

## FAQs for the PGS website related to Scholarships and Bursaries

*How can I find out more information about scholarships and bursaries?*

There is an information sheet about Scholarships and Bursaries available from the Admissions Office ([admissions@pgs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@pgs.org.uk)) or [Click here](#) for full details.

*What is the difference between a Scholarship and a Bursary?*

A Scholarship is an award made by the school for academic excellence and for outstanding ability in areas such as Music and Sport. Scholarships are primarily awarded following examinations at 11+ for entry in to Year 7, for entry at Year 9, and following GCSEs for entry into the Sixth Form.

A Bursary is an award that recognises academic excellence but is awarded following a means testing process to support those pupils most in need of financial assistance.

Where appropriate, the award of a Scholarship may be augmented by a means-tested Bursary award.

*How much is a Bursary worth?*

Bursaries are means tested and can be worth up to 100% of the school fees.

*How much is a Scholarship worth?*

Scholarships are typically worth between 3% and 6% of the fees, with potentially higher awards available at the discretion of the Headmaster. Scholarships are not means tested and although their financial value is not large they are prestigious awards recognised by universities and employers.

*My son is a talented musician. Does the school provide scholarships for musicians and how does it work?*

Yes. The school operates a very successful Music Scholarship scheme. The majority of awards are made to pupils entering the Sixth Form with some awards also made in Years 9, 10 and 11. Typically a successful candidate will be proficient in two instruments and at Grade 6 or 7 on their first instrument if seeking a scholarship at 13+ entry. Grade 8 is expected for Sixth Form entry. Applicants will be expected to audition with at least two pieces being performed; aural and sight reading tests also feature in addition to an interview with the Director of Music and the Headmaster.

*My daughter is a talented sportswoman. Does the school provide sports scholarships?*

Yes. The school operates a very successful Sports Scholarship scheme. The majority of awards are made to pupils entering the Sixth Form. Awards are only made to pupils with skills in sports played by the school. The school sports are Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis and Athletics for boys, and Hockey, Tennis, Netball and Athletics for girls. Divisional representation is the normal minimum requirement for consideration.

*My daughter is an all rounder and although she may not qualify for an academic award I think she has much to offer the school. Does the school recognise pupils like her?*

Yes. All Rounder awards are made to pupils entering the school at Year 7 following the 11+ assessment or at Year 9 as external applicants following either the Common Entrance Exam or our own 13+ assessment. The criteria for these awards are a combination of high academic ability in examination and the anticipation of a substantial contribution to the wider life of the school.

*My son is expected to do well at science in his GCSEs and we would like him to join PGS Sixth Form but are worried about school fees. Will some financial support be available for him?*

All financial support at PGS is means tested and although there will normally be more applicants for financial support than the school can help, opportunities are excellent. The school has a close affiliation with the Ogden Trust which provides financial support for the study of science in our Sixth Form. Details are available from the Admissions Secretary and also from the Ogden Trust website: [www.ogdentrust.com](http://www.ogdentrust.com)

*My wife and I are on low incomes and could not possibly afford the full school fee for our talented son. How can we explain our circumstances to you and how do you decide that our son is worth a place at PGS?*

We will ask you to fill out a form detailing your financial circumstances. The information you provide will give the school some idea of your disposable income. We may ask to visit your home especially if your son passes the 11+ assessment as Year 7 is the main point of entry into PGS. Bursary funds are limited and as a selective school performance in the interview and entrance assessments will guide the allocation of these limited funds. Each pupil to whom support is offered must, in the opinion of the Headmaster, be likely to make sound academic progress following admission and possess the potential to develop the quality of his or her work, and benefit from participation in the wider, co-curricular activities on offer at the School. We also look at candidates' previous school reports for evidence of good behaviour.