



WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL



Drama Scholarships

Drama scholarships are awarded throughout the year prior to enrolment in the Senior School and, for current students, on entry to Years 7, 9 and 12 to top performing students. All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama scholars should be enthusiastic, engaged, and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods, and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities. It is generally expected that the successful candidate(s) will study Drama at GCSE or Theatre at A Level. Drama Scholars are also expected to support the Drama Department outside of lessons performing in and / or assisting backstage in school productions as well as supporting with open evenings, House Drama competitions and drama clubs.

Enrichment:

- Free weekly LAMDA lessons and one exam entry per year
- Weekly scholar Drama workshops

Method of review:

All scholarships are reviewed annually, and their continuance is dependent upon satisfactory conduct, attitude, participation and progress. Drama scholars are considered as artistic ambassadors and expected to give their all to the department, whether during lessons, clubs, rehearsals or performances. Students who fail to meet the required elements of a scholar will receive two written warnings, after which their scholarship may be withdrawn for the following year.



What to do now:

Year 7 entry

To apply you will need a reference from a teacher or leader that you performed drama with. You will also need to submit a letter of application of no more than 300 words explaining your previous involvement in Drama and why you would be an outstanding Drama Scholar. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form [here](#).

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition.

At the audition you will be expected to perform a monologue of your choice, from memory (no more than 2 minutes). You will also be interviewed by the Drama Department, during which you may produce a scrapbook of your drama participation.

Year 9 entry

To apply, external applicants will need a reference from a teacher or leader that you have performed drama with. You will also need to submit a letter of application of no more than 500 words explaining your previous involvement in Drama and why you would be an outstanding Drama Scholar. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form [here](#).

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition. For this you will be expected to:

- a) Perform 1 monologue of your choice. The monologue should be no less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes and be performed from memory.
- b) Attend an interview with the Drama Department. During this interview you may wish to produce a scrapbook of your drama involvements. Important Information: Documents should be sent to scholarships@westbuckland.com

Sixth Form entry

To apply, external applicants will need a reference from a teacher or leader that you have performed drama with. All candidates need to submit a letter of application of no more than 500 words explaining your previous involvement in Drama and why you would be an outstanding Drama Scholar. You will also be required to write a review of a play, musical or film you found inspiring where you can reference the acting, design and / or directing (no more than 500 words). These can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form [here](#).

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview / audition. For this you will be expected to:

- a) Performers: Perform 1 monologue of your choice. The monologue should be no less than 2 minutes and no more than 4 minutes and be performed from memory. Please



ensure you have read the play that the monologue has been taken from. Design Applicants: Bring along a portfolio or evidence of your design experience.

b) Attend an interview with the Drama Department. During this interview you may wish to produce a scrapbook of your drama involvements. Important Information: Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar scholarships@westbuckland.com

Application deadline for all year groups:

- 6th November 2024

Interview & Assessment:

- Week commencing 11th November 2024

