to them, both within and outside the classroom, that will enable them to thrive in an uncertain and fast-changing world.

At King's, we believe in preparing children for the 21st Century through educating the whole child. Our priority, though, is ensuring that happy children perform to their best and the school is an exceptionally happy and friendly place where moral values, self-discipline, emotional intelligence and a Christian spirit underpin our family community.

This is a School where all are cared for as individuals and where links between home and school are a real strength.



Ben Charles

Principal



SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES OVERVIEW

Scholarships

Scholarships are offered in the Senior School and Preparatory School in recognition of talent and commitment in the following categories:

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| • Academic | 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry |
| • Music | 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry |
| • Sport | 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry |
| • Art | 13+ and 16+ entry |
| • Drama | 13+ and 16+ entry |

The following Scholarships are also available offering varying generous fee remission:

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| • Cathedral Choristership | for boys and girls aged 8 |
| • Chesterfield Organ Scholarships | for 13+ and 16+ entry only |
| • The Peter Rogers' Music Scholarship | for Senior School pupils |

All Scholarships, with the exception of the Choristerships, are retained for the duration of a pupil's stay in the School, subject to satisfactory progress and conduct and an annual review. Please refer to the individual sections later in this booklet for full details of the scope of, and eligibility criteria for, each award.

External candidates should liaise with the Registrar for details of our entry assessment and the Scholarship process.

Internal candidates should always discuss applications with the Head of the Preparatory or Senior School as relevant, prior to their application.

All Scholarships are reviewed annually and their continuation is subject to satisfactory progress being maintained.

Bursaries

A Bursary offers means-tested financial support to able pupils who would otherwise be unable to attend King's.

- They are only available to assist those in financial need
- They are available to current pupils whose financial circumstances have significantly changed
- They are generally only offered to external pupils in addition to a Scholarship Award and also on assessment of the mutual benefit to the child and the School



SENIOR SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Dating back to 1541 there have been King's Scholars at the School. These Major Academic Scholars are also entered onto the Foundation of Rochester Cathedral for perpetuity.

Senior School Academic Scholarships are awarded to academically-gifted pupils from the start of Remove (Year 9) or Lower Sixth (Year 12). These may be Major (King's Scholars) or Minor (Minor King's Scholars). These Scholarships are available for all pupils entering the Senior School on the basis of outstanding academic performance.

Major and Minor Academic Scholarships

- **Major King's Scholarships** offering a 30% reduction in fees.
- **Minor King's Scholarships** offering a 15% reduction in fees.

Remove (Year 9) Entry

External candidates may sit the Common Entrance Scholarship Examination. However, if a pupil has not been prepared for Common Entrance, they may take King's own 13+ Senior School Entrance Examination on a mutually convenient date.

Internal candidates from King's Preparatory School are awarded Scholarships on the basis of results in the Senior School Entrance examinations (sat in June of Year 8).

Major King's Scholars are expected to attain all A grades with no more than one B grade.

Minor King's Scholars are expected to attain all A grades with no more than three B grades.

Sixth Form (Year 12) Entry

Major King's Scholars are expected to achieve Grades 8 and 9 in all GCSE results

Minor King's Scholars are expected to achieve a minimum of all Grade 7s at GCSE.

- All Scholarships are retained for the duration of a pupil's career at the School, subject to conduct and progress being maintained and an annual review.
- **Awards to current pupils at King's (i.e. end of Remove, Lower Fifth, Lower Sixth)** of either Major or Minor scholarships are made on the basis of end of year examinations using the same criteria as for Sixth Form (Year 12) entry. These will rank equally with external Scholarships but may have no financial value.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Principal prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for a Academic Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk



SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

King's has a diverse, busy and highly successful Music Department. Every encouragement is given to our musicians and a high standard is attained in choral and instrumental spheres. As the oldest Cathedral Choir School in the world, the School benefits greatly from being able to use Rochester Cathedral as its chapel and regular concerts are given by the School in the Cathedral as well as in School Hall and within the Music department.

Senior School Music Scholarships are usually awarded at the start of Remove (Year 9) or Lower Sixth (Year 12) and both external and internal candidates are considered. Music Scholars are expected to participate fully in the musical life of the School including membership of choirs, orchestras and chamber ensembles as appropriate.

Major and Minor Music Scholarships

- **Major Music Scholarships** may be awarded annually, with a 30% reduction in fees.
- **Minor Music Scholarships** may be awarded annually with a 15% reduction in fees.
- Free tuition is given on TWO instruments studied at the School and taught by King's staff as well as in the Theory of Music.

