

SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS 2025 ENTRY



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Principle: Scholarships and exhibitions provide opportunities for individuals who have developed particular skills, and who predominantly but not exclusively live on the Isle of Wight, to attend Ryde School. Their involvement with the School will further develop their own skills and also enrich the student body in key areas of the School. **No scholarship attracts a direct fee discount but being a scholar allows access to means-tested bursaries. Exhibitions recognise achievement just short of scholarship level. These awards, however, have more limited bursary support.**

There is a scholarship programme of support and opportunity for pupils receiving scholarships and exhibitions which is detailed in the booklet. All awards are subject to review: there will be a presumption of renewal but the School reserves the right to remove awards if a pupil is not showing an appropriate scholarly attitude. A warning will be issued prior to any removal of an award.

Applications should be made via the appropriate online forms which are accessed from the School's website. Documents and application forms can be found on the Scholarships & Bursaries page.

If you wish to apply for a means-tested bursary you should indicate this in your scholarship application and complete the Financial Circumstances Summary form. Once the scholarship awards have been made, should your son or daughter be successful in gaining a scholarship, you will receive a link to our online Bursary Portal to complete a detailed application. **Please note that applications for Scholarships and Financial Circumstances Summary Forms must both be received by the deadline dates which are shown on the website and in this booklet, you will be informed of the deadline for the Bursary Portal application in the Scholarship Award letter.**

For applicants moving into Years 7, 9 and the Sixth Form in September 2025 it is possible to apply for a maximum of two scholarships in any one year across any of the options of Academic, Sports, Music, Arts or Sailing Scholarships; it would however be extremely rare for two awards to be made to one applicant.

YEARS 7 & 9

Criteria:

- Current Year 6 or 8 pupil – internal and external candidates may apply
- Current school reports indicate excellent levels of attainment and effort

Process:

- NVR, Maths and English entrance tests
- Shortlisted candidates sit Scholarship papers in Maths, English and General Essay
- Shortlisted candidates have an interview with the Head Master and logic and problem solving tasks with senior staff

Expectation:

Students awarded an Academic Scholarship would be expected to:

- Be a role model to peers and younger pupils in all areas of School life
- Maintain high levels of academic progress and effort
- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for academic study
- Participate fully in the academic life of the School

These expectations will be reviewed on an annual basis. Removal of a scholarship award will not necessarily lead to the removal of any bursary.

In addition to scholarships, exhibitions, which recognise talent but not at scholarship level, may be awarded. These awards, however, have more limited bursary support.

Timing: Entrance tests: Saturday 9 November 2024, interviews for those shortlisted 18-22 November 2024 at Ryde School.

Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Provision:

- Scholars' Mentor
- Intellectual Interests Programme

Sixth Form

Criteria:

- Current Year 11 pupil – internal and external candidates may apply
- Current school reports indicate excellent levels of attainment and effort

Process:

- Paper and interview in chosen subject
- General essay paper
- Logic paper
- Interviews with senior staff

Expectations:

Students awarded a Sixth Form Scholarship will be expected to:

- Be a role model to both peers and younger pupils
- Maintain high levels of academic progress and effort
- Act as an ambassador for their subject both within the School and in a wider context
- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for academic study
- Participate fully in the life of the School

Provision:

- Book or magazine allowance
- Sixth Form Scholars' Mentor
- Intellectual Programme

In addition to scholarships, exhibitions, which recognise talent but not at scholarship level, may be awarded. These awards, however, have more limited bursary support. **Timing: Exams: Saturday 9 November 2024 and interviews for those shortlisted: 18-22**

November 2024 at Ryde School. Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Year 7

Criteria:

- A high level of potential in major team sports at Ryde School: rugby (boys), netball (girls), hockey and cricket (boys and girls).
- (If the above sports have yet to be accessed) Clear evidence of advanced physical literacy, athletic potential and hand-eye coordination.
- Playing at a strong school A team or high club standard in at least one of the above sports.
- (If the above sports have yet to be accessed) Outstanding and consistent performer across sports & fixtures played at primary/prep school or club.
- The ability to perform highly and willingness to contribute consistently across multiple sports at Ryde is given particularly favourable consideration.

Process:

- Candidates will be assessed for potential in a variety of Ryde School's major sports. They are required to do a carousel of rugby, hockey and cricket activities (boys) or netball, hockey and cricket activities (girls). Pupils must select at least one of these that they would like assessors to focus on especially, but they will be required

to participate in all of them and their effort, progress and potential will be recorded. Assessors will be looking for potential rather than developed ability in each sport.

- Candidates will be given a fitness assessment and will be asked to participate in unfamiliar sports and teamwork tasks as well as an interview with senior staff.
- If applicants have an additional sport they excel at which is not featured on the carousel then they should provide details of achievements.
- Scholarship awards depend upon successful completion of the school entrance assessment.

In addition to scholarships, exhibitions, which recognise talent but not at scholarship level, may be awarded. These awards, however, have more limited bursary support.

