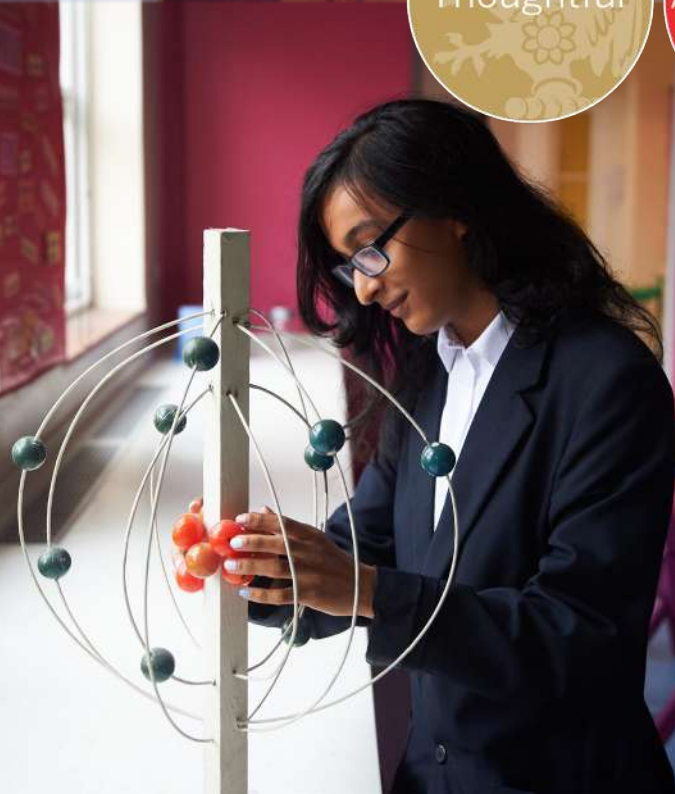




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# Scholarship Information Brochure







“Every pupil is treated as an individual and we pride ourselves on recognising, nurturing and developing talent to ensure that each pupil becomes the best version of themselves.”

Head of College, Rob Jones

## Scholarships

A very warm welcome to Rendcomb College.

This booklet will assist parents of candidates who are looking to undertake one of Rendcomb College's scholarship awards. The individual awards, together with the requirements for the assessment process, are explained in more detail in the following pages.

A number of Scholarships (Academic, Art, Music, Drama and Sport) are awarded each year at Year 7, Year 9 and Lower Sixth (Year 12) entry.

We also award the Rendcomb Scholarship and the 100% Noel Wills Scholarship to a pupil joining Year 7.

Scholarships are based on the assessment of a pupil's potential and the value that we believe they will add to the life of our school. Awards generally range from 5% to 25% and can be higher in specific circumstances. Scholars are expected to excel in the area for which an award is made, in addition to acting as positive role models to other pupils.

All awards are reassessed annually and are subject to satisfactory academic progress and behaviour. All cases are judged on their own merits and applicants should submit any additional evidence, as required, along with their Scholarship application form no later than the published date.

Visit the [Application Timetable](#) pages on our website for further details.

The number of individual Scholarships awarded each year depends solely on the calibre of the candidates. There is no limit to the number of Scholarships the school awards; Rendcomb looks for a level of excellence in order to award a Scholarship.

All candidates who apply to attend Rendcomb College Senior School at Year 7 and 9 are entitled to apply for one or two Scholarships; candidates who apply to attend Rendcomb College Senior School at Year 12 are entitled to apply for one Scholarship only.

Scholarships are applied for during the Year 4, Year 7, Year 9 and Lower Sixth entry process, with Scholarships becoming relevant when the pupil begins Year 4, Year 7, Year 9 or Lower Sixth (Year 12) respectively.


Scholarship application forms can be found online at:  
[www.rendcombcollege.org.uk/scholarships](http://www.rendcombcollege.org.uk/scholarships)

Contact the Admissions Team for further information:  
01285 832 306 • [admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk)



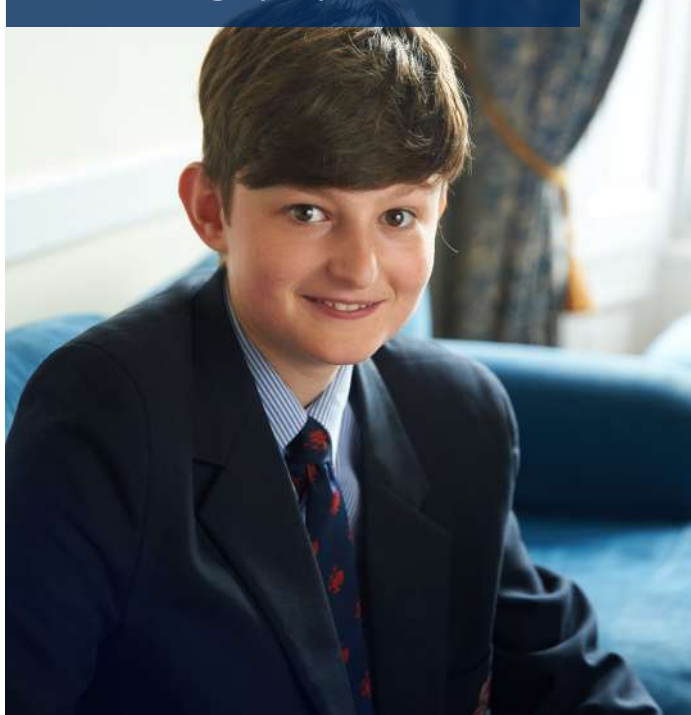


# Academic Scholarships

A young woman with long brown hair and glasses perched on her head is smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a light pink and white striped collared shirt. She is seated at a wooden desk in a library, with bookshelves filled with books visible in the background. The lighting is soft and focused on her.