Criteria

- As a guide, candidates will be expected to be of Grade V standard on an orchestral instrument at age 13 and of Grade VII at age 16, plus a high standard on a second instrument.
- King's has a long standing tradition of excellence in classical music but candidates who demonstrate outstanding achievement in other musical genres will be considered and are expected to provide clear evidence of being at a comparable level.
- Academically, candidates will be expected to reach the standard of the King's Entrance Examination for the appropriate age group or may sit the Common Entrance Examination (taken in the June of the proposed year of entry) if they are aged 13. If a candidate is over 15 years of age, it is expected that he or she will enter directly into the Sixth Form and must therefore satisfy the entry criteria for the Sixth Form.
- Awards may be made at other times in recognition of significant levels of achievement. These will rank equally with other Scholarships but may have no monetary value.

Assessment

All candidates will be reviewed against the set criteria and background information. Invitations to audition will be sent to those candidates deemed to meet the requirements and expectations of a Music Scholar. The Scholarship audition will be held in late January each year.

At the Audition candidates will be expected:

- To play two contrasting pieces of their own choice on their principal instrument
- To play/sing one piece on their second instrument/voice
- To perform aural tests/general musicianship tests appropriate to their standard
- To perform scales/arpeggios appropriate to their standard
- To sight-read and/or sight-sing
- To show good knowledge of their instruments(s) and an interest in, and enthusiasm for, general music matters.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Director of Music or the Principal prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for a Music Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk



Chesterfield Organ Scholarships

King's Rochester is the oldest Cathedral Choir School in the world. Situated in the precincts of Rochester Cathedral, King's Organ Scholars have access to the excellent four manual organ by Walker and Mander in the Cathedral. The School also has three pipeless organs for practice.

Remove (Year 9) Entry

This award offers an opportunity to enthusiastic and talented first-study organists, or pianists wishing to transfer to the organ, to develop their musical talents under the expert tuition of a Cathedral Organist. The award offers 30% remission on fees with the possibility of further means-tested remission and covers the cost of tuition on all instruments studied at King's and taught by King's staff.

Candidates should be at least Grade 5 organ or piano standard on application.

Sixth Form (Year 12) Entry

This Scholarship will provide the opportunity to play a leading role in the musical life of the School including playing regularly in Cathedral services, recitals and on other occasions. Scholars will be guided in preparation for all aspects of Oxbridge Organ Scholarship applications, RCO diplomas and auditions for Music Conservatoires as appropriate. The award offers 30% remission on fees with the possibility of further means-tested remission and covers the cost of instrumental tuition on all instruments studied at King's and taught by King's staff.

Candidates should have passed Grade 7 on the organ with Merit or Distinction.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Director of Music or the Principal prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for an Organ Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk

The Peter Rogers' Music Scholarship

This endowed Scholarship offers assistance to a pupil of exceptional musical talent. The value of the Scholarship is up to £3,000 per annum at the discretion of the Principal and the Director of Music and is awarded annually. The award may be used in a variety of ways which may include assistance in purchasing a suitable instrument, vocal or instrumental lessons in preparation for conservatoire or university auditions or in any other way which enables the recipient to pursue a career in music.

The pupil will be expected to participate fully in the musical life of the School including membership of choirs, orchestras and chamber ensembles as appropriate. The same criteria as for Music Scholarships apply to the Peter Rogers' Music Scholarship. Candidates should send a letter of application to the Director of Music.



SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sport is pivotal to life at King's Rochester and the Sport Scholarship programme identifies and develops our most talented sportsmen and sportswomen. A dedicated development programme allows them to flourish and represent not only the School, but also the county, region or country in their chosen sport.

All sports at King's Rochester are taught by experienced coaches, several of whom play for, or coach, professional teams across Kent. Honing both physical and mental stamina, precision, confidence and team working skills, King's nurtures pupils to achieve sporting success.

Senior School Sport Scholarships are usually awarded at the start of Remove (Year 9) or Lower Sixth (Year 12) and both external and internal candidates are considered. Scholars are expected to contribute fully to the Sports Programme at King's and should commit themselves to as many sports as possible, not just in their area of specialism.

Major and Minor Sport Scholarships

- **Major King's Sport Scholarships** may be awarded annually, with a 30% reduction in fees.
- **Minor King's Sport Scholarships** may be awarded annually with a 15% reduction in fees.

