



MALVERN ST JAMES
Girls' School

SCHOLARSHIPS

AND FOUNDERS' AWARDS
2021

The Malvern St James Scholarship Programme

Scholarship awards acknowledge exceptional individual ability and talent in a particular area. They are competitive and are highly valued by universities and future employers.

A wealth of enrichment and extension activities are available to all girls at MSJ including:

- Lectures, forums and inspirational speakers
- Competitions and essay prizes
- Somerville Suppers, discussion teas and debates
- Leadership positions
- University and Oxbridge preparation programme

In addition, scholars will be offered a range of bespoke opportunities with considerable value, including:

- Mentoring and further extending of skills
- Coaching
- Masterclasses and workshops
- Trips and workshops
- Regular specialist meetings

Fee Remission

Scholarships will carry a fee remission of up to 10% for Senior School Scholarships. The final award will be considered alongside any other bursaries and remissions, the combined total of which will not exceed 40% of fees. Sixth Form Scholarships may carry a fee remission subject to means testing.

All Scholarships are awarded for as long as the student remains at the School, provided that the Scholars progress and conduct are excellent. We also expect Scholars to actively contribute to their Scholarship specialism.

Malvern St James Scholars are expected to:

- Make a significant contribution to all areas of School life
- Participate actively in all events relating to their specialism
- Identify ways in which they can use their talents to contribute to the wider School community
- Demonstrate leadership and initiative
- Work as ambassadors for the relevant subject area, both in and out of School
- Contribute to the extra-curricular activities in the School
- Perform at a very high standard in their specialist area, showing exemplary commitment and dedication

Applicants should have considerable potential; ideally, they will already be achieving the best possible marks in their respective fields, whether academic or practical. In addition, applicants should be outstanding role models for other girls.

Year 7 Scholarships

Year 7 Scholarships are awarded for excellence in the following specialist areas: Academic, Art, Music and Sports.

Year 9 Scholarships

Year 9 Scholarships are awarded for excellence in the following specialist areas: Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Riding, Sports, Technology and Flexi-Boarding.

Year 10 Scholarships

Year 10 Scholarships are awarded for Flexi-Boarding.

Sixth Form Scholarships

Sixth Form Scholarships are awarded for excellence in the following specialist areas: Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Riding, Sports and Technology, alongside the Founders' Award.

Girls will study at least three A Levels during their time in the Sixth Form alongside an EPQ or a single AS in subjects where it is offered. There is an opportunity for very able girls to study four A Levels

Applications

An application form is available on the Malvern St James website under Admissions / Scholarships along with the relevant dates of the assessment events.

Please note: pupils can apply for a maximum of two Scholarship specialisms and can only hold two at any given time.

All supporting documents are required with the application form.

Academic Scholarship

The MSJ Academic Scholar:

- Has high aspirations for her own education and career
- Extends her studies beyond the classroom in creative and independent ways
- Willingly shares her understanding and her ideas with others
- Attends and helps to lead clubs
- Expectation to take part in competitions and Academic extensions opportunities
- Participates in Academic Scholars Assemblies and platforms

Applicants should:

- For Sixth Form Scholarships, be predicted Grades 7 to 9 at GCSE or equivalent.
- Demonstrate academic involvement and potential
- Have a willingness to take intellectual risks
- Show originality in their thinking and intellectual curiosity
- Be capable of challenging others' ideas in constructive ways


Academic Scholarship Assessment:

Year 7 and 9:

- Stage 1
 - General Assessment plus English and Mathematics
- Stage 2
 - A shortlist of applicants will be then invited to a panel interview

Sixth Form

- Stage 1
 - General Assessment Paper
 - Written papers in three subjects intended for study at Advanced Level
- Stage 2
 - A shortlist of applicants will be then invited to a panel interview



**“ IT IS NOT ONLY A REAL HONOUR TO HAVE THE
RECOGNITION OF BEING A SCHOLAR, BUT ALSO A
FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO WIDEN YOUR LEARNING
WITH SCHOLAR TRIPS AND DEBATING SUPPERS WHICH
REALLY PREPARES YOU FOR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS ”**

Art Scholarship

The Malvern St James Art Scholar:

Year 7 and 9

- Submit a well-presented initial portfolio of work containing a minimum of 10 pieces of recent work showing ability in a range of media. This can include work completed both in and out of school, but must include some drawn or painted studies from direct observation. In addition, this can include sketchbooks and a range of media such as digital work and photographs of 3D pieces. Your portfolio should be brought to the practical examination.
- One and a half hour observational practical examination.
- Panel interview (including portfolio)

Sixth Form

- Submit a well-presented strong portfolio of work as for Years 7-9 above. This should comprise GCSE coursework alongside more personal work. Your portfolio should be brought to the practical examination.
- Two hour observational practical examination.
- Panel interview (including portfolio)

Applicants should:

An MSJ Art scholar should have an overwhelming passion for the subject and pursue this passion both in and outside of school and have expectations to carry the subject on to GCSE level or higher. Their interests in Fine Art and / or Textiles should span both the practical elements of the subject and the contextual areas, with knowledge of artists and designers both past and present. They should also have a strong eye for line, form and tone and be able to exhibit this with well executed observational drawing.

