



FINBOROUGH SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
2026



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At Finborough School our Scholarship Programme is designed to recognise outstanding ability, talent and character and potential. Our bespoke approach provides a range of additional experiences and support expertly matched to individual needs and coupled with explicit expectations of sustained excellence in their scholarship area.

Our scholars are challenged to be consistent character role models and championed for their achievement and success.

A respect for scholarship and intellectual values is at the core of our vision for our students and a clear goal of Forfar Education. We offer academic, arts and sports scholarships at 11+ and 16 + for all applicants as well as at 13+ for external applicants only. We also offer medic scholarships at 16+.

As for all students, scholars are encouraged to develop a growth mind- set, to draw value from their experiences and approach their studies with creativity and resilience.

The school provides ongoing mentoring for scholars and progress is monitored by teachers and the school leadership team.

It is intended that a scholarship award will be appropriate for a student's entire education at Finborough, conditional upon the maintenance of expected standards of behaviour, attendance, performance and effort. These standards will be reviewed annually.

Details of the scholarships Finborough offers, the timetable of the application, assessment process, and links to the application forms are set out in this publication.

Students who achieve a scholarship will experience an inspiring range of opportunities all designed to inspire and nurture their ability.





SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded in the following areas:

Academic
Medics
Arts (Performing and Visual)
Sports

Academic Scholarships

All prospective academic scholars must complete our application form after registration. All applicants will be invited to sit an assessment in the Autumn term.

11+

Pupils who achieve the top results will be invited back to sit further assessments in January and academic awards will then be offered.

13+ External Applicants Only

(including 13+ Deferred Entry for students transferring from a 13+ Prep School)

For all applicants, academic awards will be offered based on the results of Scholarship Exams held in the spring term of Year 8. Scholarship papers will be sat in English, Maths, and a General Paper.

16+

Candidates wishing to be considered for a Sixth Form academic scholarship need to indicate their interest on the scholarship application form and offers will be made based on the results of both our assessment and their mock examinations.

Medics Scholarship (16+ only)

Candidates wishing to be considered for a Sixth Form medical scholarship will be required to complete a scholarship assessment and have a medical interest interview. They must be able to demonstrate, through school reference and/or a report, a high level of achievement in sciences and mathematics. Medic scholars must take at least two science A Levels, of which one can be mathematics.

Arts and Sports Scholarships (11+ & 16+ internal applicants) (11+, 13+ & 16 external applicants)

Scholarships are available in performing arts, visual arts and sports. To apply, please complete the application form via the links on the following pages. If selected, your daughter or son will be invited to attend an audition/trial day.

Special Sports Scholarships (16+)

For 2026/2027 we are offering special 16+ sports scholarships for Girl's Rugby. Applicants should follow the published programme. Building on the incredible success of our Boys Rugby programme, enjoying considerable professional and international alumni success. We are using this expertise and experience to establish a leading opportunity for female rugby players both regionally and nationally.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

11+, 13+, 16+

(13+ scholarships only available to external students)

What are the requirements to apply for an Academic Scholarship at Finborough?

- Be predicted or have the potential to achieve Grade 8 or higher in the majority of academic subjects, with a Grade 7+ in a minority.
- Be well read
- Be articulate with excellent oracy skills
- Have a genuine academic interest area(s) beyond the age-related curriculum, where they have evident passion and sustained engagement.

What does being an Academic Scholar at Finborough School mean?

Being an Academic Scholar here at Finborough enables your academic strengths to be recognised and nurtured further throughout your time at the school. You will be expected to be an academic role model and engage in opportunities outside of the classroom and share your talents and interests with younger students.

Visit page 10 for more information on the application process.

Benefits of an Academic Scholarship

Our academic scholars are assigned an academic mentor who helps each scholar create a bespoke annual scholarship development plan and meets with them on a regular basis.

Scholars also get priority to be picked for academic opportunities or trips outside of curriculum lessons and have funded access to recommended literature relevant to their interests or designed to stretch their thinking. 6th Form Scholars will be supported in preparation for Oxbridge entrance.