“The facilities available in the Senior School are amazing and they give us the ability to develop and test our knowledge from day one.”

Specific programmes designed for Scholars in addition to Gifted and Talented provision and Oxbridge preparation.



State-of-the-art facilities including Gold standard science laboratories and computer software.



Trips, workshops and visiting speakers for all subjects.



Specialist teachers with industry experience.







# Academic Scholarships

In order to obtain an Academic Scholarship, candidates should demonstrate a high level of academic skill in the classroom, have a good awareness of the world around them and will have an academic curiosity and general knowledge.

How do I prepare for the day?

All candidates for **Year 7** must provide a reference from their Headteacher. At **Year 9** and **Lower Sixth**, only external candidates must provide a reference from their Headteacher. All references must be supplied at the point of application.

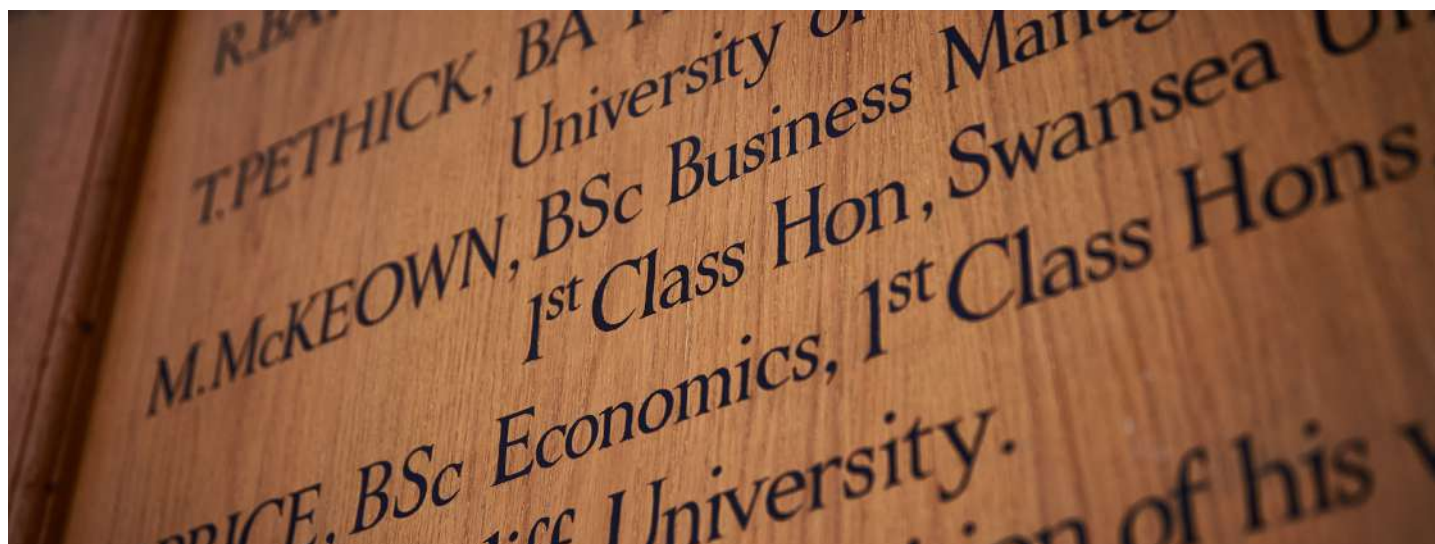
The Academic Scholarship at **Year 7** and **Year 9** is assessed through a written paper consisting of three sections: English, Mathematics and a General Question.

Candidates at **Lower Sixth** are required to sit a General Question paper and two additional subject

papers from the following: Mathematics, Computing, Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Physics, History, Geography, French, Spanish and German.


All of the papers are designed to allow us to select pupils with the qualities required for Scholarship; the ability to solve problems, think through issues and use knowledge in unfamiliar situations. The papers give a level playing field to internal and external candidates who may have studied very different curricula and had different levels of experience.

In addition to the written test, all candidates have an interview with the Head of College. This gives the opportunity for the candidate to talk about their interests and passions. We would, where possible, encourage candidates to practise talking at home about their hobbies and current affairs, so that they can talk as freely as possible during the interviews.