Art Scholarship Assessment

Year 7 and 9

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GOING WHILE ALSO BOOSTING YOUR
CONFIDENCE IN THE SUBJECT AREA ”



Drama Scholarship (Year 9 and Sixth Form)

The Malvern St James Drama Scholar

Scholars are involved with Drama productions and workshops, through performance, technical contribution and front of house support. They also support plays and productions performed by other Year Groups. They should study GCSE Drama in Years 10 and 11 and A Level in the Sixth Form, aiming to pursue Drama at Higher Education level, or possibly as a career option. It is highly recommended that the successful applicant takes Speech and Drama lessons.

Drama Scholars should:

- Participate in the School Play or Musical as a Performer or a Creative
- Participate in a Drama club
- Attend Open Mornings to support the subject
- Attend theatre trips and workshops
- Attend plays in school from the different Year Groups

Drama Scholars in Year 9 should:

- Study GCSE Drama in Year 10 and 11 and beyond
- Participate in the REP Drama Club

Drama Scholars in the Sixth Form should:

- Promote and support all Drama department events in the school
- Study A Level Drama within the curriculum
- Run or Support Drama Clubs for younger girls
- Possibly pursue Drama at Higher Education level or as a career option


Drama Scholarship Assessment

Year 9

- Provide a portfolio of Drama experience demonstrating involvement and enjoyment of Drama
- Perform TWO audition pieces learnt by heart and no longer than two minutes each:
 - one from a choice offered by Malvern St James
 - one own choice taken from a published play
- Discuss the plays performed, the roles played and the Drama experience
- Contribute to a group improvisation and write a short individual written response
- Panel interview

Year 12

- Provide a Drama CV
- Perform TWO audition pieces learnt by heart and no longer than two minutes each:
 - one from a choice offered by Malvern St James
 - one own choice taken from a published play
- Discuss the plays performed, the roles played and the Drama experience
- Complete a written examination based on how to direct an extract from a text and the candidate's experience of live theatre
- Panel interview



“ NOT ONLY AN HONOUR, BUT GAVE ME SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN DRAMA, AND ACTUALLY IMPROVED MY SKILLS IN THE SUBJECT. I NOW AM MORE DRIVEN TO PUT MYSELF OUT THERE AND PARTICIPATE IN AS MUCH DRAMA AS I CAN ”

Music Scholarship

The Malvern St James Music Scholar:

- Makes a positive contribution to the musical life of the School
- Participates in concerts and musical ensembles: Orchestra, Choir and Chamber Ensembles as appropriate
- Attends all appropriate rehearsals and supports the Music Department both in School and in the wider community
- Studies GCSE Music in Years 10 and 11
- Studies A Level Music in the Sixth Form

Applicants should:

- Show considerable potential in their preferred instrument or voice
- Ideally offer two instruments for assessment; **candidates with only one instrument are nevertheless encouraged to apply**

Year 7

- Have reached or be working towards ABRSM or Trinity College Grade 4 (or equivalent) in their first study and Grade 3 in their second study (either of which may be Singing)

Year 9

- Have reached ABRSM or Trinity College Grade 5 (or equivalent) in their first study and Grade 3 in their second study (either of which may be Singing)

Sixth Form

- Have reached The ABRSM or Trinity College Grade 6 or equivalent in their first study and Grade 4 in their second study (either of which may be Singing)
- Take leadership positions within the music department
- Help encourage other musicians in all areas of music making

Music Scholarship Assessment

Candidates are free to perform a contrasting programme of their own choice. Those with an interest in composition are also encouraged to present a portfolio of original compositions and / or arrangements. All candidates will have the opportunity to rehearse with an accompanist prior to the audition.

Requirements

Year 7

- First Study: play two pieces of at least Grade 4 standard and aural tests
- Second Study: play one piece of at least Grade 3 standard
- Panel interview


Year 9

- First Study: play two pieces of at least Grade 5 standard and aural tests
- Second Study: play one piece of at least Grade 3 standard
- Panel interview

Sixth Form

- Provide a Music CV
- First Study: play two pieces of at least Grade 6 standard and aural tests
- Second Study: play one piece of at least Grade 5 standard
- Written paper based on general musical knowledge, analysis and musical works for your specialist instrument
- Composition: two ideas will be provided as a starting point for a 16 bar melody for completion
- Panel interview

Scholars benefit from free music tuition on their first instrument.

