



SURBITON

HIGH SCHOOL

Guidance for Applying for an Art Scholarship

Many independent secondary schools offer art scholarships or all-round scholarships in which art is included. Some schools publish guidelines, but you should check with the school admissions for exact requirements and dates for registration and dates for exam or portfolio viewings.

At Surbiton High School, we typically have between 40 to 50 applicants per year. We look at all of the portfolios and select a shortlist of candidates to interview and to sit a creative exercise. A typical Art Scholar will have some or all of the following characteristics:

- The potential to develop as an artist
- Creativity
- Great passion/enthusiasm for creating visual things
- A child who will be visually creative at home without being prompted
- A child who enjoys looking at works of art in galleries and museums
- The ability to talk about works of art and artists and their own work with ease
- An exceptional ability in at least one of these areas: drawing, painting, sculpture.

In a portfolio, we are looking for:

- A genuine love of what they are doing
- A range of work which shows a variety of skill
- Sketches and/or sketchbooks which show a thought process
- A range of work, which can be from: school and/or art classes but, most importantly, work compiled independently at home.

A portfolio may contain some or all of the following:

- Observational drawings
- Painting
- Collage
- Sketches
- Sketchbooks
- Sculpture
- Photography
- Film/animation
- Illustrated books/poems.