

Scholarships & Financial Support

The main vehicle for financial support for fees lies in our means tested Bursary Scheme. Scholarship awards are made primarily with the purpose of promoting and recognising high achievement in academic life and other school disciplines.

Awards can be supplemented by bursaries to the value of full school fees subject to proven financial need and the terms of our Bursaries Scheme outlined below.

Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year to candidates of particular merit who demonstrate, through assessment and then through their future application and progress, the highest standards of achievement. Scholarships are open to both internal and external candidates.

The Scholarship Examinations are held annually in January and February. Before this, a report is sought from the candidate's present school, where applicable. Scholarships are awarded to those who perform exceptionally well in the Scholarship assessment.

Academic Scholarships Awards

For **external candidates**, only those who do particularly well in the Entrance Examination will be invited to take additional Scholarship papers, a few days later. It is not therefore necessary to apply for an Academic Scholarship Award. Separate application is required for **Art**, **Music** and **Sport**, see below. We regret that late applications for the Scholarship Examination cannot be accepted.

For **internal candidates**, application to sit scholarship papers should be lodged with the Senior Deputy Rector by **Wednesday 13th January 2010**. We regret that late applications for the Scholarship Examination cannot be accepted.

Academic Scholarship Medals on entry to the Geits (Primary 7)

Scholarship medals and a substantial book token may be awarded to those who excel in the Entry Examination and are invited to sit a further scholarship assessment.

Academic Scholarship Awards from 2nds to 7ths (S1-S6)

These awards are made directly to pupils gaining the scholarship. The purpose is to support further study at higher education or a Gap year expedition. The monies awarded each year will be held by the school in the name of the pupil and be paid to the pupil at the end of their education at the Academy in 7ths or on their 17th birthday if they have previously left the School.

Entry to the Seconds Classes (S1)

Academic Scholarships worth up to £500 annually are offered to boys and girls entering the 2nds year. The Scholarship Examination for internal and external candidates will be held in Spring Term. The scholarship selection process may include a short interview.

Entry to the Thirds Classes (S2) for 2010/11 only

Academic Scholarships worth up to £500 annually are offered to boys and girls entering the 3rds year. The Scholarship Examination for internal and external candidates will include papers in English, Maths, Science and French or Spanish. Candidates are expected to show excellence in at least three subjects. The scholarship selection process may include a short interview.

Entry to the Sixth Form (S5)

Academic Scholarships worth up to £500 annually are offered to boys and girls entering the 6ths year. Candidates are expected to sit papers in three or four subjects of their own choosing and which are offered as subjects at the Academy. The best three performances will count towards the final result. The papers are designed to select candidates of high academic potential. The scholarship selection process may include a short interview.

Expressive Arts and Sports Scholarships

Art Scholarships

Art Scholarship Awards are made on the same basis as Academic Scholarships. External candidates must also sit the Entrance Examination.

The **Duncan Pettigrew Scholarship (S3)** is offered to a boy or a girl joining the 4ths. The **Cheverton Art Scholarship (S5)** is open to candidates for entry to the 6ths (S5). They will have an interview and present their portfolio in the Spring Term. There is also a practical assessment element.

Music Scholarships

The **A L F Smith Music Scholarships** are normally awarded at **2nds (S1)**; **4ths (S3)** and **6ths (S5)**. The awards are made initially for two years; their continuation being based on satisfactory progress and commitment shown to music in curricular or co-curricular activities. There is no written music examination; candidates will be assessed on interview, report and audition in two instruments, one of which may be voice. External candidates must also sit the Entrance Examination. Music scholars receive free tuition with school staff in two instruments.

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Sports Scholarships

Sports Scholarship Awards are made on the same basis as Academic Scholarships.

Sports Scholarships Awards are normally awarded at **4ths (S3)** and **6ths (S5)**. The main sports are rugby, cricket, hockey and athletics. The awards are made initially for two years; their continuation being based on satisfactory progress and commitment shown to sport in curricular or co-curricular activities. There will be a practical assessment day in the Spring Term where applicants will undergo a series of physical tests, participate in their best activities and have an interview. External candidates must also sit the Entrance Examination.

Scholarship application forms for Art, Music and Sport should be returned to the Admissions Registrar by Wednesday 13 January 2010. We regret that late applications for the Scholarship Examination cannot be accepted.

Please note that all Scholarships Awards made by the School are discretionary and subject to annual review. If candidates do not show continued application, interest and benefit arising from their award category the benefit may be withdrawn.

Bursaries and Financial Support for Fees

The School aims to support those pupils who might otherwise be unable, given their family's financial circumstances, to benefit from an Academy education. Funds are therefore made available to offer financial support to pupils whose family may not otherwise be in a position to consider the school. Such awards are targeted towards those applications which offer the greatest potential for life-enhancing opportunities, and will be financially reviewed on an annual basis. The following process for application will apply:

- The parent or carer applies for a place on behalf of daughter or son.
- If support is sought, the parent or carer will be asked to complete a full statement of financial circumstances, giving details of income and capital assets (a Declaration of Income and Application for Assistance with Tuition Fees form).
- The statement will be assessed and assistance offered at an appropriate level.

We emphasise that the aim of this support is to help families who genuinely cannot afford the full cost of an Academy education. To that end funding may be available up to 100% of full fee. However no guarantee of assistance can be made. The Academy must ensure that it operates within prudent financial parameters. Support for fees is awarded on the basis of the award of a place at the school and satisfactory completion of the financial means form with provision of supporting documentation.

