



RMS  
for Girls

# RMS Scholarships and Bursaries

# RMS Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded in Year 7, Year 12 and occasionally in Year 9. They are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement and potential and last for the duration of a pupil's time at RMS. Scholars are provided with regular opportunities for development and leadership in their specialist area, and they are expected to be committed to self-improvement in all areas of their School life.

We offer Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships. Girls applying for more than one scholarship are also considered for an all-round award. Scholarships carry a discretionary fee remission up to a maximum of 25%.



# Academic

Academic scholarships are awarded to those pupils who demonstrate the greatest potential for academic excellence. Achieving an Academic Scholarship is the start of an exciting journey at RMS for Girls with our scholars regularly achieving outstanding results at GCSE and A level before being accepted for courses at the strongest UK universities.

Pupils are developed intellectually and “learn how to think” (their words) through a Scholarship Class that is by invitation only. The tasks each week encourage out of the box thinking, requiring pupils to solve problems from different perspective, to appreciate and evaluate grey areas, and to approach problems when they are unsure of what to do!

Visiting speakers and academic trips are organised throughout the year with the specific aim to constantly stretch and challenge raw potential. Students also take part in many subject-specific competitions, with our scholars in recent years winning prestigious national competitions such as the GCHQ CyberFirst competition.

In return, academic scholars are expected to regularly attend the Scholarship Class, to be committed to self-improvement, to help others to learn within the classroom, and to be proud to lead the school academically by participation in all appropriate internal and external competitions and events.

# All Rounder

There is no specific application process for the 11+ All-Rounder Scholarships at RMS. These are awarded at the Head's discretion to pupils who have shown excellent potential in two listed scholarship areas. This may for example be in the Entrance Assessment plus one specific scholarship area, or in any two scholarship areas.

Pupils who are awarded an All Rounder Scholarship at RMS will be informed of the two areas for which they have been selected, will be entitled the benefits of those Scholarship areas, and will also be expected to fulfil the School's expectations of scholars in those areas.

Other than the academic scholarship, 11+ candidates are only permitted to apply for a maximum of two listed scholarship areas.

## The Scholarships

Art Scholars are at the heart of the cultural life of RMS. Their creativity inspires the school community through displays of their work all around the school.

We expect our Art Scholars to immerse themselves in their subject in lessons and through the wide range of activities we provide. Scholars have access to a diverse and exciting range of processes and media, from drawing, painting and printmaking, to sculpture, ceramics, digital media, photography, design technology and textiles. Each of these areas is staffed by an experienced and talented group of teachers and technicians.

The success of the Art Scholars' programme is reflected by the large number of pupils whose passion and enthusiasm are nurtured to such an extent that they pursue further study and careers in Art after they leave RMS.

Creative thinking, experimentation and independent learning are an integral part of this life-enhancing subject. Along with the study of art and culture from antiquity to the modern day, pupils' techniques and skill base are encouraged by regular visits to museums and galleries in the UK and overseas and from attending talks by visiting artists across a range of media.

Art Scholars are mentored by the department. They are given opportunities to discuss their specialisms and develop their techniques through additional workshops held twice termly.

# Art



## The Scholarships

Drama Scholars enrich the experience of everybody in the community. Through their talent, performances, and their commitment to school productions they make a valuable contribution to the cultural life at RMS.

Drama Scholars involve themselves in all aspects of drama from auditions to trips, workshops to clubs, in addition to studying Drama as an academic subject. Drama Scholars will also support the extra-curricular theatre programme and have the opportunity to learn about technical aspects of theatre and production alongside our full-time technician.

The Drama Scholarship Programme provides opportunities for the students to develop their individual talents as an actor, alongside offering activities which will allow them to gain a deeper cultural knowledge, e.g. by theatre visits and workshops that allow the students to see and experience a diverse range of performance styles.

Opportunities to perform abound at RMS as it is a well-established and popular subject. The recently developed facilities boast a fully equipped production room, recording studio and a green screen studio with editing suite. Scholars showcase their talents in school performances in both musical productions and plays and can also develop their design and direction skills in a range of projects.

Drama Scholars are supported and mentored by the Head of Drama. We are also fortunate to have specialised teachers who organise and co-ordinate a series of LAMDA lessons which focus even further on the development of specific and vital performance skills.

RMS students consistently achieve outstanding results with many awarded places at leading universities and drama schools such as RADA, the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

# Drama



Music at RMS is exciting and diverse, featuring regular performances of a remarkable standard. The department is renowned for its friendly, energetic and stimulating environment, offering a wide range of opportunities for all pupils and helping them to reach their full potential. The quality of teaching in the Music Department is outstanding. The full-time and visiting music teachers bring a broad range of professional musical experience to the benefit of pupils.

