



RATCLIFFE
COLLEGE



**SCHOLARSHIPS
AND
BURSARIES**



Encouraging **Big Ideas**

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Scholarships

Ratcliffe College offers a wide range of scholarships to recognise academic, sporting, musical, dramatic and artistic talent amongst students for the senior school. Scholarships are available for those entering Year 7 or Year 12.

We have the highest expectations of our scholarship students; challenging each of them to fulfil their potential in all of their endeavours. Scholarships are for students that have a particular passion or talent that they wish to pursue throughout and beyond their education. As a scholar, students will receive additional support in their subject field and also a 5-20% fee remission.

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR THOSE ENTERING
YEAR 7 OR YEAR 12**



How to apply

Complete the Scholarship Application Form which can be found on our website.

www.ratcliffecollege.com/scholarship-application

The deadline for applications is 30th November (the year prior to entry)

1. We will review the applications and invite successful candidates to an Assessment Day in January or February.
2. Following the Assessment Day, we will offer Scholarships to successful candidates and provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful candidates.

Applicants are able to apply for ONE of the following:

- Academic
- Sport
- Music
- Drama
- Art
- All Rounder*

Scholarships awarded in Year 7 are usually retained until the end of Year 11. Scholarships awarded in Year 12 last for two years. All awards are subject to a satisfactory annual review.

In the interest of being fair to all families, the school will not accept applications received after the stated deadline.

Candidates may apply for one Scholarship only.

*If your child is talented in multiple disciplines then we strongly encourage you to apply for our All Rounder Scholarship. This scholarship recognises students that excel in multiple talents and candidates will be assessed in a minimum of three different disciplines.

Sport

Worth between 5-20% of the school fee.

Criteria

Sports Scholarships may be offered to candidates with outstanding achievements and who demonstrate potential in at least one of the major games played at Ratcliffe College.

This may be through representative honours such as county level however Scholars are also selected based on the individual's sporting ability and potential.

Entry Requirements

We are looking for students who:

- Possess athletic ability
- Are willing to listen and implement feedback
- Have excellent hand-eye co-ordination
- Are determined and driven to succeed
- Have a positive attitude and will lead by example
- Use good communication skills on and off the playing field

Scholarships are reviewed annually and their continuance is dependent upon attitude, conduct, participation and progress.



For boys:

- Rugby
- Hockey
- Cricket



For girls:

- Hockey
- Netball
- Athletics
- Tennis



What We Offer

We are committed to nurturing talent and developing raw ability, encouraging all of our young athletes to confidently strive for continuous self-improvement, supporting pupils' ambitions towards sporting excellence.

Students will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and opportunities to compete regularly. Providing specialist coaches and guidance to help individuals to reach their potential.

We also offer Master Classes with international sports stars, such as England Netballer, Beth Cobden, where each pupil will have a dedicated mentor, meeting regularly with them to check their progress and wellbeing.

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What we Expect from our Sports Scholars

- Commitment to our Major Sports throughout their time at Ratcliffe
- Consistent availability at training and fixtures
- Make a significant contribution to the sporting life of the school
- Display a positive attitude as a role model, helping others to develop their talent
- Support all aspects of sport where appropriate within the school: House Competitions and assisting in leadership roles with juniors
- Show passion, pride and sportsmanship in all they do, whilst remaining committed to their academic studies

Many of our Scholars go on to play representative sport at county level, or the equivalent, in one of the school's major team sports. It will also be anticipated that Sports Scholars will aspire to play representative sport at county level or even their country, through to Year 13 (where appropriate).

Assessment

Assessed by Head of Sports and the Director of Sport, students will take part in an assessment day or afternoon, in our major sports. They will be assessed in their core skills, fitness, tactical awareness and potential through different drills and game situations.

Prospective Sports Scholars are encouraged to contact Mrs Amanda Turns, Director of Sport on the following: ATurns@ratcliffecollege.com

Music

Worth between
5-20% of the
school fee.

Criteria

Music Scholars will demonstrate a deep enthusiasm for the subject through the activities they currently take part in, building up a portfolio of performances and valuable experiences from which they can draw.

Entry Requirements for Year 7

Scholarship entry at Year 7 will require a minimum Grade 4-5 standard, although potential is as important as current attainment. Applicants will be active musicians - which could include both ensembles and choirs - as well as performing on a regular basis as a soloist.

Entry Requirements for Year 12

Scholarship entry at Year 12 will require Grade 7-8 standard. Applicants will have taken GCSE Music and are expected to study Music at A Level. The Scholar may also have a second study; this is likely to be of approximately Grade 5 standard.