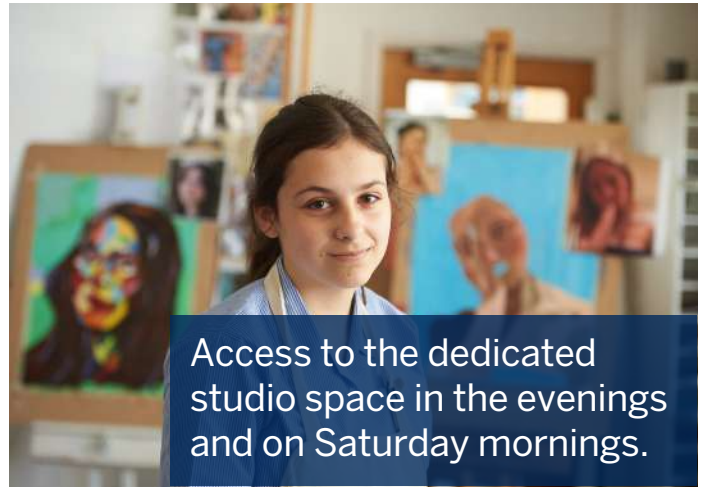
# Art Scholarships



“I love the facilities and materials in the department. Most of all, I love the freedom I have to complete my work in the way I imagine it.”

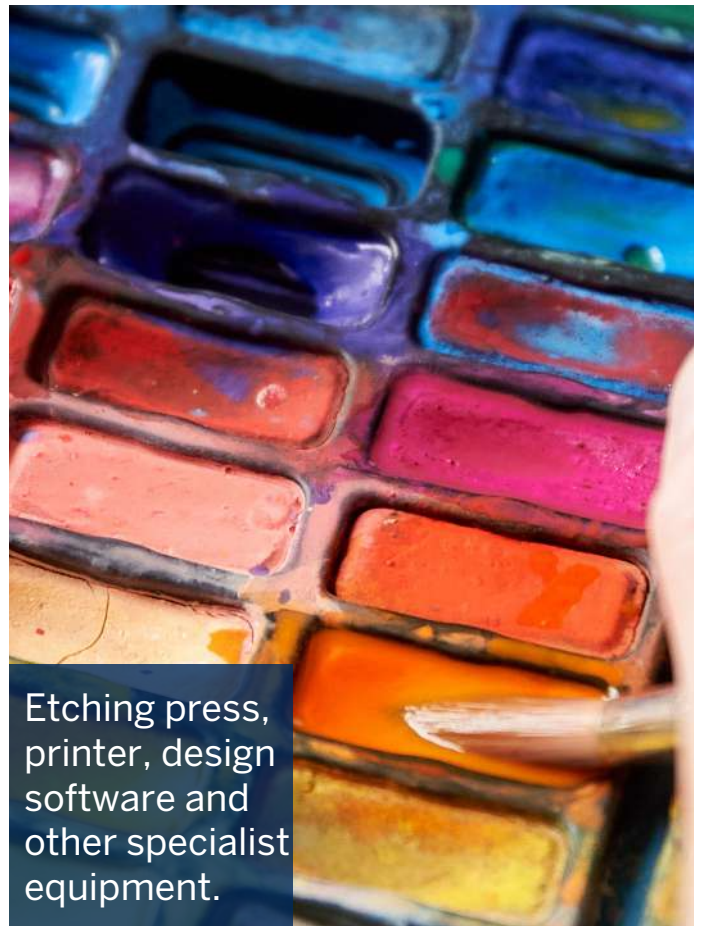


1-to-1 sessions  
and support from  
experienced  
teachers.



Access to the dedicated  
studio space in the evenings  
and on Saturday mornings.

Stunning  
architecture,  
scenery and  
inspiration on  
the doorstep.



Etching press,  
printer, design  
software and  
other specialist  
equipment.









# Art Scholarships

Pupils enjoy opportunities such as meeting professional artists and taking inspiring trips to experience Art first hand.

We have all the equipment necessary to provide pupils with a rich and varied course and the college grounds and large studio space provide a wonderful environment for painting, printing, ceramics, photography and design and technology.

## What is expected from an art scholar?

- To maintain an excellent work ethic
- To have a positive attitude and approach towards the subject
- To set high standards for others to aspire to
- To assist with and support departmental events, exhibitions and competitions
- To study Art/Photography at GCSE and A Level.

## Key skills/attitudes we are looking for:

- An experimental and creative approach evidenced in the candidates work produced outside of the classroom
- Creative and technical ability
- A capacity to work independently and express individual thoughts and ideas
- The ability to record from life and show a good understanding of the formal elements of drawing
- The ability to work competently with a range of materials and processes
- Confidence to formulate their own opinions when talking about their work and work of other artists.

## How do I prepare for the day?

Candidates should submit a reference from their current Art teacher or relevant tutor upon application and provide a portfolio of work 2 weeks before the assessment date.

The portfolio should show the candidates work created independently of their educational commitments. The work should also demonstrate potential and wide interest in the subject. This can include photographs of work completed (if delicate or fragile).

Portfolios should only contain current and recent work from the past 2 years.

