



## ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Art awards can be offered for pupils joining Dunottar in Year 7 and new and current pupils starting in Year 12. Candidates will have been involved in art and design (either at school, clubs, or at home) and be able to produce evidence of work that they have created (without assistance). They should be able to demonstrate creativity and a love for visual arts, of all genres and disciplines. They should show potential to develop as an artist and be able to talk confidently, fluently and with passion about their own work and that of other artists. Above all, they must have a genuine interest and enthusiasm for art.

Art awards are subject to annual review covering enthusiasm, general improvement and continued commitment to the artistic life of school in addition to the terms and conditions of a scholarship award and the school's standard terms and conditions. All Art scholars are expected to study Art at GCSE and, if in receipt of a Year 12 award, at A Level. They must be willing to make an excellent contribution to school life and to show commitment to the subject by attending the workshops that are provided to extend their expertise, working under the guidance of the Head of Art.

### PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES FOR ART SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to submit a portfolio with their application. The portfolio should reflect a range of work and a variety of skills, demonstrating the candidate's personal approach to their creative work. **All work must be clearly named.**

**Year 7:** The portfolio should include a selection of pieces (10-20 A3 pages is a sensible quantity) which might include drawings, paintings, collages, illustrations, photographs (including photographs to show any very large or 3D work) or other artistic work which demonstrates the candidate's artistic skills. Candidates should also include a sketchbook.

**Year 12:** The Head of Art will be looking for a sophisticated understanding of artistic concepts and the portfolio must contain:

- ✓ a minimum of two sketchbooks from GCSE
- ✓ a collection of observational drawings and experimental drawings
- ✓ evidence of critical understanding of visual arts through visual and written analysis
- ✓ evidence of independent artwork produced outside the classroom environment.
- ✓ completed pieces of artwork where possible. A selection of photographs is acceptable if the work is too large to transport

### Portfolio Tips:

- Present your work well to show it at its best.
- Be selective and think about the skills you are demonstrating.
- Make your work individual and relevant to your style.
- Any very large or 3D work can be photographed.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit the completed application form by the deadline given. With this application form you should include a covering letter telling us why you believe you would be a successful art scholar. You might wish to tell us about the art activities you enjoy at school, clubs or home, the artists whose work you most admire or what you would like to do artistically in the future. You must supply a portfolio of work with your application (please see the guidance above for the contents of this portfolio). Please also include a reference or letter of support from an art teacher. The Head of Art will review all applications and candidates shortlisted for assessment will be notified in writing. *Please note that not all applicants are guaranteed an assessment.* The assessment will involve the following elements:

1. **A practical task**
2. **Interview:** Candidates should bring at least one sketchbook and between two to four finished pieces of work (photographs are acceptable if the work is very large or 3D) which they can discuss with the Head of Art at interview. For Year 12 candidates the interview will also include conversations about the work of other artists so that the Head of Art can gain an insight into the candidate's awareness and understanding of artistic concepts.



***Please ensure that you have read the accompanying guidance notes regarding criteria and supporting evidence to be submitted with this form.***

Year group in September 2022

Year 7

Year 12

Name	
Date of birth	
Current school	

I have enclosed my covering letter and portfolio

I have enclosed my supporting reference(s)

**This completed application must be submitted, with the required supporting evidence and references, to the Admissions Office by: Year 7 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 | Year 12 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

### Any other questions:

If you require any further information about the scholarship application process, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@dunottarschool.com](mailto:admissions@dunottarschool.com) or on 01737 761 945.