Criteria

- Candidates must be able to demonstrate outstanding prowess in one of King's core sports (Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Rowing, Rugby or Swimming).
- As a guide, candidates must be at least County level in their main sport (or equivalent standard).
- Candidates must also be able to participate in more of King's core sports other than just their area of specialism.
- Academically, external candidates will be expected to reach the standard of the King's Entrance Examination for the appropriate age group or may sit the Common Entrance Examination (taken in the June of the proposed year of entry) if they are aged 13. If a candidate is over 15 years of age, it is expected that he or she will enter directly into the Sixth Form and must therefore satisfy the entry criteria for the Sixth Form.
- Awards may be made at other times in recognition of significant levels of achievement. These will rank equally with other Scholarships but may have no monetary value.

Assessment

All applications will be reviewed based on a submitted portfolio of sporting achievements. Invitations to a practical assessment session will be sent to those applicants that to meet the requirements and expectations of a Sport Scholar. The Director of Sport may also attend a club fixture to see the candidate in action. The Scholarship assessment will be held in late January each year.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Director of Sport or the Principal prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for a Sport Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk



SENIOR SCHOOL DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Holders of the Drama Scholarship will participate fully in the Co-Curricular Drama & Theatre Programme and be excellent ambassadors for the Drama department. Drama Scholars will be involved in at least four major productions during their time at the School.

This involvement may be as a performer but as they progress through the School, other roles may be explored; director, technician, stage manager, or working backstage. In any of these roles, holders of a Drama Scholarship will demonstrate reliability, commitment, teamwork and a high level of skill.

Drama Scholars will also participate in a Drama Scholars Programme of attending theatre trips, supporting younger Drama pupils at the school in co-curricular projects and actively engaging in workshops led by professional theatre practitioners.

Major and Minor Drama Scholarships

- A **Major Drama Scholarship** may be awarded annually offering a 30% reduction in fees.
- A **Minor Drama Scholarship** may be awarded annually offering a 15% reduction in fees.

Criteria

All candidates will be reviewed against the set criteria and background information. Candidates are asked to submit a Performing Arts CV. Invitations to audition will be sent to those candidates deemed to meet the requirements and expectations of a Drama Scholar. There is an expectation that candidates take Drama at GCSE or Drama and Theatre at A Level as part of their studies.

The Scholarship audition will be held in late January each year.

Assessment

At the Audition candidates will be expected:

- To perform two monologues (of the applicant's choice) demonstrating a contrast in characters and theatre styles, each lasting between 1 and 2 minutes. One will be a classical monologue and the other a more contemporary piece.
- To have a brief, informal interview with the Head of Drama to talk about the work the applicant has presented, and to discuss their dramatic interests and experience as outlined in the Performing Arts CV.
- To perform together during the day with other potential Scholars and King's Drama pupils in a workshop environment.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Head of Drama and Theatre prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for a Drama Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk



SENIOR SCHOOL ART SCHOLARSHIPS

King's is proud of its celebrated Art and Design department. The inspirational environment allows pupils the space to create exceptional and bold pieces. The calibre of work produced increases in scope and quality year on year.

Art Scholarships are intended to recognise exceptional creative potential. This will include evidence of creativity, passion, skill, imagination and the ability to work independently in a variety of forms and a range of media. It is also intended to recognise that art is a predominant passion in candidates' lives.

Major and Minor Art Scholarships

- A **Major Art Scholarship** may be awarded annually offering a 30% reduction in fees.
- A **Minor Art Scholarship** may be awarded annually offering a 15% reduction in fees.

Criteria

All candidates will be reviewed against the set criteria and background information. Invitations to audition will be sent to those candidates deemed to meet the requirements and expectations of an Art Scholar. There is an expectation that candidates take Art at GCSE or Art and Design at A Level as part of their studies.

The Scholarship assessments will be held in late January each year.

Candidates are required to submit a portfolio which can include a range of drawings, paintings, photography, animation graphic design, and three-dimensional work. We accept work in any medium, although we advise against bringing in large canvases and three-dimensional works (good quality photographs will suffice for these pieces). Candidates are advised to submit no more than 20 pieces of work, as well as some high-quality sketchbooks.

In addition, candidates need to provide a short personal written statement about their work, artistic interests and exhibitions they have recently visited.

The Art & Design Department values work that is derived from first hand reference, drawn from life rather than from photographs. This should be reflected in the work submitted.

