

FOURTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are offered to pupils entering the Fourth Form (Year 9) at Mill Hill School. A MHS academic, creative or sports scholarship is an award reserved for those pupils who combine exceptional performance in their chosen domain with a genuine curiosity to contribute to the provision provided by the School's academic and co-curricular departments.

ELIGIBILITY

A MHS scholarship is a titular honour. There is no financial remission attached to the award of a scholarship. Pupils meeting the criteria are encouraged to apply for bursarial support where available.

Candidates for Scholarships must be over 12 years old and under 14 years old on 1st June in the year which they are applying to enter the Fourth Form. The School may seek a written reference on each candidate from the Head of his or her present school.

All Scholarships are reviewed annually to ensure that existing Scholars are still considered eligible.

WHAT SHOULD A PUPIL EXPECT FROM THE AWARD OF A SCHOLARSHIP?

An academic or creative scholar should expect to benefit and/or contribute from some or all of the following;

- The opportunity to participate in a departmental-led scholars club (Departments are expected to run at least one Scholar club or society per term)
- Participation in school-led scholarship events and competitions
- Contributions to school publications
- Access to external speakers and events related to the field of scholarship
- The opportunity to participate in subject-specific local and national competitions
- Access to special events involving the Old Millhillians alumni network
- Support and guidance with subject-specific higher education and careers guidance, including for the most competitive admissions
- Suggestions of further reading and research to deepen knowledge and understanding and spark intellectual curiosity
- The opportunity to represent the scholarship subject at key school events (e.g. Open Morning)
- Regular opportunities to perform or showcase skills and aptitudes both in and outside the School community
- The occasion to take part in subject-specific trips.
- Other opportunities as relevant to the specific subject area.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Mill Hill is set in 120 acres of grounds. It is only 17 minutes from central London by train. Facilities include numerous grass and AstroTurf pitches, an indoor sports complex, Golf simulator suite, Performance gym, a 25-metre pool, tennis and netball courts.

The sports scholarship programme is enhanced by a unique portfolio of partnerships with professional clubs, delivering a commitment to outstanding coaching provision and a drive for pupils' progression to benefit all aspiring sportsmen and women.

The scholarship program includes the following benefits:

- Academy level coaching
- Individual skills coaching and 121 skills coaching
- Academy level S & C coaches and programmes
- Access to an on-site medical team and Physio
- Team and Individual performance analysis
- Sports Psychology
- Sports Nutrition

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

Academic Scholarships – Humanities and STEM

There are two forms of academic scholarship, namely Humanities (encompassing English Literature, History, Geography, Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics), French and Latin) and STEM (encompassing Mathematics, Sciences and Computer Science)

Candidates for a Humanities or STEM scholarship are typically expected to sit one examination in one subject from those listed as qualifying subjects. Occasionally, a candidate may be invited to interview to qualify their suitability for a scholarship.

It is expected that a successful scholarship candidate will regularly and consistently attend scholars' activities in the subject in which they sat their examination. After term 1, pupils may if they wish, choose also to attend the scholars' activities in a different subject within the same stream. They may also attend multiple scholars' activities within the same stream in the same term.

Creative Scholarships – Art, Music, Design Technology and Drama.

Candidates for Art are expected to bring a portfolio evidencing current artwork to interview, with the Head of Art. They will also be asked to complete a practical open-brief task, under timed conditions on the assessment day.

Candidates for a Music Scholarship will normally be expected to have reached at least the standard (though not necessarily to have sat the examination) of Grade 6 in piano or Grade 5 in an orchestral instrument. Two contrasting pieces will be expected and there will also be aural and sightreading tests. Further information on Music Scholarships may be obtained from the Director of Musical Performance.

Candidates for Design Technology will engage with a practical activity on the assessment day, which normally consists of a problem-solving challenge. The assessment will also include a 5-minute presentation, in which pupils are asked to talk about their research folder on a chosen designer and/or topic.

A Drama Scholarship is available to a pupil who is able to demonstrate outstanding acting ability. Evidence for this will be threefold: The pupil should have an outstanding record of full participation in past school productions, supported by a reference from that school, outlining exactly the pupil should be considered for a Scholarship. The candidate will take part in an audition session at Mill Hill in January. He/she should prepare two short audition speeches, one from Shakespeare and one from a modern play. They will also take part in a drama workshop with other candidates on the day of the audition. The successful candidate will be expected to involve him/ herself in public performances as requested at the school during their time at the school.

