



## THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS, AND THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL BURSARY PROVISION

#### I Introduction

The Portsmouth Grammar School was founded in 1732. It is historically committed to offering places to those most able to benefit from a PGS education, irrespective of financial means, and to rewarding excellence.

PGS has no major historic endowment but is proud of the Scholarship and Bursary provision which it has been able to set up over many years. This owes much to the assistance of many benefactors and friends of the school, whose generosity is annually commemorated at the school's Founder's Day service in the Cathedral.

Scholarships and bursaries are only available in the Senior School (Years 7-13). This paper summarises the kinds of financial assistance and awards available at each level of entry, 11+, 13+ and 16+, and also gives general details on how to apply.

The school, in common with many other leading independent schools, assigns about 5% of its annual income to its Scholarship and Bursary scheme, thus benefiting in the region of 200 children each year.

#### II Scholarships, Exhibitions and Bursaries

**Scholarships and Exhibitions:** are financial awards given by the Headmaster for excellence in one or more academic or extra curricular areas. Exhibitions have a smaller value than Scholarships. The financial value of both is modest, and they are not subject to means testing.

**Bursaries:** All holders of a Scholarship or Exhibition are automatically entitled to separate assessment for a Bursary, which is a fee reduction made on the basis of means testing. Bursaries (as their name suggests) are offered by the Bursar after a review of parental financial circumstances. Most Bursaries are for 10-20% of fees, but Bursaries can and are given for any amount up to the full fee.

All Scholarships and Bursaries are subject to continued good performance and representation of the school.

**Honorary Scholarships and Exhibitions:** Honorary awards do not carry any less esteem within the school, or to wider communities such as universities, but they do not have a financial value. In order to maximise financial efficiency and educational benefit, no pupil may hold more than one Scholarship or Exhibition bringing with it financial recompense: the second and any subsequent award will always be Honorary. In certain circumstances Honorary awards may be made to those who are already members of the school who have progressed in the school to such a standard that their achievements merit wider recognition.

**Governors' Presentation Awards:** These are made to a pupil on entering the school as a recognition of talent and potential. A Presentation Award offers a reduction of £500 in the first year of fees. It does not automatically entitle the holder to assessment for means tested Bursarial assistance but is given as a recognition of potential, which might develop into the eventual award of a Scholarship or Exhibition.

### **III How to Apply for Awards**

All applicants to PGS are automatically assessed for a Scholarship or Exhibition. There are no special Scholarship papers. The only case in which any advance application needs to be made is for Peter Ogden scholarships and for Music awards, as explained in the relevant sections below.

### **IV When Awards are Made**

**11+ Awards:** Awards are made during the previous academic year for entry into Year 7 of the Senior School. All those applying to enter Year 7 are eligible for such awards, including pupils from the Junior School.

**13+ Awards:** The school annually takes in a number of pupils into Year 9. Awards are made during the year preceding entry on the basis of academic assessment. At the same time a number of awards, largely Honorary, are made to existing pupils.

**16+ Awards:** The school annually admits 25-30 new pupils into the Sixth Form. Awards are made as explained below to external candidates on the basis of their GCSE results. In addition the school has a number of benefactors who have made endowments in order to reward excellence in the Sixth Form, and such awards are by their terms of donation largely for existing pupils.

### **V How Awards are Made**

All awards are made by the Headmaster, at the same time as decisions about entry to the school are made. In addition, the Headmaster chairs an annual meeting of senior members of staff in the summer term, which scrutinises all aspects of the school's Scholarship and Bursary provision.

## VI Details of 11+ Awards

**Foundation Scholarships** derive from a trust originally set up by the school's founder, Dr William Smith, in his Will of 1732. They are solely to reward academic excellence, and no application is required.