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What We Offer

Music Scholars will have numerous opportunities to perform, compose, arrange and direct during their time at Ratcliffe College where they can enjoy a high level of musical exposure.

The programme is tailored to the individual's strengths and musical interests, on a bespoke basis. Overseen by the Director of Music, mentors will encourage and evolve the Scholar to excel during their time at Ratcliffe. New musical horizons will be explored both in and out of school so that the Scholar is stimulated towards further musical excellence.

What we Expect from our Music Scholars

- Students to immerse themselves in a plethora of music making and leadership opportunities
- To develop through our bespoke programme under the mentorship of the Director of Music
- Support peers and inspire music making within the Ratcliffe community
- To perform at both major events, as well as informal occasions

Assessment

The assessment will give the applicant the opportunity to perform, demonstrating their musical skills as well as having an interview. Candidates will have time to warm up before performing two contrasting pieces of their own choice. If appropriate, this should be on their first and second study.

If individuals are playing repertoire of Grade 7 standard, they should let the Director of Music know the repertoire so that any accompaniments can be seen in advance. Aural Tests and Sight-Reading tests will be given relative to the standard of the applicant.

Prospective Music Scholars are encouraged to contact Mrs Katy Donegan, Director of Music on the following: KDonegan@ratcliffecollege.com



Drama

Worth between 5-20% of the school fee.

Criteria

Drama Scholars will have a passion for theatre and all types of acts. With a strong interest in performance and productions, showing this through their extracurricular interests.

A Year 7 Drama Scholar will intend to study GCSE Drama in Year 9 and a Year 12 Scholar are expected to take A Level Drama.



Entry Requirements

Candidates need to be:

- Confident performers, adapting both vocal and movement skills to portray character, with use of facial expressions and gestures
- Creative when devising short plays, working collaboratively as part of a group
- Positive and have a pro-active attitude
- Convincing, when performing a character from a script
- Able to comment on professionally performed plays

- Involved, by taking the lead role in school productions or with an outside theatre group. This can include: Stage Coach, Lemon Jelly, The Curve, Young Company, The Television Workshop, Urban Young Actors or National Theatre LAMDA (or equivalent) awards may be taken into consideration but are not a pre-requisite.

What We Offer

Under the guidance of professional performers, teachers and technicians, we provide Drama Scholars with the opportunity to continuously hone their craft, gaining understanding of a wide variety of performance styles, whilst improving technique. In addition, we provide one to one training and advice for students who wish to audition for the National Youth Theatre, Drama schools or holiday courses.

Drama Scholars will be attending a number of theatre trips to see cutting edge and highly acclaimed productions, where opportunities will also be provided for students to attend workshops in school led by professional companies such as the internationally renowned, 'Frantic Assembly'.

Scholarships are reviewed annually and their continuance is dependent upon attitude, conduct, participation and progress.

What we Expect from our Drama Scholars

- To attend a number of productions presented by the school, as an audience member as well as learning the 'trick of the trade' backstage
- Assist with costume and make up, lighting and sound and front of house
- Take on a principal role, creating performances for the House Drama Competition
- Attend or assist the weekly Drama Club
- To represent the Drama Department by performing on Exhibition Day and other school events

Assessment for Year 7

Students will be given a Drama lesson based on mime, devised and scripted work. Additionally, they need to prepare a monologue of their choice lasting no more than one minute.



Assessment for Year 12

Students will be given a Drama lesson based on devised and scripted work. Candidates will also be asked to prepare a monologue of their choice lasting no more than two minutes.

Scholars participation must reflect teamwork, stage awareness and a confident sense of performance, where their vocal and physical skills will portray a dynamic range of characters. There will also be a short interview where candidates are asked to reflect on previous performances they have been involved in, bringing along a portfolio demonstrating past performance work.

Prospective Drama Scholars are encouraged to contact Mrs Craven, Head of Drama on the following:
ccraven@ratcliffcollege.com

**STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM
WORKING WITH PROFESSIONAL
DRAMA PERFORMERS,
TEACHERS AND TECHNICIANS**





Art

Worth between 5-20% of the school fee.

Criteria

Art Scholars will show a natural enthusiasm for the subject, which will already have been proven over a number of years and will be displayed in a portfolio of work brought to the assessment day.

An individual's creativity manifests itself in an enquiring and curious mind, we would expect to see evidence of this, together with self-motivation, sound observational skills, sensitivity, and a developed imagination. Any evidence of exhibitions entered, and any prizes won if appropriate.

Entry Requirements for Year 7

We are looking for enthusiasm, but also potential. Scholars in Year 7 are expected to select GCSE Art in Year 9.

Entry Requirements for Year 12

The ideal candidate should be on course to gain a high grade in their GCSE Art. Year 12 Scholars would study A Level in the Sixth Form.