Assessment

- A sustained observational drawing exercise
- Interview in which the portfolio submitted and the adjoining statement will be a focal point for discussion.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Head of Art prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for a Art Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk



PREPARATORY SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (KING'S EXHIBITIONS)

KING'S EXHIBITIONS may be awarded annually with a 30% reduction in fees. A high academic standard will be required, together with the potential for benefiting from, and contributing to, the School's wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Subject to the annual performance review and the results of the Year 8 End of Year Examination, it is expected that the Exhibition holders would go on to become King's Scholars or to receive a Minor King's Scholarship on entry to the Senior School at 13.

King's Exhibitions are available to applicants entering Year 7, at 11+ entry.

Assessment

- The assessment is split into two parts.

Part 1

- Achieving a mean average of 125 or above in the ISEB preliminary entrance test in English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

Part 2

- The King's Exhibition Assessment, which consists of Scholarship papers in English Comprehension, Creative Writing, Mathematics and Logic. Applicants will also have an interview with the Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster.

Applications

All interested applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the Headmaster of the Preparatory School prior to their application. Please contact the Registrar for a Academic Scholarship Application Form on 01634 888590 or email admissions@kings-rochester.co.uk

PREPARATORY SCHOOL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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Criteria

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CATHEDRAL CHORISTERSHIPS

Cathedral Choristerships are awarded to boys and girls for entry into Year 4 after voice trials with the Cathedral Director of Music, academic assessment and interview.

A voice trial involves ear tests and the singing of a previously prepared song or hymn. The Cathedral's Director of Music is looking for a candidate's potential, rather than their present achievement and the Director is always happy to have an informal discussion with any parents and candidates before the actual voice trial. If a candidate currently plays an instrument, it would be advantageous to hear it played during the voice trial.

Cathedral Choristers may be eligible for a Music Scholarship in King's Senior School following their Chorister career provided that they have satisfied the requirements for this award.

Cathedral Choristerships are awarded to boys and girls with a remission of 30% on fees, to pupils who will be eight years old by the September they enter Year 4. Choristers also receive full remission on the tuition fees of one orchestral instrument and an additional third remission on a further instrument; these lessons should be taken in school. Choristers also receive free Theory of Music coaching and vocal lessons.

Cathedral Choristerships will terminate, under normal circumstances, either when a Chorister leaves the Choir or on their transfer to the Senior School at 13. Potential Choristers should not be entered for a Choristership if it is their intention that they will leave King's at the end of Year 6.

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Preparatory School Sport Scholarships are usually awarded at the start of Year 7 and both external and internal candidates are considered. Scholars are expected to contribute fully to the Sports Programme at King's and should commit themselves to as many sports as possible, not just in their area of specialism.

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BURSARIES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance with Fees for New Pupils at the School

All candidates being offered a Scholarship Award are eligible for an additional means-tested bursary. In exceptional circumstances, the School may consider means-tested bursarial support for new pupils who do not fit the Scholarship criteria.

The School has charitable status and the Governors wish to ensure the limited available funds are used to support parents who otherwise would not be able to send their child to King's Rochester. Therefore, any such award is based not only on the candidates performance in the entrance assessment but also on an annual declaration of income and assets, consideration of the benefit to the child of an education at King's and also the likely positive contribution to School life that the child will make during their time here.

Assistance with Fees for Current Parents

Financial assistance may be awarded to existing pupils where a change in parents'/guardians' circumstances results in difficulty in meeting tuition fees. The financial assistance is subject to careful consideration and assessment and, once granted, is means-tested annually.

Clergy Remission

Children of Church of England Ministers, and priests of a church in communion with the Church of England, are given a means-tested reduction in fees.

Service Personnel Remission

King's operates within the MoD Scheme for Continuity of Education Allowance for boarding school pupils. Day places are also eligible for a Service remission which is calculated by means-testing.

Sibling Remission

Where parents have three or more children at the School, a reduction for each after the second child is given, amounting to 10% of the third child's fees, 20% for the fourth child and 40% for the fifth and subsequent children.

Conditions of Scholarships & Bursaries

Parents will be required to repay all or part of the benefits they have received under the awards described in this booklet in any of the following circumstances:

- Up to three terms benefits (if received) if the pupil has engaged in serious misconduct or has been expelled or removed for reasons of misconduct by requirement of the Principal acting in good faith
- Up to three terms benefits (if received) where the pupil has been withdrawn for any reason



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