



NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES
for admission in 2020/2021

Life-changing Opportunities

As a charity, the GDST awards Bursaries and Scholarships to the brightest and most deserving girls so that the largest possible number of talented girls can receive the benefit of a GDST education.

In particular, it focuses its support on girls for whom the chance of a GDST education would be a transformative and life-changing experience.

Junior School Awards

We were delighted to present our Music Exhibition Awards to pupils in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 for the first time in summer 2019.

A Music Exhibition Award will be offered to recognise outstanding talent in Music, and will cover the cost of music tuition in one instrument (or voice). The Music Exhibition Awards will be awarded for three years; pupils will be asked to complete a simple application form and attend an audition.

Applications will be invited in March, and should be submitted by **Thursday 7 May 2020**.

Scholarships

What is a Scholarship, and does my daughter qualify?

- Scholarships are offered in recognition of outstanding achievement and potential.
- Scholarships are offered to selected girls entering Upper Third (Year 7), Upper Fourth (Year 9) and Sixth Form (Year 12).
- Scholarships usually constitute between 5% and 20% of full fees and they are not means tested.
- Scholarships would normally stay with the pupil throughout their time with us, up to the end of Sixth Form.

11+ (Upper Third/Year 7)

Academic Scholarships

All girls attending our Entrance Assessment day on **Friday 10 January 2020** will automatically be entered for an Academic Scholarship. Academic Scholarships are based on performance ranking in Entrance Assessments.

Arts Scholarships

The Arts Scholarships can be applied for through Art, Drama, Fashion Textiles, Food, Dance or Music. There will be one Scholarship for Creative Arts and one Scholarship for Performing Arts. We ask you to submit a portfolio to support each application and shortlisted applicants are invited to attend an interview. External applicants must also attend the Entrance Assessment day.

Applications should be submitted by **Friday 13 December 2019**.

Sports Scholarships and Eleanor Robinson Swimming Scholarships

Sports Scholarships and the Eleanor Robinson Swimming Scholarship will be offered to girls who show exemplary commitment to their chosen sport and/or swimming, and to school competition. Shortlisted applicants are invited to attend a practical interview in a range of activities. External applicants must also attend the Entrance Assessment day.

Applications should be submitted by **Friday 13 December 2019**.

13+ (Upper Fourth/Year 9)

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships for Upper Fourth/Year 9 are awarded on the basis of a non-verbal reasoning assessment and essay. Once registered you will be asked if you would like to enter your daughter for the Academic Scholarship; applicants for the Academic Scholarships will be asked to write a non-verbal reasoning assessment and essay on the Entrance Assessment day on **Monday 13 January 2020** in addition to completing the Entrance Assessment.

Applications should be submitted by **Friday 13 December 2019**.

Arts Scholarships

The Arts Scholarships can be applied for through Art, Drama, Fashion Textiles, Food, Dance or Music. There will be one Scholarship for Creative Arts and one Scholarship for Performing Arts. We ask you to submit a portfolio to support each application and shortlisted applicants are invited to attend an interview. External applicants must also attend the Entrance Assessment day on **Monday 13 January 2020**.

Applications and portfolios should be submitted by **Friday 13 December 2019**.

13+ Sports and Swimming Scholarships

Sports and Swimming Scholarships will be offered to girls who show exemplary commitment to their chosen sport and school competition. We will invite shortlisted applicants to attend a practical interview in a range of activities. External applicants must also attend the Entrance Assessment day on **Monday 13 January 2020**.

Applications should be submitted by **Friday 13 December 2019**.

16+ (Sixth Form/Year 12)

Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships for Sixth Form are awarded on the basis of a standardised cognitive ability test and an essay from a range of essay questions. The Sixth Form Scholarship examination day will take place on **Thursday 7 November 2019**.

