



St Edward's School

Cheltenham

Scholarships and Academic Bursaries Awards

(Effective from September 2017)

Rationale

St Edward's School wishes to attract able, gifted and talented pupils to the School through the provision of Scholarships for the mutual benefit of the individual pupil and the school community. We are keen to make being a 'Scholar' meaningful and therefore the award of a Scholarship will offer the Scholar access to a Scholarship Programme and engage in activities to develop their talents further. We also will expect our Scholars to contribute to the development of other Scholars who may be younger and to other pupils within the School. In essence, we want our Scholars to be 'beacons of inspiration' within our school community. Therefore, earning a Scholarship will carry more than just the financial benefits, but will truly see the talent of Scholars continue to flourish and enable them to inspire others within the School.

Aims

1. To provide opportunities for able, gifted and talented pupils to develop their God-given gifts and talents in a range of areas;
2. To encourage take up of GCSE and A Levels in Art, Design Technology, Drama Music and Sports Science;
3. To provide a Scholarship Programme for Scholars;
4. To monitor the progress of Scholars;
5. To provide opportunities for Scholars to contribute to school life and the development of others;

Scholarships

1. Key Stage 3 Scholarships;

For students entering Year 7

These are available in the following areas:

- Academic
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Sport

These are awarded purely on merit and have no financial assessment.

(A scholarship in each of the areas shown above is also available exclusively for pupils currently at St Edward's Preparatory School. Academic Scholarships are awarded to pupils upon recommendation from the staff at St Edward's Preparatory School)

2. Key Stage 4 Scholarships;

For students entering Year 10

These are available in the following areas:

- Academic
- Design and Technology
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Sport

These are awarded purely on merit and have no financial assessment.

3. Sixth Form Scholarships;

For students entering Year 12

These are available in the following areas:

- Academic
- Art
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Music
- Sport

These are awarded purely on merit and have no financial assessment.

4. Year 7 Academic Bursary-Scholarship worth up to 100% of Fees:

- These are aimed at families who would not normally be able to afford independent education. **They are means-tested.** Therefore parents who are already paying school fees are therefore very unlikely to qualify for these. In accordance with School's Trust Deed, these Scholarships are open to children of all denominations, but with preference to Catholics. For Catholics, evidence of the applicant's religion will be required in the form of a written statement from your Parish Priest.

Conditions:

All Academic Bursary-Scholarships awarded by the School are on the following conditions:

- The Academic Bursary-Scholarship awarded is valid for the entirety of the pupil's education at St Edward's School from Year 7 to the end of Upper Sixth Form.
- It is expected that the pupil given the Academic Bursary-Scholarship will complete the full seven years of his/her secondary education at St. Edward's School, from the start of Year 7 to the end of Year 13. If they leave before the end of Year 13, the award must be repaid in full, unless agreed otherwise with the Headmistress and Bursar.
 - This is without prejudice to the School's normal disciplinary procedure. The School reserves the right to suspend or expel the pupil, in accordance with the School's normal procedures. In the case of expulsion, the Academic Bursary-Scholarship will be terminated immediately.
 - This is also without prejudice to the School's normal entry requirement for Sixth Form: that the pupil obtains a minimum of 5 GCSEs of at least grade C (or equivalent level), including Mathematics and English. This requirement may be revised in the future.
- The School will require an annual statement from the parents of an Academic Bursary-Scholarship holder, detailing any significant changes in the family's financial situation. In the event of a substantial change which would enable the parents to make some contribution to the school fees, the School reserves the right to require parents to make such a contribution.
- The parents of the child awarded the Academic Bursary-Scholarship give their signed consent to abide by these conditions.

