



# Scholarship Information Pack

Art Scholarship

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## Letter from the Headmaster

### Mr Mark Loveday



Dear prospective applicant,  
Thank you for your interest in Frewen College's Art Scholarship.

As the oldest dyslexia school in the world, Frewen prides itself on being a beacon of dyslexic excellence.

As an independent co-educational day and boarding school, Frewen's students come from across the globe to attend our world-class provision.

Set in the heart of the East Sussex countryside, Frewen benefits from wonderful surroundings, whilst remaining in easy reach of London and the continent.

At Frewen College we believe that talent, curiosity, and character deserve to be nurtured and celebrated. Our scholarships are designed to recognise students who demonstrate exceptional potential and who will contribute positively to the life of our school community.

A scholarship at Frewen is more than an award. It is an opportunity to join a vibrant learning environment that values intellectual curiosity, personal integrity, and a commitment to community. Scholars are encouraged to challenge themselves, pursue excellence, and make the most of the wide range of opportunities available both inside and beyond the classroom.

I look forward to the possibility of meeting you in due course.

With best wishes,

Mark Loveday

## Message from the Head of Art

### Mr Duncan Sangster

Thank you for your interest in Frewen College's Art Scholarship.

Set in the heart of the East Sussex countryside, Frewen College's fantastic location provides a perfect environment for outstanding artists. The curriculum in our award-winning art department enables students to explore a range of artistic studies, from art, graphic design, photography, ceramics and textiles to large scale sculpture and pieces of work. From GCSE to A-Level and onward to University – the possibilities are endless.

Our Arts Scholarship provides an opportunity for an outstanding artist to become a scholar at our prestigious school; benefitting from a well-rounded education that unlocks each student's fullest potential, enabling them to **ASPIRE, BELIEVE, and ACHIEVE.**

Our small class sizes mean that staff get to know each individual student, their strengths, and areas they may need support with. This leads to outstanding outcomes, with students leaving Frewen with the skills needed for success in an ever- changing world.

#### Our Art Scholarship Offers:

- The prestige of being a scholar at the oldest dyslexia school in the world
- 10% discount off the school fees (including boarding)
- £500 towards the purchase of artist materials
- Frewen College Scholar status
- An aspirational wider curriculum
- A wide range of enrichment opportunities
- Outstanding pastoral care and development





## General Information

Frewen College is a thriving independent, co-educational day and boarding school, specialising in supporting young people with dyslexia and co-occurring specific learning difficulties.

Registered in the dyslexia specialist provision category of CReSTeD, Frewen College has a national reputation for dyslexia expertise, offering advice to professionals and parents.

Originally founded in 1910 we believe we are the oldest such school in the world and were winners of the ISA Award for 'Outstanding Provision for Learning Support' and a Finalist for 'Senior School of the Year 2021' and 'Prep School of the Year for 2022'.

Located in Northiam, near the historic market town of Rye, Frewen is set in 60 acres of parkland, including an arboretum and historic walled garden. It is housed partly in a Grade 1 listed mansion known as Brickwall House, which includes the Boys' Boarding House. We have a number of other buildings on-site including a Learning Centre, a Girls' Boarding House, a Wellbeing Centre, and a number of other teaching classrooms. We also have an outdoor swimming pool, hard sports court, and tennis courts.

*"My son absolutely loves every single second of his time at Frewen, which is the biggest relief for us as a family. I've never seen him so inspired by his school days."*

*Parent*



## General Information

In the Senior School, our students study a dynamic curriculum with small classes and dyslexia-trained specialist staff who support them to make accelerated progress and exceed CAT projections. We offer a full range of curriculum subjects at Key Stage 3 and 4, with the exception of Modern Foreign Languages (this is available as an enrichment activity).

Our exam results are a credit to the hard work of our students and to the skill and commitment of our staff. We had pleasing GCSE, or equivalent, examination results in 2025 with over half of our Year 11 students achieving up to two grades higher than their predicted grades on entry to Frewen.

Our Sixth Form Centre has recently been relocated to a newly created space to meet the growing need for places. With an exciting range of A Level and equivalent courses offered either onsite at Frewen or through a hybrid partnership with Bexhill College, the possibilities are endless. In addition, Sixth Formers have the opportunity to continue studying English and Maths at GCSE if required, alongside completing the Frewen Diploma of Achievement – development of life skills (cooking, budgeting etc. in preparation for university or college) and receiving careers advice. We have also started a land-based course with a local horticultural college to expand our offer to all students.

