



## Exhibition Criteria

### Art:

During the interview, the student should present an Art portfolio which should include GCSE work:

- **One** major project displaying progression of work from start through the development of your ideas to the final piece. This must have a variety of media showing a good use of colour and different techniques. Please include a short written personal statement explaining the project and the sources of inspiration. This need be no longer than a couple of paragraphs.
- Photographs of large or three dimensional pieces are acceptable.
- Please include at least one sketchbook.
- One sheet of sound drawings; if there are strong drawings within the chosen project that would be sufficient.
- A short written statement about the student and why she is interested in progressing to AS level Art.

### Dance

Candidates choosing Dance must demonstrate great enthusiasm for the subject as well as outstanding potential. They must also demonstrate a strong and serious commitment to Dance in general.

During the interview, the candidate should present a portfolio of practical and written work, which should include the following:

1. A prepared solo performance lasting no longer than three minutes. The candidate must demonstrate through this performance: excellent body control, accurate rhythm and timing and a high technical standard.
2. A choreographed dance for 2 – 5 dancers, this should be composed from a chosen stimulus and lasting no longer than three minutes. The candidate must not perform in her own choreography. Through the choreography the candidate must demonstrate: her ability to communicate her artistic intention through dance, excellent manipulation of movement material and a creative use of space and group design. The candidate should present a short written programme note to explain the concept of her dance. This should be no longer than 400 words.
3. A short written statement about why the candidate feels she should be considered for the Dance Exhibition. This should include evidence of how she has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to dance.

Those holding the Dance Exhibition will be expected to make a major contribution to all dance related extra-curricular activities in the School.

### **Design and Technology:**

During the interview the student should present a portfolio of coursework produced for GCSE (if a course at GCSE were taken).

A potential Exhibitioner should demonstrate a genuine interest in all aspects of AS in Product Design.

She should also show

- innovation and creativity in the design and production of a product
- problem solving thinking skills demonstrated through a response to a given design problem at the interview
- an interest in Design issues including sustainability evidenced through discussion
- a short written statement about why she is interested in progressing to AS level Product Study

### **Drama:**

Candidates choosing drama must demonstrate great enthusiasm for the subject as well as outstanding potential. They must also demonstrate a strong and serious commitment to Drama and Theatre Studies in general.

During the interview, if the candidate is studying Drama at GCSE, she should present a portfolio of written coursework, which should include the following:

- 1) A selection from their best written pieces of GCSE coursework, of which one piece must be an evaluation of live theatre.
- 2) A short written statement about why the student wishes to study Drama and Theatre Studies at AS level.
- 3) Evidence of their involvement in extra – curricular work, such as photographs and/or programmes of productions they have been involved in.

If the candidate has not chosen to study Drama at GCSE, she should bring evidence of her involvement in the world of theatre.

Auditions consist of the performance of a monologue lasting approximately 2 minutes. The candidate must demonstrate through this piece how she is able to use her voice expressively. She must also demonstrate how she is able to use movement and space creatively, either through the chosen monologue or by presenting a separate piece of physical theatre, mime or dance drama. The candidate must engage the audience and be able to justify her interpretation.

Those holding a Drama Exhibition will be expected to make a major contribution to all drama related extra-curricular activities in the school.

### **Music:**

Candidates must be students who show outstanding potential on an instrument, preferably orchestral. A good pass at Grade 7 may be taken as an approximate guide to the standard expected when applying for audition. The candidate must also demonstrate a strong commitment to and enthusiasm for music in general. Ability to play a second instrument is desirable, though not essential. Please note that electronic keyboard should not be offered as either the principal or second instrument.

Auditions consist of:

1. Performance of one prepared piece for main instrument (an accompanist can be provided if required)
2. Sight reading
3. Aural tests

4. Performance of prepared piece on second instrument or voice (if applicable).

5. General Interview

Music Exhibitionist or the Music Academic Scholars (issued on entry in Year 7), will be expected to make a strong contribution to the musical life of the School, involving themselves in choral and orchestral activities. An individual termly programme for all Music Exhibition holders is devised, bearing in mind examination commitments, national and/or regional orchestras and the School's music calendar.

**Physical Education:**

Candidates choosing Physical Education must demonstrate great enthusiasm for the subject as well as outstanding potential. They must also demonstrate a strong and serious commitment to Sports in general.

We would welcome applications from students who show a high level of skill in Netball, Swimming, Gymnastics or Tennis.

Each girl will be required to complete a series of practical tests - One in their chosen area of sports – i.e.:

- Swimming - Warm up and timed swim
- Netball, Lacrosse, Tennis - Warm up, skills and a game
- Gymnastics - Warm up, Agilities and Routine (the applicant would need to bring in their own music if required)

Candidates will complete fitness tests - cardiovascular endurance, agility, strength and power.

Application will be considered for Lacrosse/Netball/Gymnastics from those with a good school team standard.

Applications for Tennis will be considered from students with a rating of 5:1

Applications for Swimming will be considered from students who hold a swimming time in two of the following:

50m Free	31.4
50m Back	35.6
50m Fly	34.1
50m Breast	39.4