A young woman with long, wavy blonde hair is shown in profile, focused on playing a piano. She is wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored shirt. The piano is a dark, polished model. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a school hallway or practice room with wooden floors and a door. The entire image has a warm, golden-brown color grade.

**“ BEING A MUSIC SCHOLAR AT
MALVERN ST JAMES HAS GIVEN
ME UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES; FROM
BEING A MENTOR TO THE YOUNGER
MUSICIANS OF THE SCHOOL, TO
PLAYING AND SINGING IN HIGH
STANDARD ENSEMBLES IN
SEVERAL CONCERTS A TERM ”**





Riding Scholarship (Year 9 and Sixth Form)

The Malvern St James Riding Scholar:

- Is available and committed to representing Malvern St James at School equestrian events
- Encourages other riders within the School
- Supports all MSJ Riding events

Applicants should:

Year 9

- Subscribe to a recognised body, e.g. Pony Club Branch or Centre, Riding Club, British Eventing, or similar
- Be of a very good competitive Riding standard and regularly participate in a range of organised events e.g. Dressage / Show Jumping / Eventing
- A minimum jumping level of approximately 80cm

Sixth Form

- Subscribe to a recognised body, e.g. Pony Club Branch or Centre, Riding Club, British Eventing, or similar
- Be of a very good, competitive Riding standard and regularly participate at Affiliated Events.
- A minimum level of British Eventing: 90cm / British Show Jumping Association: Discovery / British Dressage: Novice would be expected

Riding Scholarship Assessment

Year 9 and Sixth Form

- Presentation of Portfolio of Riding achievements and competitions entered over the past 6 to 12 months, with evidence. This could include confirmation of Pony Club tests, newspaper clippings, articles, photographs and video footage
- Demonstration of short video footage of candidate's riding skills
- Panel interview
- Provide a Riding CV
- Provide a reference from their District Commissioner or an Accredited Trainer, confirming regular attendance at Pony Club or Riding Club rallies and any team selection within the Pony Club

Scholars benefit from a 50% contribution to event entrance fees.



“IT ALLOWS US TO BE ABLE TO PURSUE
WHAT WE ARE GOOD AT EVEN MORE,
WITH THE HELP OF SCHOOL”

Sports Scholarship

In the first instance, applicants should submit a Curriculum Vitae of their sporting achievements. Successful applicants will then be invited in for Sports Scholarship assessment.

The Malvern St James Sports Scholar:

- Commits to training, strengthening and conditioning and matches in her chosen sport(s)
- Responds positively to guidance, works well in a team and is an outstanding ambassador for the School
- Aspires to study GCSE PE in Years 10, 11 and BTEC in Sixth Form

Sixth Form applicants only

- Assists with coaching and development of other School sports players

Applicants should:

- Have an obvious interest in / aptitude for sport
- Be playing sports to a high level. Preference will be given to those involved in one or more of the School's representative sports

Sports Scholarship Assessment

Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form

- Provide a detailed reference from external coach
- Candidates must demonstrate a level of excellence in their chosen sport(s)
- Practical assessment includes a fitness test and further sports skills, which may include lacrosse, hockey, netball, cricket, tennis and swimming (depending on the candidate's area of expertise)
- Panel interview

Sixth Form applicants only

- Written Paper on the broader aspects of Physical Education

* Candidates are asked to bring appropriate clothing and equipment for the activities listed above



“ I HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE PERSONAL TRAINING ONCE A WEEK TO HELP IMPROVE MY FITNESS. I ALSO RECEIVE MENTORING TO HELP MAKE SURE I BALANCE MY SPORTING COMMITMENTS AND MY ACADEMIC WORK ”

Technology Scholarship (Year 9 and Sixth Form)

The Malvern St James Technology Scholar

As a **Technology Scholar (Food)** you will have an awareness, understanding and a keen interest in the food around us. You should appreciate the impact of food in the diet and society, but also how it is grown, reared or caught with an understanding relevant to your age.

You should be able to talk about food and your passion for cooking both in lessons and in your spare time. Holding a position such as this means you want to further your understanding of food and cooking and so helping with younger girls during clubs would be desirable.

Depending on your age it would be expected that you would want to continue your study of Food through the GCSE Food and Nutrition course (in Year 10) and/or the Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition (in Year 12).

