



Tormead

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Each year we offer a range of scholarships to girls joining Tormead Sixth Form. These include Academic Scholarships, as well as subject specific scholarships in Art, Drama and Music. These awards are held throughout Sixth Form and entitle the scholar to a 10% reduction in fees.

Entrance Bursaries are also available for girls who have been offered places at Tormead, but whose parents/guardians are unable to fund the tuition fees.

Sixth Form Bursaries

The Governors of Tormead are committed to broadening access to the school by offering eligible parents/guardians means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees. Each year a limited number of Entrance Bursaries are available to girls who have been offered a place in the Sixth Form. Depending upon the financial, compassionate or other pertinent circumstances of the applicants, Entrance Bursaries may be awarded in the form of a discount of up to 100% of tuition fees, along with assistance with extras, including residential trips.

To request further information about Entrance Bursaries and an application form, please contact the Bursary Team:

bursaries@tormeadschool.org.uk. Applications must be received by 31 October in the year preceding entry to Sixth Form.



Academic Scholarships

To celebrate the academic abilities and intellectual confidence of girls joining Tormead Sixth Form, each year we offer several Academic Scholarships. Along with the kudos and challenge of being an Academic Scholar, the award also includes a 10% reduction in fees.

It does not matter which GCSE subjects scholarship candidates currently study or their intended A Level choices. We acknowledge that academic interests and subject options are different across the board and so everyone has the opportunity to apply for the Academic Scholarships. We simply anticipate that candidates will be enthusiastic and passionate about their chosen A Level subjects.

What does it mean to be an Academic Scholar?

Throughout their time in Tormead Sixth Form, we anticipate that Academic Scholars will maintain the consistent academic excellence and intellectual curiosity that earned them the





scholarship in the first place. They will develop their interests and aptitudes and look to challenge themselves as much as they can, not only within lessons and enrichment activities, but also within the wider school community and indeed the world beyond the school gates. Scholars in Upper Sixth will also work actively with staff and Subject Mentors to lead Beacon Programme sessions for other year groups. We look forward to collaborating with the Academic Scholars through the Beacon Programme events and the Clayton Academic Scholars' Programme, where the extension and enrichment activities are designed to provide academic and intellectual challenge beyond the normal curriculum.

The scholarships are subject to annual review and are dependent upon award holders:

- ➔ Maintaining the highest level of academic achievement in their chosen course of study and excellence in public examinations
- ➔ Demonstrating and promoting their love of learning and intellectual self-challenge to the school community
- ➔ Full commitment to the Beacon Programme and Clayton Society events
- ➔ Exemplary attitude and effort in all school activities

The Application Process

Those wishing to apply for an Academic Scholarship should complete the Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Form and return it to the Registrar by 31 October.

To demonstrate her understanding and enjoyment of the subjects she wishes to study for A Level, the candidate will be invited to sit two hour-long subject papers of her choice in the November preceding entry into Sixth Form. Candidates will also sit a 1 ½ hour long general scholarship paper, answering a number of essay questions on challenging and/or topical issues beyond their subject syllabuses. These questions may not have a right or wrong answer, as we are looking for candidates who can present an interesting and well-formatted argument, who are able to think outside the box and who can defend their opinions whilst challenging us on our own. Indeed, it is this outward-looking attitude that we value in our Academic Scholars. Finally, to enable us to get to know the scholarship candidates better, they will also be invited to an interview with members of the Senior Leadership Team.



Art Scholarships

Sixth Form Art Scholarships are offered to students who are genuinely creative and take an individual and imaginative approach to their artwork. These scholars should enjoy Art and have demonstrated high levels of accomplishment in their artwork. They should wish to study Art for A Level and either Art or another creative discipline beyond school. The award includes a 10% reduction in fees

What does it mean to be an Art Scholar?

Art Scholarships provide Sixth Form students with the opportunity to lead by example, sharing their work and ideas with younger girls, and helping the Art teachers to maintain a friendly and welcoming department where ideas and techniques can be discussed freely between the different year groups. Art Scholarships also provide the chance to develop leadership skills by organising and leading extra-curricular activities and helping younger girls with their own individual project work, as well as helping to judge competitions and take a leading role in events and exhibitions.

The Art Department takes a very open-minded approach and welcomes new ideas for projects and extra-curricular activities from our Art Scholars. This is the perfect opportunity to explore community artwork or lead a group project based on an area of their own choice. As well as being great experiences, these activities can be useful additions to a university application.





All Art Scholars will be mentored by the Head of Art. Additional support will be given to help girls prepare their resumes and portfolios if they choose to apply to art college or other institutes of creative art.

