

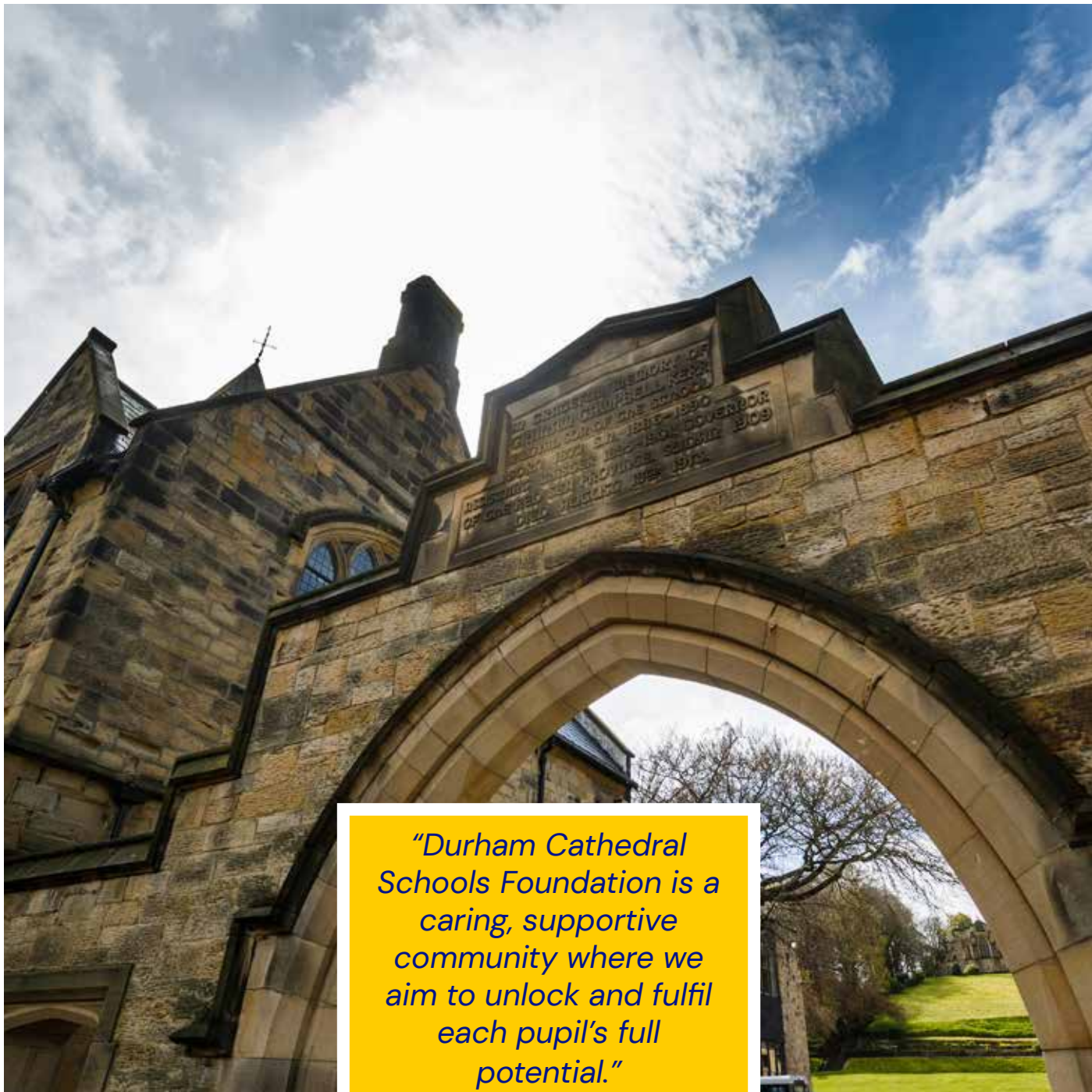
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