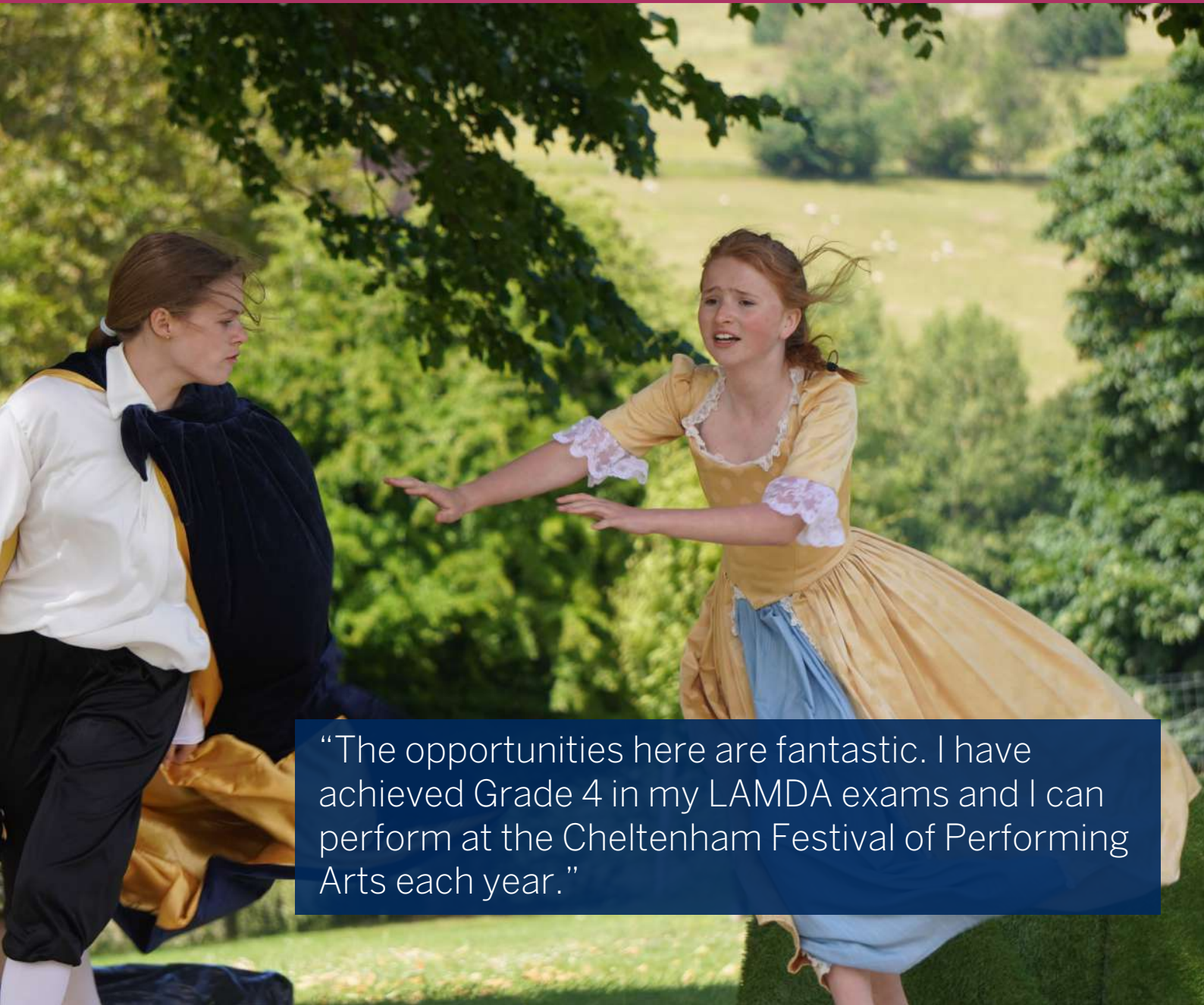
Annotations by the candidate to support their work is particularly useful and can provide the basis of discussion. It's beneficial to the candidate if art is arranged in chronological order to ascertain how the candidate has progressed.

On the Scholarship assessment day, candidates will be asked to produce an observation drawing under examination conditions for which no preparation is necessary and all equipment will be provided.

They will also have the opportunity to discuss their portfolio with the Head of Art in an informal interview.



# Drama Scholarships



“The opportunities here are fantastic. I have achieved Grade 4 in my LAMDA exams and I can perform at the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts each year.”