MEDIC SCHOLARSHIP

16+

What are the requirements to apply for a Medic Scholarship at Finborough?

These targeted scholarships are for individuals 16+ with an aspiration and aptitude to study medicine and become a doctor.

- A full set of grade 7+ GCSEs with 8 or 9 in Sciences and Mathematics are required.
- Successful Medic Scholars will have had some participation in medical related areas in their co-curricular resume.

What does being a Medic Scholar at Finborough School mean?

Each year a small group of sixth form students work towards medical school application. Finborough has a long standing and successful programme to support students with this endeavour.

Our Medic Scholars are academic role models that inspire younger pupils at the school to also aspire for a medical career.

Benefits of Medical Scholarship

Medic Scholars are supported to achieve a place at medical school in the following ways:

- Regular Medic Development Sessions
- Support to secure high quality medical placements / experiences
- Medic Scholars lead our Medical Society for pupils across the school
- Recommended medical reading
- Visits from medical practitioners
- One to one session with an experienced Doctor
- Comprehensive University Clinical Aptitude Test Preparation Support (UCAT)
- Support identifying and choosing best medical schools for each medic scholar
- Comprehensive UCAS application support / management

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PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

11+, 13+, 16+

(13+ scholarships only available to external students)

What are the requirements to apply for a Performing Arts Scholarship at Finborough?

- Have identified artistic talent in performing arts
- Have achieved recognised accolades in their artistic endeavours
- Participate in artistic activities beyond the age-related curriculum and outside of school
- Have an evident passion for their area of arts talent
- Have leadership potential in their area of the arts

What does being a Performing Arts Scholar at Finborough School mean?

Being a Performing Arts Scholar at Finborough School means having your talent in drama, music, or dance recognised and supported through a tailored programme of mentoring, specialist coaching, and performance opportunities. Scholars are expected to lead by example, contributing to the cultural life of the school while developing their own skills, confidence, and creativity.

With access to workshops, masterclasses, and regular reviews, they are given the guidance and opportunities to push their artistic boundaries, take creative risks, and adopt an "anything is possible" mindset, preparing them to perform at the highest level both on stage and in life.

Why are performing arts important at Finborough?

At Finborough, the performing arts play a pivotal role in fostering creativity, confidence, and self-expression, while developing essential skills such as communication, collaboration, and resilience. Through music, drama, and dance, pupils enhance their academic learning and contribute to the cultural richness of the school community.

Benefits of a Performing Arts Scholarship

- Creation of a bespoke annually reviewed scholarship development plan with smart objectives to ensure sustained progress in areas of performing arts excellence.
- An assigned performing arts scholarship mentor (member of the performing arts staff team)
- Review of progress with mentor every half term
- Annual Scholarship Review with the Director of Co-Curricular / Head of Performing Arts
- Individual tuition programme (Instrumental, vocal, LAMDA, dance)
- Opportunity for scholar only sessions with professional performing artists
- Leadership coaching each term with the Director of Co-Curricular

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VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

11+, 13+, 16+

(13+ scholarships only available to external students)



What are the requirements to apply for a Visual Arts Scholarship at Finborough?

- Have identified artistic talent in visual arts
- Have achieved recognised accolades in their artistic endeavours
- Participate in artistic activities beyond the age-related curriculum and outside of school
- Have an evident passion for their area of arts talent
- Have leadership potential in their area of the arts

What does being a Visual Arts Scholar at Finborough School mean?

Being a Visual Arts Scholar at Finborough School means having your creative talent formally recognised and supported through specialist mentoring, advanced artistic opportunities, and access to workshops that extend and challenge your skills.

Scholars are expected to demonstrate commitment, innovation, and leadership within the school's creative community, acting as role models for others while developing their own artistic practice. This scholarship pathway is designed to nurture excellence, build confidence, and equip pupils to share their creativity at the highest level both within school and beyond.

Why are visual arts important at Finborough?

The visual arts are a vital part of life at Finborough School, fostering creativity, self-expression, and critical thinking while equipping pupils with transferable skills such as problem-solving, resilience, and innovation.