Implementation

- Scholars need to fulfil the school's admissions criteria;
- Key Stage 3 Scholarships are awarded in Year 7 and offer a **£2500** remission in fees each year throughout Years 7 to 9, whereupon the candidate will be reassessed and if the criteria for the Key Stage 4 Scholarship is fulfilled, the Scholarship will continue in Years 10 and 11;
- Key Stage 4 Scholarships are awarded in Year 10 and offer a **£3000** remission in fees each year throughout Key Stage 4; Candidates will be reassessed and if the criteria for the Sixth Form Scholarship are met the Scholarship will continue throughout the Sixth Form;
- Sixth Form Scholarships offer a **£3500** remission in fees and are awarded in Year 12 to candidates who meet the criteria and continues throughout the Sixth Form;
- Applications need to be made using the appropriate Scholarship Application Form;
- All Scholarships require the pupil to continue to meet the expected standard and Scholars will normally have an annual assessment/review meeting to set out the expectations and programme for the year and to review the previous year's performance in the Scholarship area. This will usually take place in June; Parents will be given a summary of the outcome of this meeting. This meeting will enable any concerns re the performance or contribution the Scholar makes which might jeopardise the award.
- Candidates awarded a Key Stage 4 Scholarship in **Art, Design Technology, Drama Music or Sport will be expected to take the subject at GCSE;**
- Candidates awarded a Sixth Form Scholarship in **Art, Design & Technology, Drama and Music will be expected to take the subject at A Level;**
- A pupil can hold only one scholarship **financial** award in Years 7 to 13; however, they can apply to be a Scholar in more than one area, but if successful they can only receive one financial award which will be set at the value for the Key Stage;
- Children of a member of staff will not qualify for a financial award as the parent is in receipt of a staff discount.
- All Academic Scholars will be expected to perform highly in all internal and external examinations and to participate in intellectual clubs and societies.
- **All award holders will be expected to go on to complete their studies in the Key Stage. If they leave before the end of the Key Stage for which they hold the Scholarship, the award must be repaid in full, unless otherwise agreed by the Headmistress and the Bursar.**
- **Assessment and criteria for Key Stage 3 (Year 7 entry) Scholarships**
 - Assessed in the Spring term of Year 6 for Year 7 entry;
 - Satisfactory reference from current School (external candidates);
 - Satisfactory supporting information/reference from coach or other professional;
 - Satisfactory performance in the scholarship assessment;
 - Applicants for Academic Scholarships will take scholarship papers in January in Mathematics and English.
 - Interview with the Headmistress;
 - If there are a large number of applicants, the School may shortlist applicants for assessment;
 - Satisfactory annual review of performance by the relevant Head of Department.
- **Assessment and criteria for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 entry) Scholarships**
 - Assessed in the Spring term of Year 9;
 - Subject chosen as a GCSE option in the case of (Art, Design Technology, Drama and Music);
 - Satisfactory reference from current School (external candidates);
 - Satisfactory supporting information/reference from coach or other professional;
 - Satisfactory performance in the scholarship assessment;
 - Applicants for Academic Scholarships will have their performance in the

Scholarship Examinations (English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and a Modern Foreign Language) taken into consideration and must demonstrate high achievement;

- Interview with the Headmistress;
 - If there are a large number of applicants, the School may shortlist applicants for assessment;
 - Satisfactory annual review of performance by the relevant Head of Department.
- **Assessment for Sixth Form Scholarships**
 - Assessed in the Autumn term of Year 11 for Year 12 entry;
 - Applicants for Academic Scholarships will be required to sit Scholarship Examination papers. The papers will include a combined English and Mathematics paper followed by two subjects of their choosing. Scholarships are awarded based on successful performance in these papers;
 - Students applying for a Scholarship in Art, Design & Technology, Drama and Music are expected to choose the subject for A Level;
 - Satisfactory performance in the scholarship assessment;
 - Interview with the Headmistress;
 - Applicants will need also to fulfil the requirements for entry into the Sixth Form, which is to achieve five or more GCSEs at A*-C grades (or equivalent).

We reserve the right not to award any Scholarships in any given year. The Scholarship process and Scholarship decisions are made at the Headmistress's discretion and should be accepted as final.

Expectations

- Scholars will be placed on a Scholarship programme designed to support and encourage them within each scholarship area.
- Scholars will meet the expectations of the Head of Department in terms of their progress towards targets and contribution to the School as set out in the annual assessment and review meeting.
- Academic Scholars will be expected to perform at a high level in assessments throughout the year and to take part in Stride-Darnley or the Junior Stride-Darnley Society meetings.
- Scholars will be expected to attend and play an active part in subject extra-curricular activities.

Monitoring of progress

- In addition to the routine monitoring which takes place, Scholars will be monitored by the Head of Department in the relevant area;
- Academic Scholars will be monitored by the A,G&T Co-ordinator;

Review

Updated September 2016

Review Annually

By Headmistress

(Curriculum Committee)