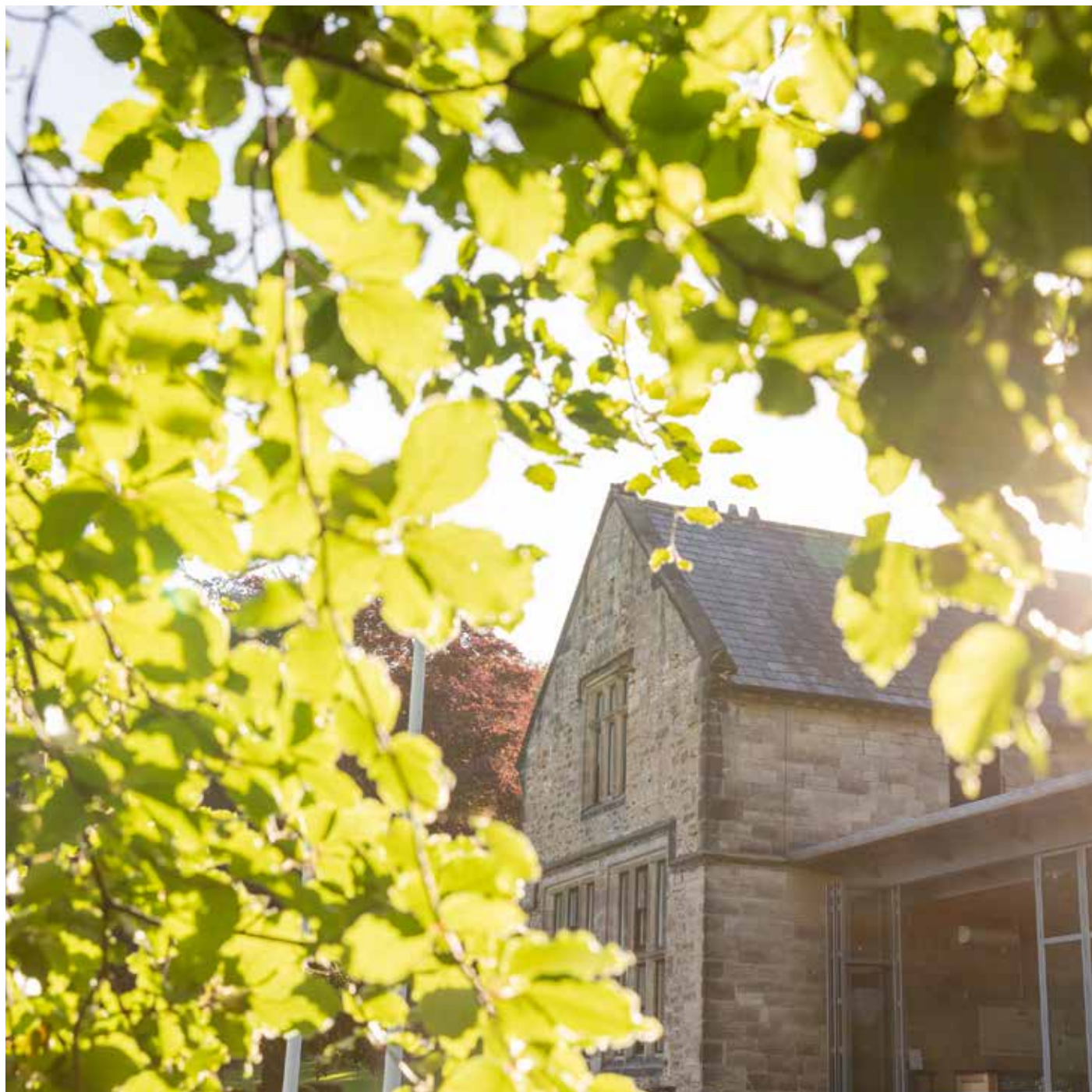
Scholarships and Awards