Through opportunities to experiment with a wide range of media, showcase their work, and engage with professional practitioners, pupils develop both artistic excellence and personal confidence.

Benefits of a Performing Arts Scholarship

- Creation of a bespoke annually reviewed scholarship development plan with smart objectives to ensure sustained progress in areas of performing arts excellence.
- An assigned visual arts scholarship mentor (member of the visual arts staff team)
- Review of progress with mentor every half term
- Annual Scholarship Review with the Director of Co-Curricular / Head of Art
- Individual visual art technique development sessions
- Leadership coaching each term with the Director of Co-Curricular

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SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

11+, 13+, 16+

(13+ scholarships only available to external applicants)

What are the requirements to apply for a Sports Scholarship at Finborough?

- Have an identified talent for sport
- Have represented school / county / academy for their chosen key sport(s)
- Participate in sport beyond age-related expectations and outside of school
- Have an evident passion for their sport(s)
- Have leadership potential in their sports

Why are sports important at Finborough?

At Finborough, sport is a core part of school life, shaping pupils, not only as athletes but as people. It builds fitness, resilience, and confidence while promoting teamwork, leadership, and sporting spirit. Sport is also central to the school's ethos of developing the whole person, helping pupils balance academic learning with physical and mental wellbeing, and creating lifelong habits of health and activity.

Beyond participation, Finborough nurtures ambition by offering pathways from school representation to county, national and even international level. With access to specialist coaching, training programmes, and leadership opportunities, pupils are supported to excel while also serving as role models within the school community. Sports brings people together, fosters pride, and prepares young people with the skills and character needed for success in every area of life.

Benefits of a Sports Scholarship

- Creation of a bespoke annually reviewed scholarship development plan with smart objectives to ensure sustained progress in areas of sporting excellence.
- An assigned sports scholarship mentor (member of sports staff team)
- Review of progress with mentor every half term
- Annual Scholarship Review with the Director of Co-Curricular
- Individual training programme including strength and conditioning
- Priority Physio Support for any Injury
- Opportunity for scholar only sessions with external high-level coaches / professional athletes

What does being a Sports Scholar at Finborough School mean?

Being a Sports Scholar at Finborough School means more than just having your talent recognised, it means being backed by a professional-level support system while also carrying the responsibility of leading and inspiring peers and younger pupils through sport and strengthening Finborough's sporting reputation.

Visit page 10 for more information on the application process.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

Monday 3rd November 2025

Deadline for 2026 Scholarship registrations and applications.

Saturday 8th November 2025

11+, 13+ (externals only), 16+ Scholarship / entrance assessment day.

Monday 10th November 2025

11+ Pre-assessment sports afternoon.

Thursday 13th November 2025

13+ (externals only) Pre-assessment sports afternoon.

Saturday 15th November 2025

11+, 13+ (externals only), 16+ Performing and creative arts pre-assessment workshops afternoon.

Friday 9th January 2026

Sixth Form Taster Event + boarding trial for those interested in boarding.
Indication of preferred subjects to be studied to be nominated at this point.

Saturday 10th January 2026

11+, 13+ (externals only), 16+ Scholarship Day (assessments / trials / auditions) for ALL shortlisted applicants.

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Scholarship offers issued.

Will also contain confirmed Year 12 Options Blocks.

Monday 19th January 2026

Deadline for scholarship acceptance.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are open to:

- External candidates who have registered in Years 6 (11+), Year 8 (13+) and Year 11 (16+).
- Current Finborough Students in Year 6 (11+) and Year 11 (16+).

Prospective scholars will experience a rigorous selection process that will include:

- An outline of achievements and experience that evidence their ability and experience (maximum 500 words)
- References (from current teachers/coaches/co-curricular leaders/other relevant or appropriate medical professionals)
- Supporting documents including relevant certificates and photographs

Applications will be considered and those who meet the required criteria will be invited on to the next stage.

Scholarship Offer & Acceptance Agreement

When a scholarship is offered, the bespoke value added will be set out alongside the expected commitment that a student must show to be awarded the scholarship and remain on the programme.

The successful award of a scholarship will be published and celebrated on the school website.





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