The scholarships are subject to annual review and are dependent upon award holders:

- Studying Art to A Level
- Playing a leading role in Tormead's Art programme by participating in the many varied art clubs on offer and mentoring and encouraging other girls
- Commitment to the Beacon Programme events

The Application Process

Applicants should complete the Sixth Form Art Scholarship Application Form and return it to the Registrar by 31 October. Girls should also write a letter to the Head of Art, sent c/o the Registrar, providing information about:

- why they are worthy of an Art Scholarship
- their unique qualities as an artist
- recently visited exhibitions
- recently entered Art and Design competitions
- relevant art-related work experience

Selection is portfolio based and candidates will be required to submit a digital portfolio of current work and sketches. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to discuss their artwork with the Head of Art in November.

Drama Scholarships

To help celebrate creativity, joy and talent, Sixth Form Drama Scholarships are awarded to girls who have shown both commitment to and excellence in Drama. These awards include a 10% reduction in school fees.

What does it mean to be a Drama Scholar?

Drama Scholars will have an obvious enjoyment of the Performing Arts, including both Drama and Public Speaking and will be happy to act as ambassadors for the Drama Department. They must also wish to study Drama to at least AS Level. All Drama Scholars will be mentored by the Head of Drama, with support being offered if they wish to pursue a career in the arts sector or if they are auditioning for additional opportunities outside of Tormead, such as the National Youth Theatre or GSA Conservatoire.



Award holders will be fully involved in the extra-curricular theatre programme. To ensure they gain experience of all aspects of theatre production, they will have a wide range of opportunities open to them which will help them improve their leadership skills in organising and marketing events, working with technology, designing and/or directing. These could include:

- ➔ Setting up a Sixth Form Theatre Company with other scholars and directing, performing in or designing a scripted or devised production of their choice, with or without the input of the Head of Drama.
- ➔ Guaranteed involvement in whole school productions in whatever artistic capacity they wish.
- ➔ Directing, co-directing or assistant directing the Lower School Production, with a cast of Year 7, 8 and 9 girls.
- ➔ Organising and judging non-House related school competitions such as talent shows.
- ➔ Attending, planning and occasionally running Year 7 Drama Club and/or Years 8 & 9 Youth Theatre.
- ➔ Helping, participating and advising others in Public Speaking and Debating events and competitions.
- ➔ Being in charge of Front-of-House for drama performances and related activities, where appropriate, such as the Music, Art and Drama Evening.
- ➔ Organising an event of their choice that suits their skill set, talent and passion.



The scholarships are subject to annual review and are dependent upon award holders:

- Studying Drama to at least AS Level
- Playing a leading role in Tormead's Drama programme
- Setting an example to others through their commitment to rehearsals and performances and maintaining consistently excellent performance levels
- Commitment to the Beacon Programme events

The Application Process

Candidates should complete the Sixth Form Drama Scholarship Application Form and return it to the Registrar by 31 October. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to an audition with the Head of Drama in November, during which they will be asked to perform a pre-prepared two-minute-long monologue of their choice. Candidates will also be asked to elaborate upon their experience by sharing a portfolio of photographs, certificates and/or programmes which highlight their experience of drama both in or outside school.

Where extra-curricular Drama lessons are taken either in or outside of school, we will write to the Drama teacher to request references in support of the scholarship application.





Music Scholarships

To recognise musical talent, performance excellence and commitment to the school's programme of musical activities, Music Scholarships are awarded to girls entering the Sixth Form. Candidates for these awards should be approximately Grade 5/6 standard on their principle instrument and show evidence of attainment in a second. More importantly, however, candidates should demonstrate the potential to become well-rounded musicians and confident performers. We are, therefore, happy to consider applications from accomplished musicians who have not taken any formal music examinations.

The award provides a 10% reduction in school fees throughout the scholar's time in Sixth Form. Additionally, it also covers the cost of tuition for one instrument, provided that the tuition is taken at Tormead, or two instruments if the second falls under our list of endangered instruments: Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Double Bass or Trombone.

What does it mean to be a Music Scholar?

Girls holding a Music Scholarship do not need to study Music at AS or A Level. However, they are encouraged to develop their musical and ensemble skills by participating in at least three of the school's extra-curricular music groups. One of these is usually the Scholars' Ensemble, enabling girls to perform music at the highest level in the school. Scholars also have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in a musical setting by initiating and running ensembles, such as Schola Cantorum, and providing support to younger musicians in the choirs and orchestra.

The scholarships are subject to annual review and are dependent upon award holders:

- Playing a leading role in Tormead's Music programme and acting as an ambassador for Music
- Consistent progress in instrumental studies
- Setting an example to others through their commitment to rehearsals and performances and maintaining consistently excellent performance levels
- Commitment to the Beacon Programme events



The Application Process

Candidates wishing to apply for a Music Scholarship should complete and return the Sixth Form Music Scholarship Application Form to the Registrar by 31 October.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an audition with the Head of Music in November. During the audition girls will be required to demonstrate performance ability of around Grade 5/6 (or equivalent) standard on one or more instrument(s). They will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument and one piece on their second (where applicable). At least one of these pieces must be a 20th century/contemporary composition. There will also be aural and sight-reading tests and an interview to establish general musical knowledge.

We will write to candidate's music teachers requesting references to support their scholarship application.



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