The Governing Body of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation is committed to widening access to the benefits of a Durham School education through the provision of financial assistance in the form of scholarships and/or bursaries.



“Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation is a caring, supportive community where we aim to unlock and fulfil each pupil’s full potential.”

*- Kieran McLaughlin,
Principal*





Academic
Scholarships

The King's Scholarship 11+ and 13+



These academic awards are available for candidates at 11+ and 13+ entering Year 7 and 9 in the following academic year.

The heritage of the King's Scholarship dates back to 1541 and the time of King Henry VIII. The King took a personal interest in the continuation of Durham School following the Reformation. Records show the Crown paid an annual grant for the education of King's Scholars at Durham School.

At 11+, scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the entrance assessments plus an interview with the Headmaster or Head of Year Seven.

At 13+, there is a separate scholarship examination in English and Mathematics, followed by an interview. This is offered to candidates who perform well in the 13+ entrance assessments.

These scholarships are available for the entirety of a pupil's education and are worth £1,000 per annum. Successful applicants can apply for up to 50% additional discount from the day fee, subject to appropriate means testing.

Criteria

- You must have formally applied for entry to Durham School for the following academic year.



Burkitt Scholarship 16+

A number of Burkitt Scholarships are awarded to candidates at 16+ entering Year 12.

Burkitt candidates must take assessments in English, Mathematics, and Critical Thinking. Applicants also attend an interview with the Headmaster or Deputy Headmaster.

Burkitt awards are not a fixed amount but are funded by the Burkitt Trust and is worth £1,000, as well as up to 100% of fees via a means-tested bursary. Burkitt scholars are also eligible for support worth up to £1,000 per annum if successful in gaining entry to either Oxford or Cambridge Universities.

Burkitt Scholarships are available to both external entrants and current Durham School Year 11 pupils. King's Scholars need not apply.

Burkitt Scholarships are awarded provisionally in December, based on performance in the tests taken. Burkitt Scholarships are confirmed in August, subject to satisfactory achievement at GCSE. The threshold for provisional awards is benchmarked against standards in previous years.

Criteria

- You must have formally applied for entry to Durham School for the following academic year.
- You must have achieved expected results at GCSE for Sixth Form entry.



Non-Academic
Awards



Sports Award

Attaining a Sports Award is dependent on the candidate achieving the following criteria:

11+ & 13+

- An outstanding performer in 'one' chosen sport.
- A very good school standard in a number of different sports.
- A high standard of performance and excellent attitude on the scholarship assessment day.

16+

- A minimum of County standard in 'one' chosen sport.
- A very good school standard in a number of different sports.
- A high standard of performance and excellent attitude on the scholarship assessment day.

Durham School is committed to providing opportunities to stretch and challenge all sports scholars. Retention of the Award is, however, dependent on the candidate successfully demonstrating the following:

Lower and Middle School

- Maintaining a high level of performance and being an 'A' team player.
- Attendance at all training sessions and extra skills sessions.
- Showing an exemplary attitude towards training and playing.
- 100% commitment and effort to all required sporting fixtures and inter-house competitions.
- Successful completion of an annual review.

Sixth Form

- Maintaining a high level of performance and being a 1st team player.
- Attendance at all training sessions and extra skills sessions.
- Attendance at all extra sessions; video analysis, nutrition, sport psychology.
- 100% commitment and effort to all required sporting fixtures and inter-house competitions.
- Successful completion of an annual review.

Drama Award



Attaining a Drama Award is dependent on the candidate achieving the following criteria:

- Experience of involvement in Drama productions, festivals, qualifications and/or related projects.
- Demonstration of outstanding potential in Drama in the scholarship audition.
- Good to outstanding achievement in the scholarship audition.

Durham School is committed to providing opportunities to stretch and challenge all Drama scholars. Retention of the Award is, however, dependent on the candidate successfully demonstrating the following:

Lower and Middle School

11+

- Attendance at Lower School Drama Club.
- Participation in House Drama activities.
- Participation in any relevant Drama productions.
- Strong assessment marks in all work.

13+

- Study Drama to GCSE level.
- Strong assessment marks in all work.
- Participation in House Drama activities.
- Participation in whole school Drama productions.
- Significantly contribute to co-curricular Drama within the school; either as a performer or through contribution to the technical, stage management or design teams.

Sixth Form

16+

- Participation in whole school Drama productions.
- Significantly contribute to co-curricular Drama within the school; either as a performer or through contribution to the technical, stage management or design teams.
- Promote and lead House Drama for inter-house Drama competitions and help to support lower school Drama activities.



Art Award

Attaining an Art Award is dependent on the candidate achieving the following criteria:

- Demonstrate highly developed drawing skills.
- Demonstrate a developed sense of design and compositional awareness.
- Demonstrate an ability to develop an idea from an initial starting point to a final outcome.
- Demonstrate an ability to explore different ideas and evaluate and change them according to intentions.
- Demonstrate an interest in and an awareness of other artists.

Durham School is committed to providing opportunities to stretch and challenge all Art and Design scholars. Retention of the Award is, however, dependent on the candidate successfully demonstrating the following:

Lower and Middle School

- Taking Art and Design to GCSE level.
- Attending at least one extra-curricular subject related club on a weekly basis or equivalent.
- Achieving high assessment grades and marks throughout the academic year.
- Helping staff and other pupils, as appropriate and as instructed by their teacher.