Timing: Entrance tests: Saturday 9 November 2024; interviews and assessments 18-22 November 2024 at Ryde School. Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Year 9

Criteria:

- A high level of skill in at least two sports, one of which must be a Ryde School major team sport: rugby (boys), netball (girls), hockey and cricket (boys, girls)
- Playing at a strong school A team or high club standard in at least one of the above sports.
- Clear evidence of advanced physical literacy, athletic potential and hand-eye coordination.
- The ability to perform highly and willingness to contribute consistently across more than one team sport at Ryde is given particularly favourable consideration.

Process:

- Candidates applying for a sports scholarship into Year 9 must indicate which Ryde School major sport they will be offering as a primary sport and which further sports they are able to offer.
 - Candidates will be asked to participate in an assessment in their chosen sports as well as our other major sports to assess their potential to contribute more widely to the sports programme.
 - Candidates will also be given a fitness assessment as well as an interview with senior staff.
 - Scholarship awards depend on successful completion of school entrance assessment
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Sixth Form

Criteria:

- Outstanding level of skill in one or more Ryde School major team sports: rugby (boys), netball (girls), hockey and cricket (boys, girls).
- Playing school or club sport to a very high standard.
- County or Academy level (or equivalent).
- The ability to perform highly and willingness to contribute consistently across more than one major sport at Ryde is given particularly favourable consideration.
- Achieve GCSE requirement for Sixth Form entry.

Process:

- Internal candidates will be assessed in their chosen sport(s) during their games lessons. External candidates will be observed in a club or school setting by a Ryde School specialist if this is practical, if not, they will be asked to submit references and video footage. Where viable candidates may be asked to complete an assessment at Ryde School.
- Completion of a fitness assessment.
- Interview with senior staff.

Expectations:

All students awarded a Sports Scholarship will be expected to:

- Be a role model to peers in all areas of School life, but especially in

sport - this includes upholding our Ryde School Sport expectations of wearing correct kit and being on time, working hard and working together.

- Participate fully in the sporting life of the School and be available for School matches/fixtures throughout the year, even in unfamiliar or non-scholarship sports if needed.
- Attend weekly scholars' coaching and fitness sessions at School and attend guest speaker seminars or trips

In addition, Sixth Form Sport Scholars are expected to:

- Attend scholars' coaching sessions after school most weeks.
- Mentor younger sports scholars.
- Act as an ambassador for their subject both within the School and in a wider context.

Provision:

- Specialist coaching sessions
- Strength and conditioning sessions
- Annual sports-related visits
- Mentoring by specialist staff and/or senior pupils

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Timing: Assessments and interviews: 18-22 November 2024 at Ryde School. Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Year Groups: 7, 9 & Sixth Form

Criteria:

- Competitive sailing at club level
- Experience and proven track record of successful elite racing

Process:

For the sailing assessment, candidates are asked to provide evidence from their choice of at least three of the following:

1. Reference from sailing captain, Commodore or race officer from their local sailing club outlining their skills, experience and ability specific to sailing rather than personal characteristics
2. List of results from national or reputable local competitions. A range of results over several different regattas/ races must be submitted to show continuity and development
3. Written statement (maximum one typed page) outlining current experience and the personal goals, aims and objectives for their sailing future
4. Practical assessment (to take place at Tackt-Isle). Advanced planning will be required for this assessment type and it is likely to take place on a Saturday.
Plus successful completion of school entrance assessment.

Expectations:

- Be a role model to peers and younger pupils in all areas of School life, but especially in sailing
- Participate fully in sailing activities and clubs
- Be available for School competitions, specifically Eric Twiname TR event, BSDRA Southernns and BSDRA Finals
- Attend scholars' coaching sessions
- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for school sailing including sailing during games for a minimum of two terms
- Act as an ambassador for sailing both within the School and in a wider context

Provision:

- Opportunity to sail within school programmes - Individual coaching
- Opportunity to take part in sailing competitions (locally and internationally)

In addition to scholarships, exhibitions, which recognise talent but not at scholarship level, may be awarded. These awards, however, have more limited bursary support.

Timing: Entrance tests: Saturday 9 November 2024. Sailing assessments will be on an ad hoc basis with dates decided nearer the time. Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Year 7

Criteria:

- Have the potential to be Grade 4/5 or equivalent on principal instrument by the time they start at Ryde School
- An expectation of an ability to sing or play a second instrument, but not essential

Process:

- Audition with music staff – two contrasting pieces. Followed by discussion about music and their performance
- Sight-reading test on principal instrument
- Aural tests of approximately Grade 5 standard
- General interview with music staff
- Interviews with senior staff
- Successful completion of school entrance assessment

Year 9

Criteria:

- Performing at Grade 5/6 standard on one instrument
- An expectation of an ability to sing or play a second instrument, but not essential

Process:

- Audition with music staff – two contrasting pieces. Followed by discussion about music and their performance
- Sight-reading test on principal instrument
- Aural tests of approximately Grade 6 standard
- General interview with music staff
- Interviews with senior staff
- Successful completion of school entrance assessment

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Timing: Entrance tests: Saturday 9 November 2024. Assessments and interviews 18-22 November 2024 at Ryde School.

