

September 2025

Eton College - Orwell Award

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that applications have now opened for Eton College's fully-funded sixth-form scholarship programme: The **Orwell Award 2026**.

Each year, **up to twelve talented boys** whose life opportunities may have placed them at a disadvantage are granted an Orwell Award. These **fully funded**, means-tested **sixth-form places at Eton** offer a transformative educational experience, empowering students to reach their full academic and personal potential.

Eton College is seeking Year 11 boys in UK state schools with high academic aspirations who will embrace the diverse and rigorous curriculum offered at Eton. As recipients of the Orwell Award, students will be provided with exceptional opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. With the dedicated support of Eton's staff, these students will be well-prepared to apply to the most competitive universities.

The Orwell Award is unique in that it not only evaluates academic potential but also considers personal circumstances that may have impacted a student's academic performance. Applicants are assessed based on specific criteria, including refugee status, being a Looked After Child, being the first generation in their family to attend university, receiving Pupil Premium, or attending a school identified by Ofsted as 'requiring improvement' or in 'special measures'.

There are also two specialised strands of the Orwell Award: the Sixth Form Music Award for outstanding musicians and the MCM Drama Award for exceptional drama students.

Open day - Sunday 14th September 2025 Families interested in attending are encouraged to email admissions@etoncollege.org.uk to book a place. This will be an excellent opportunity to explore Eton and learn more about the application process

Applications Close 21st September 2025

We encourage you to consider this extraordinary opportunity for your son. For more information on the Orwell Award and Eton's outward-facing work, please visit the [Eton College website](#).



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Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula Ramsay', is placed on a light grey rectangular background.

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