GDST Spirit Scholarships

GDST Spirit Scholarships are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement and contribution across a range of pursuits, both academic and extracurricular. Contribution to sport, performance, creative arts, public speaking, community service, charity fundraising as well as academic endeavour will be recognised. Applicants for the GDST Spirit Scholarship are asked to sit the standardised test and essay question paper on **Thursday 7 November 2019**. Scholarships are awarded on a combination of Academic Scholarship score and the student's application letter, outlining her achievements and contributions. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview.

Applications should be submitted by **Wednesday 6 November 2019**.

Arts Scholarships

The Arts Scholarships can be applied for through Art, Drama, Fashion Textiles, Food, Dance or Music. There will be one Scholarship for Creative Arts and one Scholarship for Performing Arts. We ask applicants to submit a portfolio to support each application and shortlisted applicants are invited to attend an interview.

Applications and portfolios should be submitted by **Wednesday 6 November 2019**.

Sports Scholarships

Sports Scholarships will be offered to girls who show an exemplary commitment to their chosen sport and school competition. We will invite shortlisted applicants to attend a practical interview in a range of activities.

Applications should be submitted by **Wednesday 6 November 2019**.

How to apply

If you wish to apply for a Scholarship, you simply need to register your daughter with us. We will contact you with details about how to apply for a Scholarship after registration.

Scholarship applications received after the published submission dates will regrettably not be considered.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

We will write to all applicants for 11+ and 13+ Scholarships in **February 2020**. We will write to all Sixth Form Scholarship applicants in **December 2019**.

Bursaries

If your daughter would benefit from the educational experience that Northampton High School offers, but your family is not in a position to cover the full fees, you may be eligible for a GDST Bursary.

To be considered for a Bursary we ask that all girls are registered with us. Once registered, the deadline by which you will need to apply for a Bursary is **Saturday 30 November 2019**.

What is a Bursary, and does my daughter qualify?

- Bursaries are means tested according to parental income and assets.
- All Bursary applicants must sit the 11+ Academic assessment papers in both English and Maths or the Sixth Form Academic Scholarship examination, as appropriate.
- Academic merit and performance in the assessments are taken into account when awarding Bursaries. Awards are made on the basis of means testing (parents) and academic performance (pupil).
- Bursaries can be up to 100% of fees and are offered to selected girls entering Upper Third (Year 7) and Sixth Form (Year 12).
- The amount of the Bursary and number of Bursary awards depends on local demand and the funding available.
- Bursaries for less than full fees will be awarded on a graded scale, according to parental income.
- Most Bursaries for higher values will be awarded to girls from families with a total income of less than £35,000 a year and with no capital assets other than their home. It is highly unlikely that a Bursary would be awarded to a family whose annual income is greater than £85,000, other than in very exceptional circumstances.
- Bursaries are reassessed annually, in case of a change in circumstances.

Bursaries: When and how should I apply?

1. If you are interested in applying for a Bursary you should register with us in the autumn term 2019.
The Registration Form can be found in the General Information booklet; the Registration Form should be returned to the Registrar with the registration fee of £75 as soon as possible. Please ensure you supply a valid email address on the Registration Form.
2. Once registered, we will send you a letter which will ask you to indicate if you would like to apply for a Bursary.
3. If you would like to apply for a Bursary we will provide you with logon details to enable you to access the online 'Declaration of Income and Assets' Bursary application form.

This must be completed in full and submitted to the GDST (not Northampton High School) by Saturday 30 November 2019. Applications after this date can regrettably not be considered.

You will need to provide proof of your income and assets, such as P60s, payslips, HMRC self-assessment forms, mortgage statements, council tax bills, or recent benefits paperwork. Original documents are required in the first year of application.

Deadline for completion of Bursary applications is Saturday 30 November 2019.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

You will receive details of the Bursary offered to you in **February 2020**.

'Receiving a bursary significantly affected my life – not just in terms of the great education I received, but also through the opportunities I was given'

'Being at Northampton High School has been a huge boost to my self-confidence, and I have made friends for life'

Former GDST bursary beneficiaries