Our Music Department boasts a beautiful recital hall for intimate performances, many practice rooms, a percussion studio, drum room, music technology classrooms and two well-equipped music teaching rooms. Adjacent is The Space, our 300-seat venue for larger recitals.

Musical Scholars are mentored by the Director of Music. They are provided with opportunities and to develop their specialisms. We are proud to offer our Musical Scholars the opportunity to perform and further their musicianship through a variety of instrumental ensembles and choirs which are led by our experienced music staff.

The Music Scholar Programme is designed to further extend our pupils' knowledge and passion for the subject, to provide as much experience in performing, composing and appraising as possible, and to facilitate pupils building the necessary skills to prosper as a musician whether it be in a demanding and competitive field as a professional or amateur.

# Music



# Sports

RMS is synonymous with sporting excellence and Sports Scholars play an important part in ensuring our continued success. Our Scholars are talented and determined young women who relish the challenge of competing at the highest levels of school, national, and international sport.

The School has enviable sporting facilities. The Sports Centre includes a fitness suite, spin room, yoga studio squash courts, gymnasium and a double height sports hall. There is a 4G all-weather pitch, tennis courts and netball courts. The campus also has extensive grass pitches, a golf course and trim trail.

The Cornerstones Programme for Sports Scholars forms the foundation of sporting success and is tailored to individual needs. Under the guidance of the Director of Sport, Sports Scholars will have an opportunity to develop a strength and conditioning programme and attend regular mentor meetings to set goals and monitor the balance between their sporting and school commitments.

Sports scholars are invited to half termly workshops covering all aspects of sport including psychology and nutrition.

## Bursaries

Bursaries are means tested awards to allow new pupils to take up a place at RMS where financial circumstance would otherwise prevent her from doing so.

RMS is committed to enabling access to the school for those for whom its education will be most transformational. The foundation of RMS in 1788 was charitable, and in the twenty-first century, we believe that it benefits our community for the pupil body to be as diverse as possible.

A bursary is a financial support package for a capped number of pupils who would not ordinarily be able to afford fees.

Bursaries are awarded if the applicant is successful in the school entrance exams for 11+, or is accepted as a student for Sixth Form, the family is eligible for a bursary and there are sufficient funds available. Please note that priority is given to applicants for whom the bursary will be most transformational.

Regretfully, we may have applicants who pass our assessments and are eligible for a bursary but due to demand, will still not receive one.

Please note the School does not consider applications for bursaries for occasional places nor from overseas students.

Our bursaries are awarded thanks to the generosity of benefactors, former pupils, other parents, and the Masonic Charitable Foundation with whom the school maintains a strong and historic link.

## Eligibility criteria

Bursaries range from partial to fully funded awards. These awards are all means-tested. While the criteria depend on a range of financial variables, you can find helpful guidelines within our Bursary Policy on the school website, [www.rmsforgirls.com](http://www.rmsforgirls.com).

Awards are reassessed annually and may be adjusted either up or down for the following academic year, according to any change in the family circumstances.

## What is included?

In addition to support with school fees, we realise that extra costs quickly add up, so a pupil in receipt of a fully funded bursary could also receive some support with the following:

- Curriculum-based compulsory school trips
- Travel to school on RMS coach transport/public transport
- Uniform
- Exam entry fees
- Computer/laptop

## Our Bursaries

All bursary awards are means tested and designed to enable talented pupils to benefit from the education offered at RMS, and in turn to make a positive contribution to the life of the School. The bursaries can cover up to 100% of fees or can support families that have been offered scholarships. The bursary lasts from when a new pupil joins in Year 7 or the Sixth Form until the end of their time at RMS.

### 1. Transformational Bursaries

These are means-tested support to allow new Year 7 or Sixth Form pupils to take up places, where financial circumstances would otherwise prevent them from doing so.

### 2. The Cadogan Rose Bursary

This bursary was set up with the generous funding of Lord Cadogan in commemoration of our former headmistress, Diana Rose, and is awarded to a new Year 7 pupil. The application process for this award is the same as all our bursarial awards, however the recipient is chosen by an external board of trustees.

### 3. Grace Robinson Bursary

This bursary was set up with the generous funding of the Old Masonic Girls' Association (OMGA) who made a substantial contribution to the school in 2019 and is awarded to a Year 7 pupil. The application process for this award is the same as all our bursarial awards.

## Scholarship and Bursary Application Process and Guidance

Scholarships and Bursaries should be applied for online via the school's website [www.rmsforgirls.com](http://www.rmsforgirls.com).

For scholarship dates, bursary submission and application deadlines please refer to the inside back page.

