

SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY FOR TWO YEARS IN A BRITISH BOARDING SCHOOL

with HMC Projects in Central and Eastern Europe

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British boarding schools are amongst the very best schools in the world....

The value of a full scholarship is between £45,000 and £55,000 each year. Why might a school wish to award you such a generous scholarship?



TWO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES:

THE FULL SCHOLARSHIP

HMC Projects Full Scholarships are intended to benefit those whose parents cannot afford to pay full United Kingdom boarding school fees. Combined net parental income of applicants must not exceed £30,000 as assessed during 2026. Your scholarship will cover all your tuition, food and accommodation.

THE REDUCED FEE SCHOLARSHIP

If your family's net income exceeds £30,000 but is less than £50,000 you are eligible to apply for a reduced fee scholarship. Reduced fee scholars typically pay between £7,000 and £15,000 each year depending on the school; this covers the cost of tuition, food and accommodation.



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ABOUT HMC

HMC Projects is a charitable trust which organises two scholarship programmes for very bright and able 16/17 year-olds in 12 countries in Central and Eastern Europe. It takes about 70 scholars each year and places them in about 50 boarding schools in all parts of the UK, so that they can study for the full two-year Sixth Form programme and take internationally recognised qualifications (A Levels, the International Baccalaureate or Scottish Highers)



WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TO PAY?

if you win a
FULL SCHOLARSHIP
your family will have to pay:

- an administration fee of £750 to HMC Projects;
- the cost of the visa and healthcare costs (IHS): currently around £2500;
- your travel costs to and from the UK.

if you win a
REDUCED FEE SCHOLARSHIP
your family will have to pay:

- reduced school fees – typically between £7,000 and £15,000 each year;
- the cost of the visa and healthcare costs (IHS): currently around £2500;
- your travel costs to and from the UK.

In addition, schools in the UK will require you to appoint a guardian who may be a relative or family friend who must be resident in the UK. Using a UK guardianship agency for a suitable guardian can be expensive – about £1000-1500 each year, depending on individual circumstances.

To apply...

- You must be no younger than 16 years and no older than 17 years and 6 months on 1st September 2027;
- You should be in full-time study at school or college in Bulgaria;
- Your average academic attainment should be either very good (много добър) or excellent (отличен);
- You should have a range of wider interests beyond just the academic (sport, music, drama, art, debating etc.)
- You must intend to study for the full two years of the Sixth Form;
- Your parents or guardians must support your desire to win a scholarship;
- You should contact our Country Coordinator at the **Bulgarian Reading Association**, Mrs Lydia Dachkova (bulrakonkurs@gmail.com) to make an online application.



You will need to complete a detailed application online in which you tell us about yourself and your achievements and write about why you want to win a scholarship. You will also organise references from your teachers, take an English Language test and, if invited, you will attend an interview in Sofia with one or more representatives of HMC Projects and sit a maths assessment.

What scholars say about their experience:

"I did everything I could at my school: I sang, I acted, I danced, I worked for charity, I joined an Italian club, I wrote for the school newspaper, I attended Peer Support training, I did Community Service. I enjoyed every aspect to its fullest, because at home I do not have all these opportunities and I have to live in the moment."



Applications are made online around November time. Information about making an application will be found on the website for the Bulgarian Reading Association (and also on the HMC Projects website).

Selection Interviews take place in Sofia in January or the beginning of February.

Those awarded scholarships start the new school year in September.



AND TWO YEARS LATER – WHAT THEN?

Most HMC Projects scholars will go on to study at leading European universities, though some will continue to study in the UK or obtain a place at a US university. Scholars have access to university guidance through HMC Projects to supplement that available from their schools.

British qualifications are widely recognised and are used for entry into university in most countries. However, students must check with their own country's education authorities to find out if they recognize UK qualifications.



WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

- You will find a full introduction to the work of HMC Projects on our website.
- The sections Student FAQs, Comments from Scholars, Thoughts about my Year will provide answers to most of your questions...
- Look at the Bulgarian Reading Association website or ask our Country Coordinator for Bulgaria, Mrs Lydia Dachkova (bulrakonkurs@gmail.com).