

Art Scholarships



As an academic school, we don't de-couple the creative arts from our academic endeavours with the girls. Opportunities for them to work collaboratively and express themselves creatively contribute to the holistic education for life and cultural competency that is the unique St Mary's offering.

Our award-winning Art Department is located in a bright, purpose-built contemporary building and is staffed by specialists renowned in their own fields of ceramics, textiles, photography and fine art. The studios are in use throughout the day and into the evening as pupils complete their extensive portfolios in an inspirational setting, immersing themselves in their creative endeavours. We proudly exhibit girls' work throughout the school and they gain the highest awards in external exhibitions as well as in local and national competitions.

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(for entry into Years 5, 7, 9 and 12)

Scholarships are offered at 9+, 11+, 13+ and 16+ to girls whose work shows genuine promise and who demonstrate a sincere interest in the visual arts.

The selection process is as follows:

All candidates are required to submit a portfolio of work. This should contain varied examples of work produced both under guidance as part of a school programme and pieces which have been done purely for interest in free, undirected time whether at school or home.

All artwork is accepted (textiles, ceramics, constructions, photography etc.) but we expect examples of drawing and painting to be included. Pieces should be clearly labelled as guided (G) or undirected (U). No prescribed number of pieces is required but we urge candidates to think about quality rather than quantity and suggest a maximum of 20 items.

Candidates successful in the initial selection will then be required to attend an interview, sit a practical exam within the Art Department and pass the school's entrance examination.

Our Art Scholar would be expected to study Art for GCSE or beyond. An award made at 13+ will continue throughout Sixth Form if the Scholar studies Art for A Level. A student offered the Art Scholarship at 16+ would be expected to take Art or a related subject at A Level.



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