### Bursary Application Process

When registering your child for a place at RMS, please indicate on the registration form that you would like to be considered for a bursary. We encourage early applications to ensure that we have the time to understand your particular financial circumstances.

The school does not require the registration fee to be paid by families that currently receive income support or universal credit. Please contact the admissions team and provide evidence of this support and they will waive the fee.

### 1. Complete the bursary application form

If you indicate that you would like to apply for a bursary when you register for a place, you will be sent an online bursary application. This should be completed no later than Friday 2nd December. This will allow you to give us further information about your financial circumstances.

Please note that if you do not complete this form, we will not be able to consider your child for a bursary at a later date. At this stage in the application process you will be asked to indicate the level of financial support your family will require.

### 2. Submit supporting documents if eligible

We will undertake an initial review of your bursary application following its completion and should we consider that your family has the potential to meet the criteria for a bursary, we will ask you to submit the supporting documentation for your application; this is likely to include payslips, bank statements, evidence of income support/ universal credit. The deadline for submitting supporting documentation is no later than Friday 9th December 2022.

### Bursary assessment

We work with a third party to support our assessment process. Part of that assessment will usually include a home visit by a member of that team to evidence and understand the financial circumstances that support your application. Should your application be successful and your child is offered a bursary at RMS, we will advise you of the level of bursary support offered. Due to the time it will take to make the financial assessment, please note that this information will come after the initial letter offering them a school place.



## Scholarship Application Process

### Academic Scholarship

All 11+ applicants are considered as potential academic scholars and no separate application is necessary as the School entrance assessment provides the first stage of that process. Based on the results of the entrance assessments in January, a small number of candidates will then be invited to return for Academic Scholarship testing. This process is led by the Head of Senior School, Ms Rachel Bailey.

All 16+ scholarship applicants are invited to sit a one-hour paper in their chosen subject (English, Humanities, Languages, Mathematics, Science) complete a 45-minute critical thinking paper and attend an interview with senior members of staff.

### Art Scholarship

To apply for an Art Scholarship 11+ candidates should in the first instance submit a virtual portfolio of no fewer than five and no more than 10 pieces of artwork completed in Years 5 and 6 only.

From these initial applications, the Art Department will select candidates whom they feel have genuine scholarship potential. These candidates will be invited to the Art Scholarship Assessment Day.

#### On Assessment Day

- Candidates must bring all of the original work featured in the online submission. Work should be presented neatly and cleanly; we will be happy to view photographs of 3D work. We would also like to see a sketchbook of the candidate's drawings.
- Candidates will be given a practical task to complete.
- Each candidate will be interviewed by members of the Art Department, and will be expected to talk about her own work, her general interest in the subject, and other artists/designers that she admires.

16+ candidates will be asked to attend for an interview with departmental staff during Sixth Form Scholarship Week.

Candidates will be required to present a portfolio of work, which should include:

- work produced both in and out of school highlighting particular areas of interest.
- sketchbooks, notebooks and photographs, as well as finished work.
- a range of work in a variety of media.
- examples of written work
- a reference from the student's current Head of Art/Textiles should be submitted with the letter of application.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs Maxine Nichols, Head of Art: [mnichols@rmsforgirls.com](mailto:mnichols@rmsforgirls.com)

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### 11+ Drama Scholarship

To apply for a Drama Scholarship candidates should complete the online application form and provide an application letter of no more than a page outlining the pupil's interests and achievements in the subject. No portfolio is accepted.

#### On Assessment Day

- Candidates will perform one prepared monologue of no more than two minutes from a published play.
- Candidates should then be prepared to perform and work individually with the Drama teacher and take part in a short group workshop.
- Each candidate will be interviewed by members of the Drama Department, and will be expected to talk about their performances and their general interest in the subject.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs Kathryn Newby, Head of Drama: [knewby@rmsforgirls.com](mailto:knewby@rmsforgirls.com)

### 16+ Performing Arts Scholarship

Candidates can be assessed either through Performance or Production

#### Performance Candidates:

Candidates must perform two pieces, either both in the same art form, or one each of two art forms:

- musical solo (accompaniment will be provided) on one or two instruments or voice
- solo dance (bring a cd if necessary)—if candidates are offering only Dance, they must perform two contrasting styles. Street Dance is not permitted.
- dramatic monologue (not poetry)—candidates should prepare one classical and/or one contemporary monologue, depending on whether they are offering another art form or not.

This will then be followed by a short interview.

We will require a reference from a student's current music, drama or dance teacher. This should be submitted along with the application form and the letter of application stating the reasons why they are applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship.

#### Production Candidates:

We are concerned with assessing practical rather than academic ability, therefore no theory paper will be set. There will be a short interview to assess a candidate's range of activities, abilities and interests.