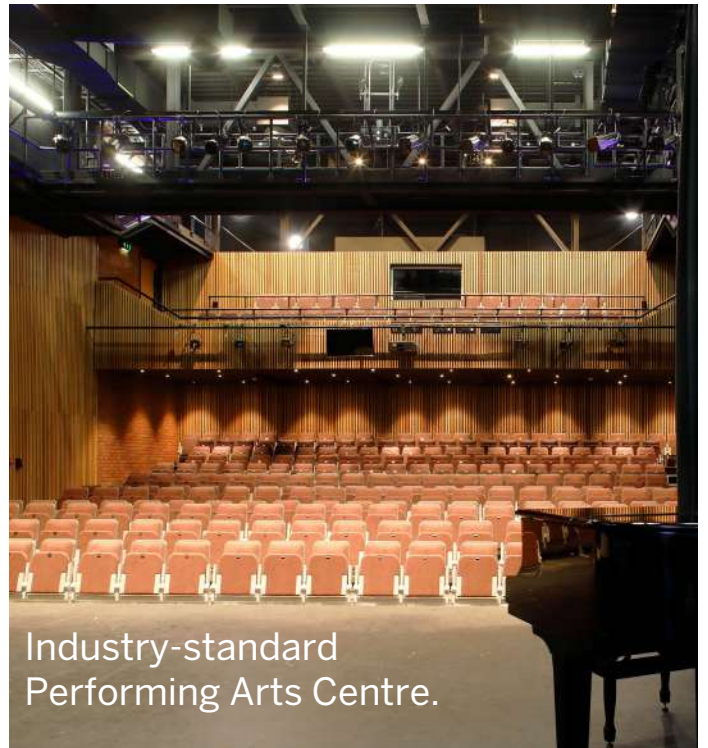
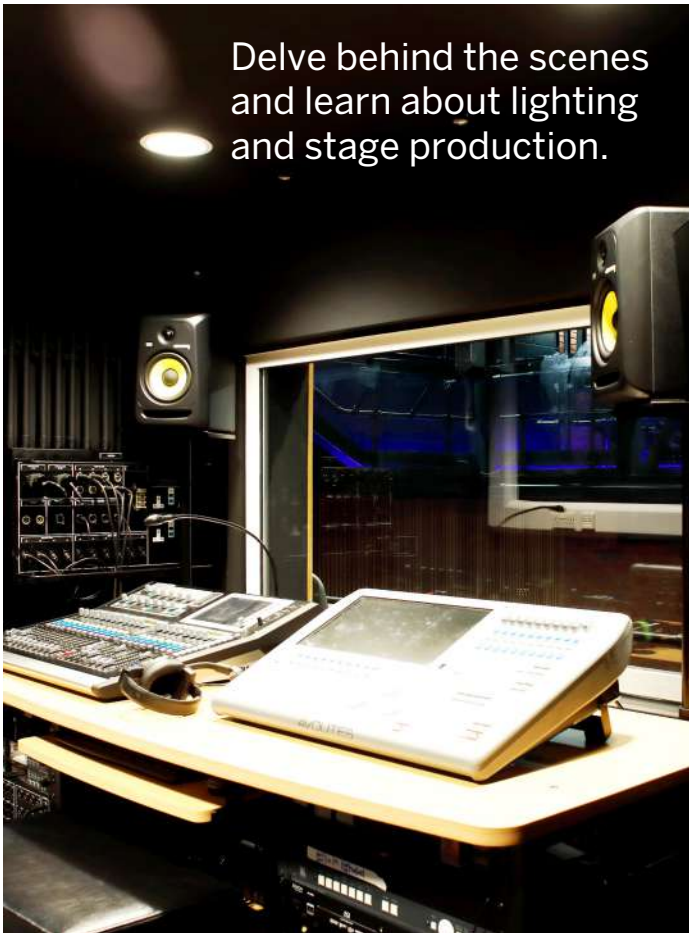
Workshops from visiting companies such as The Globe Theatre and Frantic Assembly.



Theatre Production Programme where Scholars can become Assistant Directors, Choreographers or Stage Managers.



Delve behind the scenes and learn about lighting and stage production.



Industry-standard Performing Arts Centre.









# Drama Scholarships

Rendcomb College's Drama Department is located in the Griffin Theatre, which features a 350 seat auditorium, Drama classroom, Dance studio with sprung floor and additional prop, set and costume stores.

Drama Scholars are expected to develop skills in stagecraft both on stage as performers and off stage as stage managers, lighting technicians or props and costume managers. Hands-on training is given in all theatrical skills.

Drama Scholarships are awarded to those who display significant talent and promise for the future.

## What is expected of a Drama Scholar?

- To show enthusiasm for all aspects of Drama and to maintain an excellent work ethic, inspiring and leading others.
- To study Drama at GCSE and A Level
- To be involved in all school productions in any capacity either on or off the stage
- To assist in departmental presentations and join the department on all trips to the theatre
- To widen their theatre going experience by visting as many professional productions as they can

## Candidates should demonstrate:

- An enthusiasm for, and understanding of, theatre. This will be shown through a discussion of their portfolio and theatre visits they have already undertaken
- A standard of performance which demonstrates dramatic ability and intellectual understanding above and beyond the candidate's age.
- An ability to take direction and think creatively; audition pieces will be discussed and alternative responses to the texts may be explored

## How do I prepare for the day?

- At least 2 references from the candidate's current Drama teacher(s) or relevant tutor(s) must be provided upon application.
- A portfolio, to be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance of the assessment date, must be prepared for the Head of Drama containing evidence of the candidate's performance history, such as photographs, programmes, awards or DVDs, and any external society achievements
- At **Year 7**, candidates should learn a two minute spoken monologue from a play, to be performed
- At **Year 9** and **Lower Sixth**, candidates should learn two contrasting spoken monologues of two to three minutes, to be performed
- Candidates will attend a short interview with the Head of Drama where they will be asked to talk through their portfolio and perform their chosen monologues.



# Music Scholarships



“The one-to-one teaching has really taken my performances up a level and prepared me for playing professionally and competing at local competitions.”



Lessons on your  
chosen instrument.



Mentoring from professionals and  
world-renown performers.

