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James Allen's Girls' School

13+ Scholarships

For entry in
September 2027





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Please note that whilst 11+ is our main point of entry, we would like to recognise academic ability and talent in those girls entering Year 9 and as such we have a handful of Academic Scholarships available at this entry point.

Music, Sport & Art Scholarships

In addition to our Academic Scholarships, we offer 13+ Music, Sport & Art Scholarships. These scholarships are open to external candidates applying to join us here at JAGS. See below for further details.

How much is a scholarship worth?

Most JAGS scholarships are worth 10% of the school fees, excluding VAT.

Music scholarships, however, may also involve an additional contribution towards individual music lessons.

The basic value of all scholarships is made clear in the original offer and this value will not subsequently be increased (excepting the contribution towards music lessons, which increases each year to align with the cost of current JAGS music lessons).

All* scholarships will be continued until the holder leaves JAGS, subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

*An Art Scholar who drops Art or GCSE or A level will lose their Scholarship.



How do I apply for a scholarship?

You do not need to submit an application for an Academic Scholarship, as awards are determined by a candidate's performance in the entrance examination and at interview.

13+ Music, Art & Sport Scholarship Application Forms are available from September and should be submitted by **30 November 2026**. Please click [here](#).

Before submitting an application for a scholarship, please remember to complete our online Registration form first, as submission of a Scholarship application form does not constitute formal registration for a place at JAGS.



Will my daughter be called automatically for an assessment?

All external candidates are eligible to be considered for an Academic Scholarship. Those who perform well in the entrance exam are invited for interview in the weeks following; Academic Scholarship awards may then be offered and are based on the results of the entrance examination and post-exam interview.

All Music, Art or Sport scholarship applicants who are offered places at JAGS and who then accept these offers will be assessed across the autumn term via their performance in lessons and co-curricular activities, with any scholarships being awarded retroactively from the start of academic year. Music Scholarship applicants will also have auditions arranged with our Director of Music, Mr Tommy Foster, at a mutually convenient time in the autumn term.



Art Scholarships

Our art rooms are open daily at lunchtime for all JAGS pupils to access teaching support and specialist materials to develop their work.

We provide opportunities for Art Scholars to display their projects around the school, and for their art to be included in school publications, programmes, and merchandise.

Our Art Scholars are invited to be involved in our school events including Open Mornings, Christmas concerts, and Founder's Day. This encourages cross-year collaboration and allows other artistically-minded students to provide inspiration.

Further to the submission of an Art Scholarship application, and acceptance of an offer for a place at JAGS, all Y9 Art scholarship candidates will be invited by the Head of Art to bring in a portfolio of work for discussion in the autumn term.

Art Scholarships continue in the Sixth Form and are dependent upon a candidate's progress. An Art Scholar will be monitored carefully by her art teachers and the Head of Art.

The Art Scholarship will be withdrawn if the scholar decides not to study GCSE Art in Year 10, or Advanced Level in Year 12. This also applies if she discontinues Art studies during her GCSE or A level course.

Music Scholarships

JAGS Music Scholars are encouraged to contribute to our rich musical life. They participate in choral, orchestral and chamber music activities, and their progress is monitored carefully by the Director of Music.

There are many exciting opportunities for our Music Scholars to perform at national and local musical events. These include a recital at Fleet Street's St Bride's Church, a concerto solo with the Symphony Orchestra in London, as well as our school Founder's Day and term-time concerts.

Music Scholars are expected to participate in a choir and to study Music to GCSE level. Those wishing to study it at A level Music are expected to do so at JAGS, rather than privately or at Junior Music College (unless circumstances preclude this).

References from an instrumental teacher(s) and a Head of Music (where relevant) will be required as part of the application process and will be sourced directly by JAGS. An application may be rejected if contacts are not provided via the application form by this deadline.

Candidates will only be considered for a Music Scholarship if they have a firm grounding in their principal instrument (Grade 6 Level or equivalent ability).

Credit may be given for proficiency on a second instrument (including Voice) but this is optional.

Evidence that a candidate has a lively and active interest in making music with others - possibly through choir and orchestras - will lend greater support to their application.

A candidate will be assessed across the autumn term, once they have accepted a place and commenced at JAGS. In addition, our Director of Music, Mr Tommy Foster, will make arrangements to meet with each candidate at a mutually agreeable time, for a short audition. The audition is relaxed and informal. Candidates may present anything that they feel demonstrates the best of their musical abilities. The audition lasts approx 25 minutes and broadly consists of:

- ◆ Principal Instrument Performance
- ◆ Second instrument Performance (optional)
- ◆ Principal Instrument Sight Reading
- ◆ Musical Perception Tests
- ◆ Short Informal Interview

Each candidate is expected to bring her instrument(s) and music, including accompanist's music if needed. A candidate may also bring any recent composition work that she has written.

Sport Scholarships

JAGS Sports Scholars are encouraged to contribute to our energetic and dynamic sporting life.

Regular participation in extra-curricular activities and commitment to the school's sports teams is expected. This will be monitored carefully by the Director of Sport.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate that they are currently competing in sporting activities at school, a club or at a representative level.

Applications must be supported by a detailed reference from a current school and/or team coach.

All candidates will be assessed across the autumn term on their physical prowess in a variety of sports with a focus on fundamental skills. Scholarships will be offered to candidates demonstrating one of the following:

- ◆ strong physical skills and tactical awareness with an all-round ability across a range of sports
- ◆ exceptional talent in one specific sport
- ◆ raw potential across a range of sports

Sport Scholars have regular mentor meetings with a designated member of the PE Department to discuss sporting and academic progress. We provide a tailored support plan that includes wellbeing, nutrition, sport psychology, mental strength, and physical conditioning.

Sport Scholars also have Athletic Development Training twice weekly with a member of staff from the PE Department, with a third session completed at home. This is in conjunction with visits to a High-Performance Lab twice yearly, where development is monitored by our specific JAGS athletic performance app.



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JAGS is rooted in academic excellence and fully committed to a holistic education both in and out of the classroom. To find out more about our dynamic school community visit

jags.org.uk