



ALDENHAM
SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIPS



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Introduction

At Aldenham we believe that financial limitations should never stand in the way of academic excellence, talent, and ambition. Our scholarship programs are designed to recognize outstanding students, reward hard work, and support families in making quality education accessible to all. Whether you're a high achiever, a dedicated leader, an exceptional artist, or someone with a compelling story, there's a scholarship opportunity waiting for you. Explore your future with confidence — and let us help you take the first step.

Academic Scholarships for 11+ and 13+ are awarded based on student performance and do not require an application. There are two levels of recognition: the Scholar Award, which offers a 10% reduction in fees, and the Exhibition Award, which provides a 5% reduction. These scholarships celebrate academic excellence and are granted for excellent performance in the entrance assessment. Current students may be considered for a scholarship should the relevant Head of Department recommend them.

Information on how to apply for other scholarships can be found below.



Art Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in our Art Scholarship. Please note that artistic ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Interview will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination, the scholarship reference and digital images submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be able to demonstrate genuine enthusiasm for Art and have developed drawing ability and creativity in their manipulation of a variety of media, ideas and approaches. Successful candidates will be expected to show not only a high level of technical skill, but, more importantly, imagination, originality and a palpable commitment to the subject. There is an ongoing expectation that they will have regular review meetings with the art department.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate in their classwork:

- consistently gaining some of the top grades in their year group
- exceptional control over more than one material creating art/design work which demonstrates complexity and sensitivity beyond the level expected for the year group
- self-direction and further engagement with the subject matter both in and outside of the classroom
- the ability to analyse artwork and communicate ideas to an outstanding level.

Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for an Art Scholarship, please complete the application form below and email 5 clear images of their artwork (in JPEG format) and ask an appropriate referee(s) (eg art teacher or class teacher that teaches art lessons) to provide a reference for your child. Send both the images and the reference to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline is Thursday 13th November.

Interview

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to an Interview with the Director of Art on Monday 19th January 2026. During the interview, students will have the opportunity to talk about their school artwork/sketchbook and will be asked questions about art, such as, what they enjoy in the arts, favourite artworks or shows or exhibitions they may have found inspiring. They should bring their school sketchbook from the last two years (essential) and a portfolio of their work if they have one. They can also bring in one additional piece of artwork that they have completed outside of school (or a photograph of one if a large scale) if they wish to.

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We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship at Full Scholar Level attracts a fee remission of 10% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
- A scholarship at Exhibition Level attracts a fee remission of 5% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
- Art Scholars are expected to choose Art as one of their GCSE options.

If upon reading this you realise that your child is unlikely to meet such a standard, please let us know by replying to this email. This will in no way prejudice your application for a place in the school.

[Art Scholarship Application Form](#)

Dance Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in our Dance Scholarship. Please note that dancing ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Audition will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination and the scholarship reference submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be heavily involved with Dance activities, preferably both in and out of school and have a genuine appreciation of Dance. They should have experience of performing in a Dance Show.

Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for a Dance Scholarship, please complete the application form and ask an appropriate referee(s) (eg teacher, coach, club leader) to provide a reference for your child to be emailed to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline for both is Thursday 13th November.

Audition

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to Audition with the Head of Dance on Monday 26th January 2026. Attendees will need to come prepared to perform two dance pieces in two different genres (styles). The dances should be between one minute and one minute thirty seconds. They will need to bring their own accompaniment (music). There will also be an interview with the Head of Dance.

We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship at Full Scholar Level attracts a fee remission of 10% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
- A scholarship at Exhibition Level attracts a fee remission of 5% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
- Dance Scholars are expected to maintain a high standard and level of engagement in the dancing activities at school.

If upon reading this you realise that your child is unlikely to meet such a standard, please let us know by replying to this email. This will in no way prejudice your application for a place in the school.