Sixth Form

Criteria:

- Performing at Grade 7/8 standard on one instrument
- An expectation of an ability to sing or play a second instrument, but not essential

Process:

- Audition with music staff – two contrasting pieces. Followed by discussion on pieces
- Sight-reading test on principal instrument
- Aural tests of approximately Grade 8 standard
- General interview with music staff
- Written music theory paper set at appropriate standard
- Interviews with senior staff
- Meet entry requirements to Sixth Form

Expectations of all year groups:

Candidates awarded a music scholarship will be expected to:

- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for making music
- Demonstrate themselves as being a role model within the Music Department
- Participate fully in the musical life of the School involving themselves in: choirs, orchestras, chamber ensembles according to interest and expertise
- Take a leading role in class music lessons
- With other music scholars, organise and perform in a busy concert programme
- Act as an ambassador for the subject both within the School and in a wider context

Provision:

- Instrumental lessons for one instrument
- Weekly musicianship lessons
- Trips to two professional concerts each year

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Timing: Assessments and interviews: 18-22 November 2024 at Ryde School. Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Visual Arts Scholarship 2025 Entry

Year Groups: 7, 9 & Sixth Form

Criteria:

Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who demonstrate a high level of skill in Art, Design or Technology. Evidence through a portfolio of prior achievement in at least one area.

Candidates will:

- have an interview with the Head of Art/Design Technology to review their portfolio and explore their interests.
- be required to complete a timed assessment set by the Head of Art/Design Technology in their chosen medium
- have a general interview with the Head Master or a senior member of staff to explore general interests and academic studies
- be required to successfully complete the School's entrance assessments

Expectations:

Candidates awarded an Arts scholarship will be expected to:

- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for the Arts
- Participate in the Visual Arts Award tutorial sessions, where they will be given expert guidance in art/design techniques.
- Take a leading role in class art/design technology lessons
- Act as an ambassador for the subject both within the School and in a wider context.

Provision:

- Annual allowance, used under the guidance of relevant Heads of Department
- Appropriate subject visits / events
- Inclusion within other scholarship provision if relevant
- Due to the flexible nature of the award, bespoke programmes of support / opportunity will be created for pupils receiving this award

In addition to scholarships, exhibitions, which recognise talent but not at scholarship level, may be awarded. These awards, however, have more limited bursary support.

Timing: Entrance tests for entry to Y7 & Y9: Saturday 9 November 2024. Assessments and interviews: 18-22 November 2024 at Ryde School. Deadline for applications: Friday 1 November 2024

Performing Arts Scholarship 2025 Entry

Year Groups: 7, 9 & Sixth Form

Criteria:

Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who demonstrate significant ability as stage performers combined with the desire to be extensively involved in the theatrical programme at Ryde School.

Process:

Candidates will:

- Perform two contrasting monologues from professionally published scripts (with a maximum performance time of three minutes per speech). The pieces will have been chosen, prepared and learnt with the aim of showing the candidate's vocal and physical skills to best advantage. Copies of the monologues to be sent to the School ahead of the audition.
- Participate in a group workshop
- Have an opportunity to demonstrate any other performance skills such as Singing or Dance, though these will not form the prime determinant of success.
- Attend an interview with the performing arts staff to discuss their experience and overall interest in performance.
- Attend a general interview with senior staff.
- Successfully complete the School's entrance assessments

Expectations:

Candidates awarded an Arts scholarship (performance) will be expected to:

- Display such personal qualities as enthusiasm, discipline, initiative, imagination and dedication as well as be able to demonstrate their ability to act as a role model to others
- Participate in a range of co-curricular school productions and demonstrate sufficient interest and aptitude to pursue Drama at least to GCSE level for year 7 and 9 entry and at A Level/IB for Sixth Form entry

Provision:

- Annual allowance, used under the guidance of relevant Heads of Department
- Appropriate subject visits / events
- Inclusion within other scholarship provision if relevant
- Due to the flexible nature of the award, bespoke programmes of support / opportunity will be created for pupils receiving this award

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Timetable for Ryde School Scholarships for entry to Years 7, 9 and Sixth Form in September 2025

Deadline for all applications:	Friday 1 November 2024
Entrance tests for entry to Y7 & Y9: (Arts, Music, Sport, Sailing, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Academic)	Saturday 9 November 2024
Sixth Form Academic Scholarship exams	Saturday 9 November 2024
Interviews, Exams and Assessments* : (Academic, Art, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Academic) <i>*Sailing assessments will be on an ad hoc basis with dates decided nearer the time</i>	Monday 18 to Friday 22 November 2024
Results sent out by:	Friday 13 December 2024
All scholarship applications should be submitted on the appropriate form on the Scholarships, Exhibitions & Bursaries page of the school website: rydeschool.org.uk/scholarships-and-bursaries	

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