

# *Sixth Form* Scholarships and Awards

2025 - 2026



Croydon High School  
*for girls aged 3-18*

**Croydon High is delighted to be able to award a number of scholarships, bursaries and awards to sixth form students. Applications for scholarships and bursaries must be received by 31 October 2024. If requested, a link to our online Bursary Application site will be made available once an application has been received.**

## **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BURSARY AND A SCHOLARSHIP?**

Scholarships enable us to recognise and celebrate gifted and talented girls, encourage them to develop their skill and talent and become a role model for excellence in these areas, demonstrating leadership as they move up the School.

There are two types of scholarship. Academic Scholarships and Performance Scholarships (in art, drama, music and sport) are awarded to girls who have demonstrated excellence in the relevant area in their competitive scholarship examination. Scholarships are awarded as a percentage remission of the full fee: usually between 5-20%.

We are also able to offer a limited number of bursaries which also take into account academic ability but, crucially, these are means-tested. The GDST will require full evidence of the household income and assets of the families applying for a bursary for their daughters to ensure that we can offer a GDST education to the most able girls, including those who are not in a position to pay full fees.

Bursaries are also calculated as a percentage remission on the full-fee amount, ranging from 30-100% of the fee, and their value is directly related to the income and financial resources of the pupil's family. For example, full bursaries (100%) are usually awarded to families with a total income of less than £40,000 per year and with no capital assets other than their home. **Academic performance will be a key consideration when the School is deciding to offer a bursary.**

Full details of the selection procedure for each individual scholarship can be found opposite and can also be discussed with the Head of the relevant department or our Admissions Registrar. These awards are open to all Year 11 pupils at Croydon High and applicants for our Sixth Form from other schools.

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

### **QUALITIES EXPECTED IN A SIXTH FORM ACADEMIC SCHOLAR:**

- a role model who exhibits strong leadership
- exceptional academic ability
- excellent work ethic
- ability to work independently
- commitment and contribution to the academic life of the school
- aspiration in their academic studies
- attainment of academic goals outside the classroom, for example by participating in external competitions and masterclasses

### **CRITERIA**

- excellent GCSE results
- desire to excel academically in sixth form and beyond

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

#### **SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024**

Applicants will sit two papers in selected subjects. These are normally the subjects they plan to take to A level, but it is recognised that choices may change later in the year.

Suggested subjects are:

**BIOLOGY – CHEMISTRY – ENGLISH – FRENCH  
– GEOGRAPHY – GERMAN – HISTORY –  
MATHEMATICS – MUSIC – PHYSICS – RELIGIOUS  
STUDIES – SPANISH**

If shortlisted, applicants will be interviewed by a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

Any questions about the award should be directed to our Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Rew.

## **ART SCHOLARSHIP**

### **QUALITIES EXPECTED IN AN ART SCHOLAR:**

- a role model who exhibits strong leadership
- artistically talented and creative student
- excellent work ethic
- ability to demonstrate independent research skills
- desire to experiment with ideas and extend skills
- willingness to run a KS3 club to inspire our next generation of artists
- willingness to enter local and national competitions
- commitment to run termly KS 3&4 meetings with art scholars

### **CRITERIA**

#### **CANDIDATES MUST BE TAKING FINE ART, PHOTOGRAPHY OR 3D DESIGN A LEVEL AND SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:**

- strong portfolio demonstrating good drawing and interpretation skills
- excellent research skills
- evidence of exploration and development of ideas in sketchbooks
- perceptive understanding of work that has inspired their own
- ability to develop ideas with a strong personal identity

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

#### **ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AS OUTLINED BELOW WILL BE ARRANGED AT A TIME TO SUIT**

Applicants will submit a portfolio of work containing two GCSE standard projects and evidence of how the work has been developed.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by the Head of Department, Mrs Smith, who can also help with any questions about the award.

## DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

### QUALITIES EXPECTED IN A DRAMA SCHOLAR:

- a role model who exhibits strong leadership
- high levels of ability in interpretation and delivery with potential to achieve an A grade or above at A level
- experience of taking part in productions
- dedication in supporting all school productions

### CRITERIA

#### CANDIDATES MUST CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO SCHOOL DRAMA AND SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

- a minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE Drama if taken or English Language and Literature.
- 100% commitment to school drama and a willingness to support and lead drama activities for younger students

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

#### ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AS OUTLINED BELOW WILL BE ARRANGED AT A TIME TO SUIT

Applicants will prepare two contrasting 2 minute audition pieces, deliver an unprepared piece of prose or poetry and sit a 45 minute written examination on their appreciation of a live production.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by the Head of Department, who can also help with any questions about the award.

## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP THE JACQUELINE DU PRÉ SCHOLARSHIP

This award is named after our illustrious alumna and the du Pré scholar will be expected to enhance the musical life of the school.

### QUALITIES EXPECTED IN THE DU PRÉ SCHOLAR:

- a role model who exhibits strong leadership
- a talented musician with developed technical skills in one or more instruments including voice
- a passion for music and an ability to communicate this to others
- a willingness to support the music department and act as a role model to younger musicians

### CRITERIA

#### CANDIDATES MUST CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO SCHOOL MUSIC AND SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

- a minimum standard of Associated Board Grade 7
- a willingness to perform at school functions assemblies and to take part in school productions
- aspiration and potential to achieve an A grade or above at A level

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

### ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AS OUTLINED BELOW WILL BE ARRANGED AT A TIME TO SUIT

Applicants will perform two contrasting short pieces on their first instrument and a prepared performance on their second instrument, if they have one.

They should be able to demonstrate scales and arpeggios appropriate to their standard and may be asked to sight read or sight sing.

Applicants may bring their own accompanist or the school will provide one.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by the Head of Department, Mr Suranyi, who can also help with any questions about the award.

## SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

### QUALITIES EXPECTED IN A SPORTS SCHOLAR:

- a role model who exhibits strong leadership
- excellent work ethic and personal fitness
- excellent skills in a range of sporting activities
- the ability to work in a team
- leadership and motivational skills
- energy and commitment

### CRITERIA

#### CANDIDATES MUST CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO SCHOOL PE AND SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

- willingness to strive to improve their level of performance
- willingness to support and coach younger students

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

#### ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AS OUTLINED BELOW WILL BE ARRANGED AT A TIME TO SUIT

Applicants will be required to complete an Application Form and be expected to be able to demonstrate a record of sporting achievement. They will be required to give a short presentation on their sports role model.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by the Head of Department, Ms Head, who can also help with any questions about the award.

## ADDITIONAL AWARDS ON ENTRY TO SIXTH FORM

### HEAD'S SCHOLAR

Holders of two or more scholarships (or one in exceptional circumstances) will be recognised as Head's Scholars.

This carries no extra financial weight beyond the value of the individual scholarships awarded.

### SUBJECT-BASED EXHIBITION AWARDS

An Exhibition rewards high performance in individual academic subject papers through a financial award, which will be deducted from fees in one lump sum at the beginning of the Sixth Form.

An Exhibition may be awarded to students who opt to take papers in individual academic subjects (no more than two papers may be taken).

Exhibitions may also be awarded to students who sit for (but are not awarded) the Neligan Scholarship but who perform exceptionally well in one of their chosen papers.

Students will sit for the Exhibition Award at the same time as those who sit for all other assessments on 2 November 2024.

**The financial award for an Exhibition is halved if the pupil does not continue with the relevant subject to A level.**

## HOLDERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS PRIOR TO THE SIXTH FORM APPLICATION PROCESS

Those who hold a performance or academic scholarship from the school will retain this regardless of the process outlined above.

If the holder of a current scholarship is awarded an extra scholarship, either academic or performance, the two will combine to become a Head's Scholarship and the value of the scholarship changed accordingly.

There is no extra weight given to a Head's scholar beyond the value of the individual scholarships.

**Scholarships are awarded at the Head's sole discretion and there is no appeal process for the decisions taken.**

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR UPPER SIXTH

At the end of Lower Sixth, the Jenny Park Award is presented to selected girls studying English and the Arts at A level.

Scholarship Trust awards for girls studying science, humanity, art or modern language are also available.

