

Drama Scholarship Information
Year 9 Entry



TONBRIDGE
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FROM APPLICATION TO AWARD



DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2027

Scholarship criteria

Scholarships are awarded based on exceptional ability, passion and potential.

Number of scholarships available

There are eight scholarships available across the following subjects. Fewer awards may be made if the required standard is not met:

- Drama
- Art
- Design, Technology and Engineering (DT&E)

When to apply

Boys in Year 8 who have accepted their place at Tonbridge School may apply for a Drama Scholarship. Applications are not accepted before this stage.

How to apply

The application form will be available through each candidate's Tonbridge School applicant account when applications open.

What to expect next

After completing the application form, candidates will be invited to an assessment day at Tonbridge School, comprising:

- a group workshop;
- an audition requiring two contrasting monologues (up to two minutes in length), from published plays to be performed. Candidates are advised to choose their monologues carefully so that they demonstrate a range of mature acting skills and know the context of the pieces having read the whole play;
- another theatrical skill such as song, dance, mime or improvisation may also be offered, together with evidence of theatre design or technical expertise (but this is not a requirement);
- an interview with the Director of Drama about the candidate's interest and involvement in drama;
- a written paper which focuses on a production the candidate has studied, been involved in, or seen in performance.
- Candidates are also asked to bring with them a portfolio or scrapbook of their involvement in theatre.

Recommendation

The awards are determined by both recommendation and assessment. We will contact your son's current school for a supporting statement to be co-signed by the Head and relevant Head of Department, so please do inform your son's school that he is applying for a Drama Scholarship.

Age Limit

Candidates for Drama Scholarships must be under 14.0 on 1 September 2027.

Multiple Awards

A Drama Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship awards.

Remission Amount

Drama Scholars will be awarded a prize of £2,000, which will be deducted from the first term's fees.

Key Dates for 2027 entry

- **3 September 2026:** applications open via your Tonbridge School applicant account
- **1 December 2026:** deadline for applications
- **Week commencing 18 January 2027:** Assessment at Tonbridge School. This is the same week as our other specialist scholarship assessments (Music, Art, Design, Technology and Engineering, Cowdrey - Sport).

Further information

Please contact Gavin Bruce, Director of Drama, for further information or advice:

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