[Dance Scholarship Application Form](#)

Design & Technology

Thank you for your interest in our Design & Technology Scholarship. Please note that Design Technology ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Interview will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination and the scholarship reference submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be able to demonstrate genuine enthusiasm for Designing and Making and have developed drawing and design skills to a good level and used a variety of materials and processes to make any number of projects. Successful candidates will be expected to show not only a high level of technical skill, but, more importantly, imagination, originality and a palpable commitment to the subject.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate in their classwork:

- the ability to sketch and design imaginative concepts
- the ability to construct a project outcome which demonstrates complexity and dexterity beyond the level expected of the year group
- independent and further engagement with the subject matter both in and outside of the classroom
- the ability to critically analyse design / completed projects and communicate ideas to an outstanding level.

Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for a Design & Technology Scholarship, please complete the application form below and ask an appropriate referee(s) (eg DT teacher or class teacher that teaches DT lessons) to provide a reference for your child to be emailed to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline for both is Thursday 13th November.

Interview

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to an Interview with the Head of DT on Monday 19th January 2026. During the interview, students will have the opportunity to talk about their school designing and project work and will be asked questions about the design world, such as what they enjoy, favourite designers or shows or exhibitions they may have found inspiring. They need to bring with them a portfolio or photographs of their projects. They can bring in one example of a project that they have completed outside of school (or a photo of one, if a large scale) if they wish.

We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship at Full Scholar Level attracts a fee remission of 10% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
- A scholarship at Exhibition Level attracts a fee remission of 5% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
- Design & Technology Scholars are expected to choose Design & Technology as one of their GCSE options.
- All scholars are expected to take an active role in the department such as taking part in school exhibitions and competitions.

If upon reading this you realise that your child is unlikely to meet such a standard, please let us know by replying to this email. This will in no way prejudice your application for a place in the school.

[Design Technology Scholarship Application Form](#)

Drama Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in our Drama Scholarship. Please note that drama ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Interview / Audition will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination and the scholarship reference submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be heavily involved with Drama activities, preferably both in and out of school, have a genuine appreciation of the theatre, and clear experience of performing in a professional capacity whether in theatre, TV or film.

Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for a Drama Scholarship, please complete the application form below and ask an appropriate referee (eg teacher, coach, club leader) to provide a reference for your child to be emailed to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline for both is Thursday 13th November.

Audition / Interview

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to an acting workshop and interview with the Director of Drama on Monday 19th January 2026.

We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship at Full Scholar Level attracts a fee remission of 10% off day fees and free individual LAMDA lessons at approximately one a week, equivalent to an additional 5% fee remission, subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
 - A scholarship at Exhibition Level attracts free individual LAMDA lessons at approximately one a week, equivalent to 5% fee remission, subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
 - Drama Scholars are expected to choose Drama as one of their GCSE options, and to commit to taking part in School productions, though please note that a Drama Scholarship does not guarantee a leading role in our productions.

If upon reading this you realise that your child is unlikely to meet such a standard, please let us know by replying to this email. This will in no way prejudice your application for a place in the school.

[Drama Scholarship Application Form](#)

Music Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in our Music Scholarship. Please note that musical ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Interview / Audition will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination and the scholarship reference submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be around a Grade 3 standard on two different orchestral instruments/voice, or a higher standard if only offering one instrument/voice. They should also be heavily involved in Music activities/orchestras/choirs/bands in or out of school.

Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for a Music Scholarship, please complete the application form below and ask an appropriate referee(s) (eg teacher, band leader, choir conductor) to provide a reference for your child to be emailed to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline for both is Thursday 13th November.

Audition / Interview

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to an Audition / Interview with the Director of Music on Monday 19th January 2026. Attendees will perform a piece on each instrument or two contrasting pieces, if only offering one instrument, complete a sight-reading assessment, aural test and interview.

We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship at Full Scholar Level attracts a fee remission of 10% off day fees and free individual music instrumental lessons at approximately one a week, equivalent to an additional 5% fee remission, subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
 - A scholarship at Exhibition Level attracts free individual music instrumental lessons at approximately one a week, equivalent to 5% fee remission, subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
 - Music Scholars are expected to attend choir and one other enrichment activity appropriate to their instrument/voice.
- Music Scholars are expected to choose Music as one of their GCSE options.