As a **Technology Scholar (Product Design)** you need to have a clear passion for an area of the subject; designing, manufacturing, innovation or material development. You will be able to demonstrate your curiosity as you move through the iterative design process and prove your resilience and determination when developing high quality products. You will enjoy the subject out of the classroom through hobbies, craft activities and extracurricular opportunities.

Holding a position such as this means you want to further your understanding of product design and so helping with younger girls during clubs would be desirable. Depending on your age it would be expected that you would want to continue your study of Product Design through the GCSE course (in Year 10) and/or the A Level (in Year 12).


Technology Scholarship Assessment

Year 9

- Written exam and practical assessment (including a portfolio)
- Panel interview

Year 12

- Provide a Technology CV
- Written exam and practical assessment involving a portfolio of work prepared beforehand
- Panel interview

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing safety goggles and a dark lab coat, is focused on operating a piece of machinery in a laboratory. She is leaning over a workbench, with her hands positioned near a rotating component. The background is filled with various lab equipment, including what appears to be a centrifuge and other scientific instruments, all slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is cool and blue-toned, emphasizing a professional and scientific atmosphere.

“ BEING A TECHNOLOGY SCHOLAR HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE. IT HAS ENABLED ME TO EXPLORE ALL THE NEW AND DEVELOPING AREAS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS, AND WHERE IT CAN TAKE ME AS A WOMAN IN ENGINEERING ”

Flexi-Boarding Scholarship (Year 9 and Year 10)

The Malvern St James Girls' School Flexi Boarding Scholar is entitled to two flexi boarding nights per week. The Scholarship is open to internal and external day girls in Years 9 and 10. It is a one year award for Year 9 and a two year award for Year 10. Year 9 girls may reapply for the two year award, the following year.

Applicant should:

- Be prepared to be fully integrated into their Boarding House
- Be committed to a broad range of extracurricular
- Have demonstrated they can be a committed member of a team or group.
- Be a positive role model

Flexi Boarding Scholarship Assessment:

- Applicants should submit an application letter explaining what they hope to gain from the Flexi Boarding experience and what they can offer the Boarding community
- A personal CV of current activities in School
- Panel interview

“ I’VE FOUND THAT FLEXI BOARDING HAS ENABLED ME TO USE MY TIME AT SCHOOL MORE EFFECTIVELY, GIVING ME MORE TIME TO STUDY. IT HAS MEANT I’VE FORMED CLOSER FRIENDSHIPS AND THAT MY TIME AT HOME WITH MY FAMILY IS MORE ENJOYABLE AS I HAVE LESS WORK TO DO AT HOME ”



The Founders' Awards

Launched in Autumn 2015 The Founders' Awards, is a Sixth Form Scholarship with a bursary programme. The award seeks to enable outstanding students who are academically excellent and make a significant contribution to school life to access the excellent educational opportunities offered at MSJ. The awards are named in honour of our founding schools and the pioneering women who established all-girls' education in Malvern. The Founders' Awards will increase accessibility to the school and build upon an already deep-rooted tradition of Bursary and Scholarship provision.

The scheme has been created as a result of a generous bequest left to MSJ in 2014. The number of Awards given, and the value of each, will be kept deliberately flexible so that we are able to reach the most deserving girls and address their individual circumstances. In this way we create something which is bespoke and represents a meaningful contribution to the recipient.

Applicant criteria

Founders' Award recipients should show a pursuit of excellence and demonstrate the values of tenacity, leadership and compassion. Award holders will be mentors, role models, and outstanding ambassadors who will enjoy being part of our community and play a leading role within it.

Applications are welcomed from Year 11 girls already at MSJ as well as those currently at school elsewhere who, in their pursuit of excellence, will make an exceptional contribution to the academic and enrichment life of MSJ.

How to apply

In the first instance Parents should complete and submit the Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances available on the Founders Award page of the website. Please email the form to Mrs Jo French finance@malvernstjames.co.uk or alternatively post to Mrs Jo French, Malvern St James, 15 Avenue Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3BA. The details supplied on this form are confidential to the Director of Finance and the Finance Manager who will assess each application on an individual basis.

A shortlist of candidates who are eligible will then be invited to:

- Complete and submit the Scholarships and Founders' Awards Application Form
- Provide a full CV
- Provide a Personal Statement of no more than one side of A4
- Sit a General Assessment paper
- Sit three written papers in the subjects intended to study at A-level
- Panel interview

Publicity and fundraising

The Awards are funded purely from fundraising and charitable donations. Recipients of awards will be expected to take part in fundraising activity for the scheme by featuring in communications materials and this can be by using images and first names.



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