Sports Scholarships

A number of Sport Scholarships may be made annually. Candidates will be required to provide evidence of their sporting ability by the presentation of a sporting CV and a letter of recommendation from their present school and/or a letter of recommendation from a coach or manager of any out of school team represented. The letter of recommendation should detail significant skills and achievement of the candidates in their chosen sport/s. Candidates will also be expected to attend a Sports Scholarship Trial in January 2025, where fitness and agility levels will be assessed in their chosen sports.

It is expected that candidates for a Sport Scholarship will be:

- An outstanding performer in one or more sporting disciplines at his/her current school or at club/district/county or national level.
- Be able to demonstrate a strong interest in and commitment to their selected sport/s.
- Be able to offer expertise in areas that reflect the sporting provision at Mill Hill School.

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS MAY A PUPIL APPLY FOR?

A pupil will be expected to dedicate a considerable amount of time to the various elements of their scholarship. For this reason there are restrictions on how many scholarships a candidate may hold.

Either

- Up to two Academic Scholarships
- One academic and up to two creative/sports scholarships
- 3 creative/sports scholarships (this will only be permitted for an exceptional candidate who can demonstrate the capacity to balance their scholarship commitments alongside the demands of academic study.)

BURSARIES

Means-tested bursaries are available to new entrants to the School. Such awards are intended to extend the benefits of a Mill Hill education to pupils whose families would not otherwise be able to afford the School's fees. In addition, the School makes provision for the award of hardship bursaries to assist families who experience sudden and unexpected hardship. Bursaries are funded from the School's fee income, supplemented by contributions to the Mill Hill School Foundation Appeal.

Bursary awards are made by the Court of Governors upon the recommendation of the Foundation Bursary Committee. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate sound academic potential, strong extra-curricular interests and strong personal qualities. Families wishing to apply for financial support are encouraged to request a Bursary Application Form and a copy of the School's Bursary Policy, both of which are available from our Bursary. Please email bursaries@millhill.org.uk for more details.

EXTERNAL TRUST FUNDS

There are a number of Scholarships funded by external Trust Funds; the Head nominates candidates for these on the basis of the School's normal interviews and Entrance Examinations and any other information, as available and appropriate. The McClure Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an individual of outstanding ability who in the Head's opinion will make an outstanding contribution to the life of the School. The award is funded in part by Old Millhillians who are Life Guardians and/or members of the Old Millhillians Club.

The Ousey Scholarship is given to a candidate who is a lineal descendant of a former pupil of the School.

These scholarships are not connected to the scholarships awards described above, which carry no financial award.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

To apply for a Scholarship, please complete and return the attached application form.

The Academic Examinations will take place in November preceding the year of entry to the Fourth Form. Practical Assessments will take place early in the Spring Term preceding the year of entry to the Fourth Form. For more information or assistance please contact the Admissions Office, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill Village, London NW7 1QS, telephone 020 8906 7923 or email mhsscholarships@millhill.org.uk.

KEY DATES FOR PUPILS JOINING THE FOURTH FORM FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26:**Thursday 17 October 2024**

Deadline for Scholarship applications

**Saturday 30 November and
Saturday 7 December 2024**

Scholarship Examination Days – Candidates will be allocated to a day on receipt of their scholarship application

Thursday 9 January 2025

Music Scholarship Auditions

Monday 13 January 2025

Drama Scholarship Auditions

Friday 17 January 2025

Sport Scholarship assessment day

Monday 20 January 2025

Art and Design Technology Scholarship practical assessments.

Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application shortly after completion of the relevant assessment.



APPLICATION FORM

Please return the completed form to: mhsscholarships@millhill.org.uk no later than **Thursday 17 October 2024**.

ACADEMIC

(please tick the subject for which you wish to sit your academic assessment examination. You may only tick one subject per stream.)

Humanities

- English
- History
- Geography
- Philosophy and Ethics
- French
- Latin

STEM

- Maths
- Science
- Computer Science

(Please indicate which sports and current playing level)

CREATIVE

(please tick the relevant subject(s))

- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Design Technology

For music only:

First Instrument and current Grade:

Second Instrument and current Grade:

SPORT

(Please indicate which sports and current playing level)

First Sport:

Second Sport:

Sports CV and references to be submitted with Sports Scholarship Application Form available [here](#).

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name of Candidate

Name of Present School

Name of Headteacher

Name of Parent/Guardian

Telephone Number(s)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