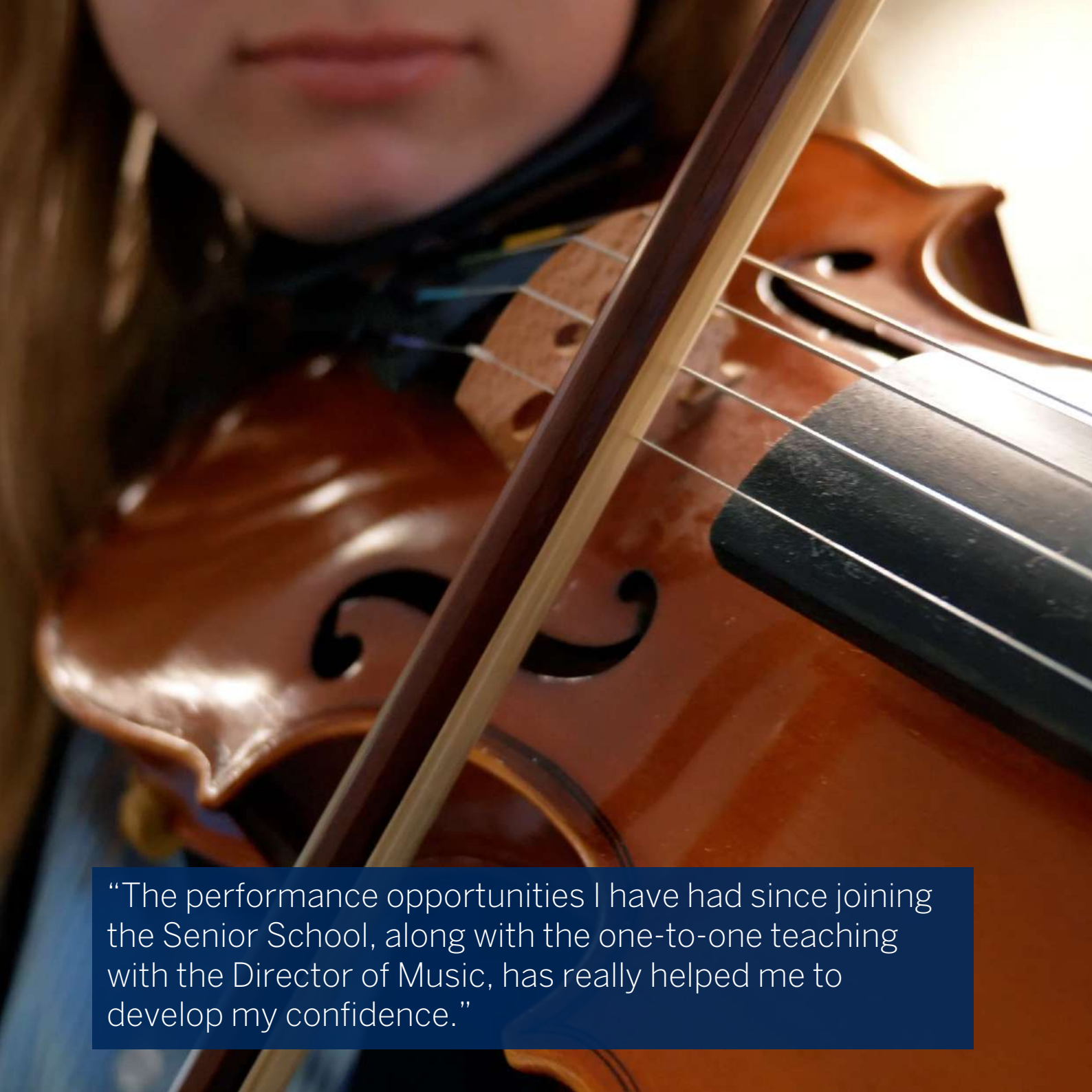


Performance opportunities  
throughout the year including  
concerts with professional  
musicians.



Independent  
Learning Programme  
for each Scholar.  
Designed by the  
Director of Music it  
develops core skills  
and extends musical  
knowledge and  
technique.





“The performance opportunities I have had since joining the Senior School, along with the one-to-one teaching with the Director of Music, has really helped me to develop my confidence.”



# Music Scholarships

The Music Department at Rendcomb College is a vibrant and thriving place. We offer Music Scholarships to help nurture talent, reward excellence and recognise musical potential.

## The Dutton Sixth Form Music Scholarship (Lower Sixth Music Scholarship)

This scholarship is awarded to one student per year and applicants are assessed on their performing skills, composition ability and theoretical knowledge. Musicians interested in developing their composition or improvisation skills are encouraged to apply; applicants will be assessed as much on their creativity and musical potential as on their current grade level.

## What is expected of a music scholar?

Music Scholars are expected to act as ambassadors for the department. They are expected to practise instruments regularly and make consistent improvement. They must make themselves available for rehearsals and concerts as required by the Director of Music and continue to develop their musical abilities. They should study Music at GCSE and possibly Music at A Level.

## Candidates should demonstrate:

- The ability to communicate with expressive intuition
- Innate senses of pulse, rhythm and pitch
- Potential for musical development
- Proven commitment to music-making.

## AS A GUIDE:

- At **Year 7**, candidates should be working towards or beyond Grade 3 ABRSM standard on their first instrument.
- At **Year 9**, candidates should be working towards or beyond Grade 4 ABRSM standard on their first instrument.
- At **Lower Sixth**, candidates should be working on Grade 5 or towards Grade 6 ABRSM standard on their first instrument.

## How do I prepare for the day?

All candidates must provide a minimum of 2 references from their current Music/instrument teacher(s) upon application. Candidates should forward a copy of any music to be performed along with the piano accompaniment scores to Rendcomb College 2 weeks before their audition.

During the audition assessment, warm up time and an accompanist will be provided. Sight-reading, aural awareness and music theory skills will be tested and the audition element will end with an unprepared discussion.

