



## McAuley Scholarship Programme



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# Scholarships at OLA

*“When my daughter received a Scholarship, she felt that her abilities were recognised and this also increased her self-worth.”*

*OLA parent*

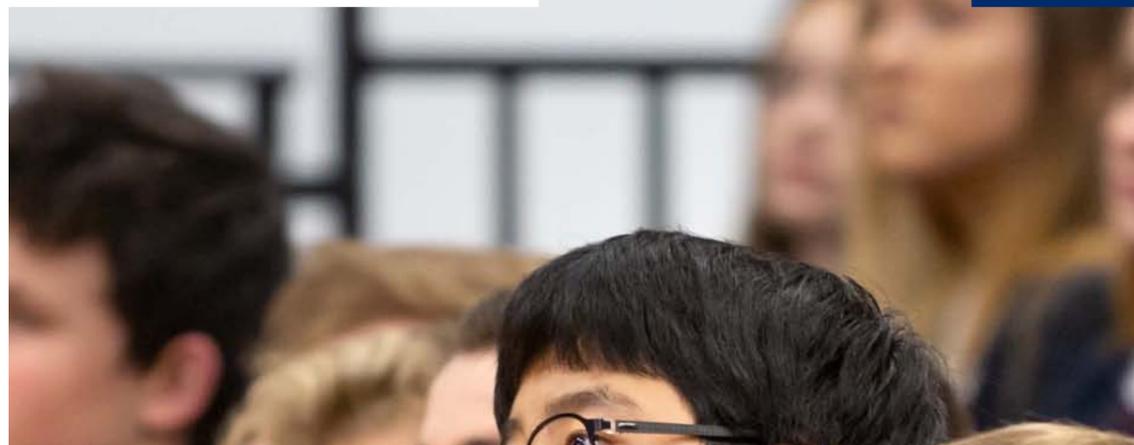
At Our Lady's Abingdon School, we believe that every pupil should make the most of their personal gifts. Our motto, *'Whatever you do, do it well'* is aptly supported by our extensive Scholarship Programme, which includes Academia, Art, Drama, Music and Sport.

Our ethos provides an individual approach that ensures we uncover every child's full potential and we will nurture all pupils to achieve their best, enabling them to thrive both academically and as young people. Our Scholarship Programme seeks to recognise those pupils who excel in their studies and other areas of School life, and offer them the opportunity to pursue their aspirations with the support and guidance of our exceptional staff. Scholars are expected to make the most of these opportunities, whether it is academic societies, the Year 7 Scholars' Reading Programme or the Year 12 Oxbridge Knowledge Building Course. We have a range of options to empower each pupil to be the best that they can be.



# Expectations of a Scholar

Scholars are expected to be ambassadors, and, as such, must contribute fully to the life of the school and maintain the highest standards of performance and achievement. Scholars are expected to demonstrate excellence throughout the application process and they should possess intellectual curiosity with a passion and determination to succeed. Our Scholars should exemplify the absolute best of everything OLA offers.



# Types of Scholarship Awards

There are five main types of Scholarships offered:

1. Academic
2. Art
3. Drama
4. Music
5. Sport

Each of these awards provide benefits that are directly linked to the type of award. Every Scholar will benefit from a financial contribution towards materials or private tuition.

### The Rigby Award:

The Rigby Award is for 'exceptional' candidates in Academic achievement, Art, Drama, Music or Sport e.g. Grade 8/9 at GCSE, Grade 8 Music, or national level sport. This is a special award which will receive a substantial fee remission. There is no separate application process and award holders will be selected from the field of Scholarship applicants.

# Scholarship Benefits

All of our Scholars receive a package of benefits that give them the very best opportunities for success.

### Academic Scholarships: Year 7

Scholars in Year 7 are enrolled in our Scholar's Reading Programme, which provides them with access to a range of texts to extend their learning beyond the syllabus. All Year 7 Scholars receive Uni Frog careers support and Royal Institution Young Memberships, which provides them with free tickets to family fun days.

### Academic Scholarships: Year 9

Scholars in Year 9 are able to access the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) a year early, allowing them to advance their academic skills. They also receive the Future Learn online extension programme and membership of the OLA Young Leaders programme.

### Academic Scholarships: Year 12

Scholars in Year 12 receive 1:1 university support, including a Knowledge Building Programme for Oxbridge and Medicine applicants. They are also provided with academic coaching to help them motivate and inspire. Our Leadership Programme allows pupils to develop essential life skills and meet with figures from industry to inspire them to realise their own potential and be the changemakers of the future.

### Subject specialist Scholarships:

Subject specialist Scholarships benefit from Scholars Concerts for Music Scholars or LAMDA classes for Drama Scholars. Sports Scholars enjoy trips, special fixtures, time away from school if needed and additional access to sports facilities.

# Applying for Scholarships

## Please get in touch

Our admissions team would love to hear from anyone interested in the McAuley Scholarship Programme at Our Lady's Abingdon School.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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All Scholarships are open to both internal\* and external candidates and are awarded in the academic year before they come into effect.

All Scholarships must be applied for during the Trinity term when the pupil is in Year 5, Year 7\* or Year 10; for entry into Year 7, Year 9 and OLA 6th

The application process begins with completing our online application form. This helps us determine your suitability for a specific Scholarship Programme. The full details of the application process can be found below or you can find out more about our applications on the school website at [www.ola.org.uk/scholarships](http://www.ola.org.uk/scholarships).

## The application process

The application process consists of three stages:

**Stage 1 | Online Application Form**

**Stage 2 | Scholarship Assessment**

**Stage 3 | Interview**

All applicants should provide a copy of their latest school report, where possible, and copies of any certificates or qualifications relevant to the Scholarship. Any other testimonials and demonstrations of ability including portfolios where required, are welcomed.

Scholarship Awards are made based upon the quality of the initial application and performance in the assessment process.

\*Academic Scholarships: internal candidates may apply in Year 5 for Year 7 entry and in Year 10 for OLA 6th entry.



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