Sixth Form

- Taking Art and Design, endorsed either Fine Art or Photography, to A Level.
- Achieving high assessment marks throughout the academic year.
- Supporting staff during the open mornings or curriculum evenings.
- Regularly working in the Department after school.

Design Technology Award



Attaining a Design Technology Award is dependent on the candidate achieving the following criteria:

- Demonstrate highly developed manipulative skills.
- Demonstrate a developed sense of form and design awareness.
- Demonstrate an ability to develop an idea from an initial starting point to a final outcome.
- Demonstrate an ability to explore different ideas and evaluate and change them according to intentions.
- Demonstrate an interest in and an awareness of other designers.

Durham School is committed to providing opportunities to stretch and challenge all Design and Technology scholars. Retention of the Award is, however, dependent on the candidate successfully demonstrating the following:

Lower and Middle School

- Taking Design Technology, Graphic Communication or Three-Dimensional Design to GCSE level.
- Attending at least one extra-curricular subject related club on a weekly basis or equivalent.
- Achieving high assessment grades and marks throughout the academic year.
- Helping staff and other pupils, as appropriate and as instructed by their teacher.

Sixth Form

- Taking Design Realisation in the Sixth Form.
- Achieving high assessment marks throughout the academic year.
- Supporting staff during the open mornings or curriculum evenings.
- Regularly working in the Department after school.



Music Award

Attaining a Music Award is dependent on the candidate achieving the following criteria:

11+

- Standard equivalent to ABRSM Grade 3 high Merit or Distinction level on first instrument (or voice), Grade 1 or higher on a second instrument (or voice). If no second instrument or voice is offered the standard on the principal instrument would need to be higher. In all cases potential is an important factor.
- Ability to sight-read to pass level at the relevant grade.
- Ability to pass aural tests at the relevant grade.
- Satisfactory references from current music teachers.

13+

- As above, but performance at a standard equivalent to ABRSM Grade 5 high Merit or Distinction level on first instrument (or voice), Grade 3 or higher on a second instrument (or voice).

16+

- As for 11+, but performance at a standard equivalent to ABRSM Grade 7 high Merit or Distinction level on first instrument (or voice), Grade 5 or higher on a second instrument (or voice).

Durham School is committed to providing opportunities to stretch and challenge all music scholars. Retention of the Award is, however, dependent on the candidate successfully demonstrating the following:

- Membership of appropriate musical ensembles as required by the Director of Music.
- Exemplary attendance at all rehearsals.
- Performing regularly as a soloist and in ensembles.
- Evidence of musical development through regular practice, positive reports from music teachers and appropriate progression through graded music exams.
- Music scholars are required to take music at GCSE but not necessarily at A Level.

In addition, Music Awards offer free music tuition on two instruments (voice included).

Further Financial Assistance



If required, financial assistance in the form of a Governors' Bursary may be available at any point in your child's school career, including on admission. This is discretionary and is granted only after the assessment of parents' financial circumstances.

Any financial assistance granted is reviewed on a regular basis and subject to satisfactory performance and conduct on the part of the pupil, and remaining up-to-date with School fees payments. A Confidential Financial Circumstances Form can be obtained from the Finance Office once a formal admissions application to the School has been made.

A Bursary application is completely separate and confidential to the admissions application. You are strongly advised to make any Bursary application as soon as possible after applying for admission to the School. If we offer a place for your child to join us at the School and your acceptance is contingent on a means tested bursary, you must complete the bursary process prior to formally accepting the place.

How to Apply

Please complete our School application form and return together with a copy of your child's most recent school reports and copy of their birth certificate and passport for identification purposes. Application fees can be paid by bank transfer, cheque to Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, or you can make a card payment by calling main reception. All applications should be returned to: Admissions Department, Durham School, Quarryheads Lane, Durham, DH1 4SZ, alternatively, please return scanned copies to admissions@dcsf.org.uk.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Scholarships, please feel free to get in touch with our Admissions Team

- 0191 731 9270
- admissions@dcsf.org.uk.

The closing date for Scholarship applications is in early December. Sample exam papers will be emailed to applicants at the end of the Autumn term so that candidates can practise before the formal exams should they want to do so.



Please note that this case for support is illustrated by photos of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation pupils and not specifically pupils on scholarships unless otherwise stated



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