



CHELTENHAM
LADIES'
COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

FOR ENTRY INTO SIXTH FORM IN SEPTEMBER 2027

Drama Scholars at CLC play a central role in the performance culture of the College and enjoy a wide range of enrichment opportunities through which they can develop their performance skills, theatrical understanding and creative voice. We place great value on our Drama Scholars and are committed to a rich and varied Drama Scholars' Programme to ensure pupils develop both artistically and intellectually, alongside gaining practical experience in theatre-making.

The Head of Drama oversees the provision for creative enrichment offered to all Drama Scholars. A dedicated Scholar Mentor within the Drama Department supports the Head of Drama and is responsible for the planning and delivery of the Drama Scholars' Programme.

Drama Scholars meet regularly with their mentor to explore and identify their aspirations within Drama and performance. They reflect on their practical skills, strengths and areas for development, and are encouraged to engage critically with a wide range of theatrical styles, practitioners and live performance. Scholars are introduced to new opportunities that help broaden their theatrical horizons and fulfil their potential, striving for excellence both on stage and behind the scenes.

Mentors and teachers support scholars in rehearsals, devising processes and performance preparation, and guide them in contributing to the College's vibrant programme of productions and performances.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Drama Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate talent, potential and a strong commitment to Drama and Theatre. Applicants will be enthusiastic performers, designers and/or theatre-makers who enjoy exploring ideas, collaborating with others and engaging with live performance. Candidates may have a particular interest in acting, directing, devising, technical theatre or theatre design. The purpose of a Drama Scholarship is to nurture potential and reward commitment through a programme of enrichment that complements the academic curriculum.

DRAMA SCHOLARS WILL BE ENTITLED TO:

- ▶ Teaching of an excellent standard that enables every Drama Scholar to make progress, including workshops with visiting theatre practitioners, directors and performers.
- ▶ Opportunities to attend live theatre performances, talks and theatre-related events.
- ▶ Guidance and support to access rehearsal spaces, technical resources and performance opportunities appropriate to their learning.
- ▶ Individual mentoring and advice tailored to personal interests within Drama.
- ▶ Support with external performance opportunities, competitions or auditions where appropriate.
- ▶ Information about forthcoming productions, workshops and enrichment activities.
- ▶ Encouragement and guidance on maintaining a healthy balance between Drama and other academic commitments.
- ▶ Opportunities for leadership within Drama, for example assisting with productions, leading drama clubs or workshops.
- ▶ Participation in major College productions and performance projects relevant to their year group.

DRAMA SCHOLARS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- ▶ Play a full and active part in the dramatic life of the College and strive for excellence.
- ▶ Demonstrate the attributes of scholarship within Drama, including commitment, curiosity and professionalism.
- ▶ Show intellectual and creative curiosity by engaging with Drama beyond the curriculum.
- ▶ Demonstrate flair and a natural aptitude for performance, design or theatre-making.
- ▶ Earn the respect of peers and younger pupils through self-discipline, motivation and collaborative working.
- ▶ Play an active role in the co-curricular Drama programme, setting an example through regular attendance, reliability and positive contribution.
- ▶ Support younger pupils through leadership, mentoring or assisting in Drama activities.
- ▶ Prioritise dramatic commitments and manage time effectively alongside academic studies.
- ▶ Understand that the Scholarship is subject to annual review.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- ▶ Completion of application form and submission, with a Drama teacher reference, to **SFadmissions@cheltladiescollege.org** by **1st October 2026**.
- ▶ Submission of a statement of no more than 500 words outlining why you should be considered for a Drama Scholarship. This should include reference to your practical experience, performances you have taken part in, live theatre seen, and areas of Drama that particularly interest you.
- ▶ Submission of supporting evidence where appropriate (for example, performance reviews, rehearsal logs, design portfolios or short video recordings of performance work).
- ▶ Participation in the Drama Scholarship Assessment Day at CLC on **Thursday 6th November 2025** which will include:
 - ▶ Performance of two contrasting monologues, including at least one modern piece (post-2000) for performers (max. 5 mins for both pieces).
 - ▶ Additional practical or improvisation tasks as required.
 - ▶ Short interview discussing experience, aspirations and engagement with theatre.

SIXTH FORM DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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College will process this form in accordance with our Privacy Notice: www.cheltladiescollege.org/privacy

Applicant's first name Surname

Date of Birth Current School

I wish to be considered for a Drama Scholarship at CLC for Sixth Form entry in 2027 and confirm I have read the information regarding assessment and responsibilities.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent

Date