Scholarship applicants must choose one of the following three production pathways on which to be assessed: Set Design, Lighting Design or Costume Design.

#### Task One: Curriculum Vitae

Candidates should detail their production experience to date (and performance experience if applicable) giving specific information about the roles they have taken and the responsibilities they have had. Candidates may also include a section detailing the particular production skills they possess, and the specific training they have undertaken. Candidates may support their CV with a portfolio of past work.

#### Task Two: Speculative Design

Candidates should choose one of the two given scenes, either from *Into the Woods* or *Hamlet*, and create one of the speculative designs, detailed as follows:

**Set Design:** Decide upon a venue for the production. We recommend you choose a venue you know well, for example the Space at RMS, Watersmeet Theatre, or your school theatre/hall. Create a set design for this stage for the chosen scene. It is expected that you will consider Health and Safety issues in your design.

**Lighting Design:** Create an annotated script marking how you would use lighting in the scene, not just at the beginning of the scene but also including lighting changes/cues during the scene. You may accompany the script with a lighting plot and/or diagrams.

**Costume Design:** Create a design for each of the characters in the scene. You must detail types of fabric and should consider an estimated budget necessary for the design. You should also be able to justify your design decisions.

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### Music Scholarship

To apply for a Music Scholarship candidates should complete the online application form, submit a letter of no more than a page outlining the pupil's interests and achievements in the subject and a reference from their current music teacher or Head of Music.

As a guide, 11+ candidates should be playing at least Grade 5 standard on their main instrument and Grade 3 on their second instrument.

16+ candidates should be at least Grade 7 standard on their main instrument and Grade 5 on their second instrument.

Musical promise, potential, and relevant music experience as well as being willing to commit to Music Department activities are as important as examination achievement.

From these initial applications, the Music Department will select candidates whom they feel have genuine scholarship potential. All candidates will be informed if they have been invited to the Music Scholarship Assessment Day.

For further guidance, please contact Mr Simon Werner, Director of Music  
[swerner@rmsforgirls.com](mailto:swerner@rmsforgirls.com)

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**There is no difference in student status or treatment – everyone here benefits from a shining future with dedicated teachers, coaches and pastoral care to enable all to thrive. An RMS education is all encompassing and inclusive.**

### Sport Scholarship

To apply for a Sport Scholarship, candidates should in the first instance complete the online application form and provide an application letter of no more than a page outlining the pupil's interests and achievements in the subject.

11+ and 16+ candidates should be county-level or equivalent honours in at least one chosen sport or identified potential across a variety of sports, with supporting documentation from a qualified coach.

A reference from their current Director of Sport or Class Teacher is required by external candidates, and from any relevant sports coaches detailing current attainment levels, achievements and potential. Video evidence, where possible, is required to demonstrate the candidate's skill level.

From these initial applications, the PE Department will select candidates whom they feel have genuine scholarship potential.

For further guidance please contact the Director Sport, Mrs Lucy Cooper  
lcooper@rmsforgirls.com

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## Cara's story

*I remember coming here the first time for a tour and it was so grand and elegant and I remember thinking it was like a dream come true, and it really is a dream come true. Coming to RMS would never have been possible without financial support.*

*There is an amazing support system here. The support and attention you get from staff and the effort they make to get to know you makes such a difference. It is a really individualised experience.*

*RMS has given me so many opportunities. I've been involved in rounders, athletics, cross country running and netball. I'm also a competitive swimmer. I have been swimming all the way through my time at school, often swimming nine times a week. The school has been so supportive, it was never an excuse but they understood if I needed to leave early or if I had a competition.*

*I'm now going to university in the USA on a full scholarship. That would never have happened if I hadn't come here. Without RMS I wouldn't have the same drive to succeed, the same values or work ethic. I know that anything is possible if I work hard. RMS has given me real self-belief.*

*Cara, Class of 2022*

**RMS has changed my daughter's life. She is surrounded by friends in a loving and caring atmosphere. This has enabled her to flourish both academically and socially.**

## Key Dates

### 2022

#### 16+ Scholarship and Bursary deadline

Friday 4th November 2022

#### 11+ Scholarship and Bursary application deadline

Friday 18th November 2022

#### Sixth Form Scholarship Week

28th November–2nd December 2022

Academic, Art, Music, Performing Arts, Sport

### 2023

#### 11+ Entrance Assessments

9th –12th January 2023

#### 11+ Scholarships

Drama: Tuesday 17th January 2023

Music: Tuesday 17th January 2023

Sport: Wednesday 18th January 2023

Art: Thursday 19th January 2023

Academic: Friday 20th January 2023

Register and apply online:

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