- **Year 7** Audition: Perform two contrasting pieces on first instrument and one piece on a second instrument/voice. No written paper.
- **Year 9** Audition: Perform two contrasting pieces on first instrument and one piece on a second instrument/voice. No written paper.
- **Lower Sixth** Audition: Perform two contrasting pieces on first instrument and one piece on a second instrument/voice. Written paper: 40 minute written paper including theory, composition and an extended piece of writing.



# Sport Scholarships



“Being able to test myself across a range of sports is great and I’m learning so many transferable skills.”





Athlete Performance Programme which explores the mental aspects of performance and well-being, nutrition, and time management. Dedicated sessions with performance coaches in the new Strength and Conditioning Suite.



Professional, all-weather playing surface.



Mentoring from qualified coaches and special training sessions with current and ex-international players.



Strength and Conditioning Suite.



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# Sport Scholarships

The Sports Department provides high quality coaching to pupils and arranges competitive and enjoyable fixtures throughout the academic year.

We place paramount importance on fostering our reputation for playing any sport in a manner that is true to its spirit. Pupils can learn a great deal about leadership, teamwork, team building, personal fitness and health through their involvement in the sports programme.

## What is expected from a scholarship holder?

Scholarship holders will respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills whether by example or captaincy. Sport Scholars will be expected to be excellent ambassadors and to demonstrate a willingness to contribute fully to the sporting and general life of the school.

Candidates will be expected to contribute to team sports in at least two of the College's major sports of the season:

- Boys Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Tennis
- Girls Hockey, Lacrosse, Cricket and Tennis

At **Year 7** and **Year 9**, Scholars will represent the school in all three major sports on an annual basis.

At **Lower Sixth**, Scholars will represent the school in two major sports including after finishing public examinations. Scholars are expected to train and play with teams during periods of study leave or when no matches are scheduled.

Candidates should demonstrate:

Outstanding sporting ability, potential, determination

and enthusiasm. Successful candidates should be of County standard in at least one sport, or have the potential to reach County level or above.

## How do I prepare for the day?

All candidates must supply at least 2 references from their current Sports teacher or coach(es) at the time of application.

Candidates at **Year 7** and **Year 9** could support their references and application with a sporting portfolio to be submitted 2 weeks in advance of the assessment date. This might include copies of certificates, photographs and information about events in which the candidate has taken part. These may serve to help discussion and provide information about the candidate's skills and interests.

Candidates at **Lower Sixth** must present an up-to-date sporting portfolio to be submitted 2 weeks in advance of the assessment date. The portfolio is to include photocopies of certificates, photographs and information about events and achievements in which the candidate has taken part.

## Year 7 and Year 9 Assessments

The scholarship assessment includes:

- Generic ball and spatial awareness
- Physical literacy, fitness testing and core sport sessions (Rugby, Hockey, Lacrosse, Cricket (boys), Tennis (girls))
- Specific sport testing.

## Lower Sixth Assessments

Candidates at Lower Sixth will be assessed through a 20 minute interview with the Director of Sport.







# 100% Year 4 Centenary Scholarships

Available for 2023 entry for **Year 4**

Up to 2 100% Scholarships will be available for pupils of exceptional academic ability who are looking to enter **Year 4**.

This award will continue for the duration of a pupil's time in the Junior School. Scholars will be eligible to apply for any Senior School Scholarship and/or bursary support for Year 7 entry. In addition, having attended the Junior School from Year 4, Scholars would receive an automatic 10% discount on Senior School fees.

How do I prepare for the day?

Pupils wishing to apply for a Centenary Scholarship will be required to sit an assessment for which no preparation is required. Places will be offered on the basis of the assessment and a meeting with the Head of Juniors.

**Though not a prerequisite of application, preference will be given to candidates who fulfil the following:**

- Pupils who also offer an additional significant extracurricular contribution
- Pupils who are either in the correct year group for their age or ahead by up to one year
- Pupils for whom independent education would be financially unachievable (means testing may be required)
- Pupils who have always been educated in the state sector.

*Additional items such as uniform, trips and transport will not be covered by the Scholarship.*







# Rendcomb Scholarship

Available only at **Year 7** for pupils at Rendcomb College Junior School

The Head of College will expect candidates to display a range of skills and abilities but also demonstrate skills such as leadership, teamwork, the ability to work with younger children and a desire to be of service in the school. Candidates will have shown evidence of this type of service during their time at Rendcomb College Junior School. The award will usually carry a value of up to 15% of the school fees.

We advise that discussions should take place with the Head of Juniors before an application is made for this Scholarship.

How do I prepare for the day?

- A portfolio prepared exclusively by the candidate (30 pages maximum) showing a breadth of educational and extra-curricular abilities and interests to be submitted on application
- Attend a 15 minute interview with the Head of Juniors where the portfolio is discussed.
- Attend a group interview with the Head of College.



