



RUGBY SCHOOL

13+ COMPUTER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Assessment date: Thursday 26 February 2026

The closing date for application form and bursary augmentation is Friday 23 January 2026

This information is for Preparatory School Heads, the Heads of Computing in Preparatory Schools and for parents of potential candidates.

Scholarship

If a Computer Science Scholarship is awarded, the pupil will be required to study Computer Science at GCSE and subsequently at A-level or IB Diploma Higher Level and will be encouraged to apply for a university course related to Computer Science.

- (a) Candidates will take part in a simple practical programming exercise that will be set in the Rugby School Computer Science Department.
- (b) In addition, there will be an interview including a review and discussion of the candidate's portfolio lasting about 20 minutes. We would like to see complete projects with documentation where appropriate. Any other relevant computer science work should also be brought.
- (c) Candidates will also be required to sit a written Computer Science paper. This will be a paper of one hour, examining Computing to Level 6 as set out in the Key Stage 3 documentation of the National Curriculum.
- (d) Candidates from overseas or who attend schools that do not prepare for Common Entrance will be required to sit our entrance tests in English and Maths in the morning before the assessment. Lunch will be provided.

An example timetable for the Scholarship:

Thursday 26 February 2026		
Candidates arrive at the Rugby Computer Science Department for 2pm		
Session 1	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Computer Science written paper
	3:00pm to 3:30pm	Break
Session 2	3:30pm to 5:00pm	Practical programming exercise, interview and portfolio discussion
Departure	5:00pm	Approximate Departure

Award and Augmentation

If a scholarship is awarded, fees may be augmented by means-tested bursary support up to 100% of the boarding or day fees.

Bursary applications are made via an online system, please complete the [Bursary Application Form](#) to start an application. In order for your bursary application to be considered, your child must be registered with the School and the Registration Fee (if applicable) paid in full. Applications submitted after the closing date may not be assessed until after the result of a scholarship application is known.

Additionally, at the Head Master's discretion, exceptional awards with a fee concession may be made where, **during the assessment process**, we identify exceptional potential.