**Peter Ogden Scholarships** were introduced by Governors in 2002 to commemorate the generosity of Sir Peter Ogden, who selected PGS as the only co-educational school and the only school in the south to pilot his Ogden Trust Bursary scheme. These awards are only available to children from State primary schools and it is Governor expectation that, unlike Foundation Scholarships, they will only be awarded to children whose circumstances entitle them to major bursarial assistance, means tested, in several cases up to the level of the full fee. Parents should indicate at the time of applying for entry that they wish to be considered for an Ogden award and they will be asked to complete a financial assessment form before the academic assessment takes place. All shortlisted candidates will be visited at home before a final decision is made.

**All-Rounder Awards** are made to a number of pupils of high academic ability who are likely also to make a substantial contribution to the wider life of the school.

**Governors' Presentation Awards** are explained in Section II above.

A **Wolfson Award** is made through a generous bequest from the Wolfson Trust, roughly once every seven years, to an 11+ candidate who shows outstanding aptitude in Science. The award can be up to the full fee, is means tested, and based on the results of the 11+ entrance assessments and reports from candidates' current schools.

## VII Details of 13+ Awards

**Nock Scholarships** derive from the will of former pupil Arthur Darby Nock, the son of a Portsmouth school teacher, whose brilliant academic career reached a notable summit when, aged only 28, he was appointed Professor of Comparative Religion at Harvard, the youngest such appointment ever made. Always a vociferous supporter of the school, he left the majority of his estate in order to allow others the same educational opportunities which he had once enjoyed. They are available only to external applicants, but a number of Honorary awards are also made to current members of Year 8, to commence when they start Year 9.

**All-Rounder Awards** are made to a number of pupils of high academic ability who appear likely also to make a substantial contribution to the wider life of the school. As with Nock Scholarships, they are available only to external applicants, but a number of Honorary awards are also made to current members of Year 8, to commence when they start Year 9.

**Music Scholarships** were introduced by Governors in 1995 and chiefly intended for candidates from Prep Schools, especially those with a chorister background. They are awarded by the Headmaster after an audition with the Director of Music, for which an appointment needs to be made in advance with the Admissions Secretary.

## VIII Details of 16+ Awards

**Foundation Scholarships** (see Section VI above) are available to those newly entering the Sixth Form from other schools.

**Hornby Scholarships** are made to existing PGS pupils, following the publication of GCSE results, to acknowledge academic excellence. They derive from a generous bequest by Alistair Hornby (who taught Physics at PGS from 1956 until his retirement in 1984 and was Head of Department for most of that time), and who made generous provision in his Will for the establishment of Sixth Form academic scholarships.

**Sainsbury Scholarships** were instituted in 1998 by Mrs E M Sainsbury in memory of her husband Norman Sainsbury, the distinguished military intelligence expert and librarian, to mark the excellence of the grounding given to her husband by the school. The awards are at the Headmaster's discretion but are generally given to existing pupils and external applicants who exhibit high academic standards and a keen commitment to one or more extra curricular activities. They fulfil the purpose of All Rounder awards at 11+ and 13+.

**OP Charity Awards** A Registered Charity set up by former pupils of the school makes funds available at the discretion of the Headmaster for Scholarships and Exhibitions in the Sixth Form.

**Arkwright Scholarships** The Arkwright Trust gives one or more Sixth Form scholarships per year to a pupil who shows outstanding ability in Design Technology.

**Ogden Trust Physical Science Scholarship** is available to an applicant from a state school who shows outstanding potential in Physics.

**Rank Leadership Award** with the generous help of the Rank Foundation, one award per annum is made to a pupil who shows leadership potential. By the wishes of the Rank Foundation, preference is given to existing pupils.

**Sports Scholarships** candidates for sports scholarships will be considered for admission to the Sixth Form, or, in exceptional cases, to other year groups. Applicants should be at least of county level standard.

**Choral Scholarships** may be awarded to internal and external applicants who reach a sufficient vocal standard. They are by competitive audition in November and May of each year. A separate information sheet is available from the Admissions Office.

## IX Further Information and Enquiries

All enquiries relating to Scholarships and other awards are handled in the first instance by Mrs Gill Williams, the Admissions Secretary. Her contact details are:

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