# Noel Wills Scholarship - Fully-funded place

Available only at **Year 7** for pupils who attend a Gloucestershire State Primary School

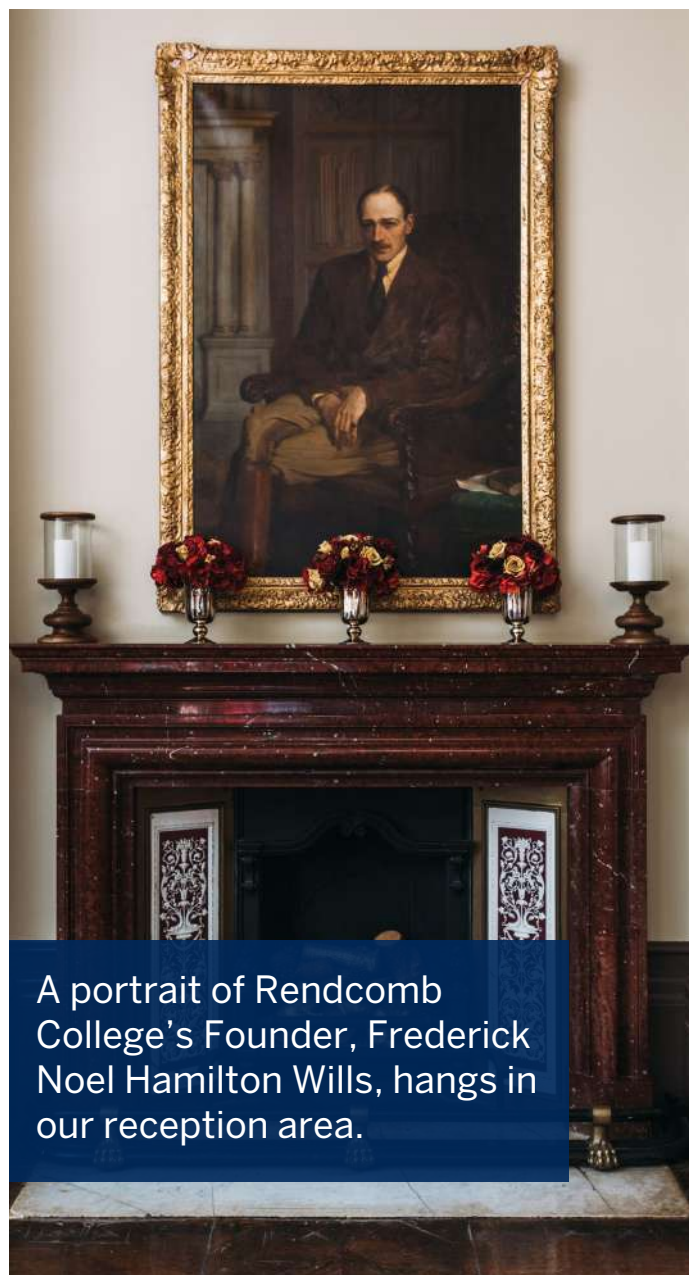
The Head of College can award one 100% Scholarship each year to the candidate who achieves highly in their Year 7 Entrance Assessment. This Scholarship is only available to candidates from Gloucestershire State Primary Schools for whom financial circumstances would otherwise make an independent education unaffordable.

The Scholarship is in keeping with the Founder's original educational vision and both the Head of College and the Chair of Trustees, Henry C W Robinson DL, shall monitor the progress of Rendcomb's Noel Wills Scholars throughout their time at the College.

## How Do I prepare for the day?

Candidates should notify the Admissions Team if they wish to be considered for the Noel Wills Scholarship and **all applicants will be required to submit financial information to be assessed by our Bursary service.**

Candidates are not required to sit a Scholarship assessment for the Noel Wills Scholarship but **are required to attend the Year 7 Entrance Day. All candidates have an interview with the Head of College;** this gives the opportunity for the candidate to talk about their interests and passions. We would, where possible, encourage candidates to practise talking at home about their hobbies and current affairs, so that they can talk as freely as possible during the interviews. *(Additional items such as uniform, trips and transport will not be covered by the Scholarship.)*



A portrait of Rendcomb College's Founder, Frederick Noel Hamilton Wills, hangs in our reception area.







# 100% Sixth Form Centenary Scholarships

Available for entry into Year 12 in September 2023

Up to 3 100% Scholarship places will be awarded to pupils who are anticipated to achieve at least 56 points from 8 GCSEs based on the following table:

Grade	Points	Grade	Points
9	9	A*	8.5
8	8	A	7
7	7	B	5.5
6	6	C	4
5	5	D	3
4	4	E	2
3	3		

**Applicants must take part in our Year 12 Academic Scholarship process as detailed within this booklet.**

A minimum of 5 must be predicted for English Language and for Maths even if these do not form part of the top 8 predictions. Places offered will be on a day pupil basis; however, pupils looking for a boarding place could still be awarded the Scholarship and choose to pay the boarding differential. The Scholarships are open to UK residents only.

**Though not a prerequisite of application, preference will be given to candidates who fulfil the following:**

- Pupils who offer an additional significant extra-curricular contribution and will participate fully whilst at Rendcomb
- Pupils who take exams in one sitting at the end of Year 11
- Pupils who have always been educated in the state sector
- Pupils for whom independent education would be financially unachievable (means testing may be required).

*While places will be offered on predicted grades, should actual achieved grades fall below the predicted level we reserve the right to withdraw the offer of the Centenary Scholarship. Should this occur, the offer of a Sixth Form place with an Academic Scholarship award may still be available. Additional items such as uniform, trips and transport will not be covered by the Scholarship.*







Rendcomb College opened in 1920



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