If Art has not been studied, evidence from other subjects such as Design and Technology, together with strong observational skills should be clear in the submitted portfolio.

What We Offer

The Art Department at Ratcliffe College enthusiastically promotes individual inquisitiveness and nurtures each student to realise their full potential. The atmosphere is friendly but purposeful where senior students are expected to take an active interest in the work of younger years, either by mentoring individuals, or simply assisting in lessons, offering advice and encouragement.

All media can be explored, with the seeds for real ambition being sewn through the support and dedication of the staff. There are termly lunch meetings to check on progress, ideas and thoughts, with an annual Scholars-Only exhibition in the second half of the winter term. Art Scholars are expected to also submit work to all of our annual exhibitions including the 6-9 Exhibition and End of Year Show both in the summer term.



What we Expect from our Art Scholars

- To show enthusiasm for Art beyond the classroom
- Demonstrate an enquiring mind and a lively interest in the world
- To attend lunchtime and after school Art Club sessions
- Support the work of the Art department
- To be involved in exhibition curating, no matter their age

Assessment

On the day of the assessment candidates spend time in the Art Department completing two practical tasks, one of which is an observational study. There is also a discussion with the Head of Art and Design about their portfolio.

Candidates are required to bring with them a collection of their work which should include current sketchbooks. It would also be good to demonstrate an interest out of the book, so any three-dimensional work as well as photography and other media are strongly encouraged.

Prospective Art Scholars are encouraged to contact Mrs Emma Richardson, Head of Art and Design on the following: ERichardson@ratcliffcollege.com

ART SCHOLARS ARE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT WORK TO ALL OF OUR ANNUAL EXHIBITIONS



Bursaries

As a Catholic school our aim is to help children who, under normal circumstances, would not be able to benefit from a Ratcliffe education. Our Bursary awards are designed to support talented students from low income families and are available for up to 80% of a student's school Fee and in exceptional circumstances up to 100%.

Bursaries are available for those entering Year 7 or Year 12 and all awards are subject to parental means testing.

Sir Thomas White Award

For Year 12 applicants, Sir Thomas White, a Leicester based charity, may also provide a 100% bursary (Day Fee only) allowing one academically strong student to join Ratcliffe College's Sixth Form. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship should:

- Live permanently in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland
- Currently be attending a state school in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland
- Expect to gain at least 9 GCSEs graded from 7 – 9. References will be taken from the current school to confirm this
- Their household should have a maximum of £45,000 income pa. (This will be means tested by the schools applied to)
- Have the drive and ambition to achieve exceptional results at A-level and go on to study at a top university.

Ratcliffe may recommend up to three students for the Sir Thomas White Award per year.

Existing Students, Old Ratcliffians and Catholic Families

Bursarial support is provided to successful students in these groups via:

- The Ratcliffian Association & Cunningham Fund Bursaries
- The Peter Daley Bursaries

All Bursaries are subject to meeting the school's entry requirements and require parental means-tested assessments, that may be reviewed annually.

Students and their families must be in sympathy with the Catholic ethos of the school. Students will also be expected to play an active part in the life of the school.

How to apply

1. To request our bursary application form and associated documentation please contact our Admissions Team on the following: admissions@ratcliffecollege.com

The deadline for applications is 30th November (the year prior to entry)

2. The Bursary Committee will meet to discuss your application and decisions will be made in the Spring.



Visit Us

Open Mornings

Our bi-annual Open Mornings take place during September and March each year. These public events are useful if you are looking to get a taste of the college, tour the grounds and speak with teachers.

These events are relaxed and informal, providing the opportunity to ask as many questions you might have and to pick up any information you might need.

Taster Days

Your child may wish to spend a Taster Day at Ratcliffe on a normal school day, prior to taking the Entrance Examination or Assessment, or even after being offered a place with us.

We find this works very well in terms of each child becoming familiar with the school grounds and classrooms, the daily schedule, lesson content and how they are delivered and the general overall school culture.

Sixth Form Evening

These evenings offer the chance to experience our Sixth Form Centre and gain a deeper understanding of life at Ratcliffe as you prepare for university and beyond. Specifically designed for those interested in Year 12 and 13, held in the Rosmini Sixth Form Centre, where you'll be able to explore the facilities as well as meeting staff and answering any questions you might have.

Private Visit

A unique experience at a convenient time for families that may miss our Open Mornings. A private visit gives you the chance to arrange a one-to-one, allowing for a tour of the school and to meet the Headmaster.

Book online for any of these events www.ratcliffecollege.com/visit

For further details please contact our Admissions Department on the following:

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E: admissions@ratcliffecollege.com

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