If upon reading this you realise that your child is unlikely to meet such a standard, please let us know by replying to this email. This will in no way prejudice your application for a place in the school.

[Music Scholarship Application Form](#)

Sports Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in our Sports Scholarship. Please note that sporting ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Interview / Trials will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination and the scholarship reference submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be playing at a high level in TWO of the focus sports played at Aldenham, which are:

Boys: Football, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis & Athletics

Girls: Netball, Football, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis & Athletics

As a guide, a high level of performance would equate to an excellent School First Team player with the ability to significantly influence the outcome of a match in a positive way. Alternatively, a Sports Scholarship may be awarded to a candidate who is currently in an 'Academy' (or similar) programme in a ONE of our focus sports. However, all scholars would be expected to represent the school in at least two sports.

Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for a Sport Scholarship, please complete the application form and ask an appropriate referee(s) (eg teacher, coach, club leader) to provide a reference for your child to be emailed to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline for both is Thursday 13th November.

Trials

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to Trials with the Director of Sport:

11+ 2026 Monday 26th January,

13+ 2026 Friday 30th January

Attendees will take part in the sports listed above, plus fitness testing.

We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters. Scholarships offers are at the discretion of the Director of Sport.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship attracts a fee remission off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
 - Sports scholars also gain entry to our Sports Excellence programme.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
 - Sports Scholars are expected to maintain a high standard and level of engagement in the sporting activities at school.

If upon reading this you realise that your child is unlikely to meet such a standard, please let us know by replying to this email. This will in no way prejudice your application for a place in the school.

[Sports Scholarship Application Form](#)

Textiles Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in our Textiles Scholarship. Please note that Textiles ability is not a means of entry to Aldenham in its own right, and attendance at the Interview will be by invitation based on a combination of performance in the entrance examination and the scholarship reference submitted. Please also be aware that scholarship funds are limited.

Who we are looking for

Applicants should be able to demonstrate genuine enthusiasm for Designing and Working with Textiles and have developed drawing and design skills to a good level and used a variety of materials and processes to make any number of projects. Successful candidates will be expected to show not only a high level of technical skill, but, more importantly, imagination, originality and a palpable commitment to the subject.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate in their classwork:

- the ability to sketch and design imaginative concepts
- the ability to produce a project outcome which demonstrates complexity and dexterity beyond the level expected of the year group
- independent and further engagement with the subject matter both in and outside of the classroom
- the ability to critically analyse design / completed projects and communicate ideas to an outstanding level.
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Process & timings

Application Form & Reference

If you wish your child to be considered for a Textiles Scholarship, please complete the application form below and ask an appropriate referee(s) (eg textiles teacher or class teacher that teaches textiles lessons) to provide a reference for your child to be emailed to admissions@aldenham.com. The deadline for both is Thursday 13th November.

Interview

Subject to their scholarship application form and performance in the school's entrance exam, selected applicants will be invited to an Interview with the Head of Textiles on Monday 19th January 2026. During the interview, students will have the opportunity to talk about their school designing and textiles work and will be asked questions about the fashion world, such as what they enjoy, favourite designers or shows or exhibitions they may have found inspiring. They need to bring with them a portfolio or photographs of their projects. They can bring in one example of a project that they have completed outside of school (or a photo of one, if a large scale) if they wish.

We will send out invitations as soon as possible after the entrance exam.

Decision

Scholarship decisions will be communicated to families as part of offer letters.

The Scholarship Package

- A scholarship at Full Scholar Level attracts at fee remission of 10% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.
- A scholarship at Exhibition Level attracts at fee remission of 5% off day fees subject to continued high standards of work and commitment and an annual review.

Our Expectations

- All scholars are expected to be seen as ambassadors for the department within the school.
- Textiles Scholars are expected to choose Textiles as one of their GCSE options.
- All scholars are expected to take an active role in the department such as taking part in school exhibitions and competitions.

[Textiles Scholarship Application Form](#)



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