



**PUTNEY**  
HIGH SCHOOL

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# MODERN SCHOLARSHIP



**“PUTNEY’S  
MODERN  
SCHOLARS  
ARE THE  
'IDEAS-MAKERS'  
OF THE  
FUTURE.”**



# WHAT IS MODERN SCHOLARSHIP?



A forward-thinking approach to academic study which is original and relevant to the modern world. Take ownership of your learning, think critically and develop creative and analytical skills as well as the vision to problem-solve, now and in the future.



Modern Scholarship requires rigour and analytical skills but also a distinctly entrepreneurial style of thinking. Opportunities to be curious, to question and conjecture begin in the **Debating Forum** and through the popular Year 7 **Badge Challenge** and Year 8 **BAFTA awards**. Students explore new ideas and respond creatively to topical issues through essays and artworks, podcasts and short films.



Through our visiting speaker programme, the **Putney Ideas Exchange (PIE)**, students begin to broaden their outlook, engaging with guests from the world of academia, challenged to think differently and exploring the full gambit of professional careers.



**"THE ADVENT OF AI RAISES SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A RAPIDLY CHANGING FUTURE. IT IS HUGEY EXCITING TO BE LEADING A SCHOOL THAT IS A BYWORD FOR INNOVATION AND THOROUGHLY MODERN SCHOLARSHIP."**

JO SHARROCK, HEAD



## CLUBS AND COMPETITIONS

From MedSoc to Politics Futures and from Olympiads to the History Journal, there are a plethora of competitions, enrichment opportunities and academic clubs to be involved in each week. We offer specialist courses in journalism, classics, medicine and philosophy to name a few – a gateway to a lifelong learning journey.



**“TAKING THE ATHENA MODULES WAS IMMENSELY USEFUL AS IT ENABLED ME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MYSELF. IT HAS HELPED ME REALISE MY STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, AND ALSO TO THINK ABOUT UNIVERSITY STUDY.”** GEORGIE, YEAR 11



## SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Every year, departmental prizes are awarded for exceptional work in particular fields of study. Prestigious external prizes are signposted to those looking for additional challenge, everything from international poetry prizes to Oxbridge essay competitions.

**Elsa Maud Plant:** Putney’s academic scholarship and travel award is available to Sixth Form Science and Languages students wishing to complete a university-level overseas research project.

**Academic Scholars:** Our Academic Scholars meet regularly with members of the senior leadership team and Sixth Form mentors to monitor their progress and discuss their academic goals. Academic scholarships are awarded at 11+ along with scholarships in Music and Sport. Sixth Form scholarships are available in the following categories: Academic, Art, Drama, Design Technology, Music and Sport. Sixth Form scholarships in Modern Foreign Languages and Science are also available to candidates who have studied with us during Years 7-11.

**“ACADEMIC WITH A VERY MODERN EDGE.”**

TATLER SCHOOLS  
GUIDE 2023





**Design Thinking** explores innovation, programming and the practical application of technology to solve real world problems. Students brainstorm and design using robots and AI, prototyping and testing – great training for the innovators of tomorrow.

Lessons in **Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)** expand intellectual horizons, introducing political philosophy and lively debate on the function of government and the nature of being.

In the past year our students have achieved...

### UKMT SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

4 GOLD  
5 SILVER  
20 BRONZE

### SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

1 GOLD  
3 SILVER  
29 BRONZE

### UNIVERSITY ESSAY COMPETITIONS

OVER 170 ENTRIES ON EVERYTHING FROM  
'THE STRUGGLES OF EUROCENTRISM IN HISTORY.'  
TO 'DO PLANTS TALK TO EACH OTHER?'

**The Athena Programme** offers a customisable plan of self-directed study allowing students to build an 'Academic CV' as they research, analyse and discuss their work in a seminar setting, alongside evidenced reports and presentations.

In the Sixth Form, students stretch their intellectual wings drawing links between A Level study and concepts beyond the curriculum.



**The EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) Electives, Futures sessions and LEAP Lectures** challenge perspectives and develop critical thinking as they explore more demanding academic material in preparation for university.