Our leavers' destinations include numerous universities, apprenticeship courses, and direct employment. We have a 100% pass rate across all courses taken in the Sixth Form.

We have strong links with the local rural community, including the primary school, St Mary's Church, and Northiam Cricket Club. We host the annual Northiam Bonfire Society's firework display for the village and offer our facilities to the Brickwall Music Society.



## General Information

Admissions consist of both private, fee-paying, students as well as those funded by Local Authorities. Approximately a quarter of students board, including UK based students as well as international students travelling from the USA, Africa, and Europe.

Our Boarding Team is led by our Head of Boarding, supported by a Housemaster and Housemistress, and two boarding assistants all of whom live on-site. There are separate boarding houses for boys and girls, and we run a full boarding provision with many exciting weekend and afterschool activities for our boarders. Flexi-boarding is also popular, with a number of day pupils choosing to stay at different points within the week

The school has its own Learning Support Department overseen by the Head of Learning Support, with a team of SpLD (L7) specialist teachers, Occupational Therapists, Speech & Language Therapists, Therapy Assistants, and a SEMH practitioner.

Assistive Technology is embedded in all lessons with structured times to enable students to master their use, including (but not limited to): specialist software such as Immersive Reader and DictateIT, reading pens, and resources, to allocated personal scribes and readers. This is a level of individualised support which is very rarely found in education and is part of what makes our approach so unique. We are currently reviewing our IT provision, with the aim of moving to individual held devices, as part of our long term strategic development plan: 'Frewen in Five'

We are inspected by ISI for education, the last inspection being in 2023. Boarding is inspected by Ofsted each academic year; the last full inspection was in March 2025, when we were rated as *GOOD* in all areas.



## Aims and Vision

### Our School Ethos

At Frewen, our aim is that each student achieves their own personal best, taking into account their ability, needs, and starting point.

Life at Frewen College is shaped by our commitment to provide 'Learning for Life'. Emphasis is placed on mutual respect, integrity, friendship and the need to discover and develop individual talents. We encourage our students to be 'strong in spirit', ensuring all **Aspire, Believe, and Achieve**.

We believe that with guidance, encouragement, discipline and hard work, every student can do so much more than they may consider possible. Our objective is that each student should find ways of learning which suit their particular needs, and, in doing so, grow in confidence in order to leave fulfilled, enthusiastic, self-disciplined and fully confident to meet the challenges of an ever changing world.

We aim to ensure that learning is made accessible, compelling and exciting enough to draw them into the magical world of life-long learning so that it becomes a joyous and integral part of their daily existence.

We endeavour to find and then enhance these talents, whether they be creative, intellectual, or athletic, employing the dedicated skills of a versatile and professional staff body.



## **School Scholarship Expectations**

A scholarship is awarded in recognition of a pupil's potential and commitment. Scholars are expected to act as positive role models within the school community and to contribute actively to school life.

### **Academic Commitment**

- Maintain a consistently high standard of effort and engagement
- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity and a positive attitude to learning
- Complete all work to the best of their ability and meet deadlines
- Respond constructively to feedback and support

### **Conduct and Values**

- Uphold the school's values at all times
- Show respect for staff, peers, and the wider community
- Demonstrate integrity, responsibility, and good behaviour in and out of school
- Represent the school positively when on trips or at events

### **Participation and Contribution**

- Participate fully in the area for which the scholarship is awarded (e.g. academic, music, sport, art, drama)
- Attend relevant lessons, exhibitions, training sessions, or enrichment activities
- Contribute to performances, competitions, events, or mentoring where appropriate

### **Ambassadorship**

- Act as an ambassador for the school
- Support school events such as open days, concerts, fixtures, or workshops
- Be willing to share expertise or enthusiasm with other pupils

### **Review and Continuation**

- Scholarships are reviewed annually
- Continued award is dependent on meeting the expectations outlined above
- The school reserves the right to withdraw or amend a scholarship if expectations are not met

## Information for applicants

Scholarship is open to all students aged 11-19 (Year 7 – Upper Sixth)

Thank you for your interest in Frewen College's Art Scholarship.

- Applications close: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026. 12 noon.
- Long list interviews with Head of Art via teams: week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 4-day evaluation 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 including:
  - Review of portfolio
  - Presentation
  - Timed piece
  - Formal interview
  - Evaluation within school environment, joining peer group and following tutor group timetable.
- Candidates notified of outcomes week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026

*Please indicate if you are applying for a boarding placement.*

For further information please contact the school's admissions team on [office@frewencollege.co.uk](mailto:office@frewencollege.co.uk) (01797 252494)



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