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Scholarships

At 11+ and 16+ (Sixth Form) Entry

11+

Academic Scholarships

All external candidates for 11+ entry are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship. These are awarded to girls who demonstrate outstanding academic potential in the entrance exam and interview. There is no additional form to complete and no additional scholarship exam.

Music Scholarships

There are a number of Music Scholarships available at 11+ entry. Girls interested in applying for these should be playing at Grade 5 standard or above on their main instrument (which can include voice) but do not need to have taken grade exams. However, if your daughter plays a more unusual instrument, but has not yet attained Grade 5 standard, please do get in touch with our Admissions team for advice.

We hold a Music Open Morning in the autumn term, for girls considering applying for a scholarship to have a taste of musical life at NHEHS and meet some of our current Music scholars. Scholarship auditions take place in late January. Girls selected for audition are asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument (or voice), or where more than one instrument is offered, one piece on the main instrument and one on each subsidiary instrument. Auditions last around 20 minutes and also include some sight-reading and aural tests, as well as an informal interview with the Director of Music.

Music scholars are expected to take an active role in the musical life of the school and their views on the development of music across the school are actively sought. There are opportunities to attend masterclasses with visiting musicians and special scholars' events and trips.

11+

Sports

There are also a number of Sport Scholarships available at 11+ entry. Candidates can apply for scholarships in the following sports:

—Athletics
—Netball
—Cross Country
—Swimming
—Cricket
—Tennis
—Hockey
—Water Polo

Candidates can also apply for an All-Rounder Sport Scholarship if they are offering two or more sports at a high level from the list above, or if they participate in a sport not listed. In the latter instance, they may be required to participate in other sports in addition to this if they join the school.

Candidates are required to be playing at a minimum of club level in their respective sport to be considered, and preference will be given to those who have shown the potential to make the County or equivalent system in the future. This should be indicated in the reference that all candidates are required to submit, either from their school's Director of Sport, or an external coach. For individual sports, such as swimming or athletics, candidates need to reference their current personal bests.

Shortlisted candidates are invited to attend an assessment afternoon in January. The afternoon will include some basic fitness testing; activities where various skills will be assessed, such as racket skills and ball skills; where possible sessions for the individual sports selected by candidates; and a friendly and informal interview.

Sport scholars are expected to take an active role in the sporting life of the school. Each new scholar is allocated a mentor from the PE department, with whom they have regular meetings to set personal goals and discuss progress. There are also termly opportunities to attend practical masterclasses and theory talks with visiting professionals. For all 11+ scholarships, the value of the award is usually between 10–20% of the overall tuition fees. Scholarships are offered for the seven years of the Senior School and are dependent on continuing satisfactory academic progress and good conduct.

16+

Scholarships are offered for the two years of the Sixth Form and are dependent on continuing satisfactory academic progress and good conduct.

External candidates for 16+ (Sixth Form) entry may apply to be considered for any of the following scholarships:

Academic Scholarships

All external candidates for 16+ entry are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship. These are awarded to candidates who demonstrate outstanding academic potential in the entrance exam and interview. There is no separate form to be completed.

Art Scholarships

Candidates will be asked to submit a portfolio of their art work. Awards are made on the basis of the quality of this work and commitment to the subject, both in and out of school. Candidates are expected to demonstrate a high level of competence, as well as originality and effort, and show that they would make a positive contribution to the Art department. Candidates are expected to study Art at A Level.

Drama Scholarships

Candidates will be invited to audition. This may take the form of a practical 'audition' which includes the preparation and delivery of a monologue of no more than two minutes in length. Alternatively, candidates may offer a short presentation detailing the technical or design contribution they have made to a performance. This may include: set design, costume, stage management, makeup design, lighting, sound or play direction.

Awards are made on the basis of talent and commitment to drama and theatre both in and out of school, for example at local, regional or national level. Candidates must be able to make a strong commitment to the life of the Drama department and demonstrate a history of active participation in their current school. Candidates are not required to study Drama at A Level.

16+

Music Scholarships

Candidates should be playing at Grade 7 standard or above on their main instrument (which can include voice) but do not need to have taken grade exams. Candidates will be invited to audition and awards are made on the basis of musical talent and commitment to music whether in or out of school.

A history and evidence of active participation in the musical life of their current school is expected, including participation in ensembles, orchestral or choral groups. Candidates will be expected to make a strong commitment to the life of the Music department. Candidates are not required to study Music at A Level.

Sport Scholarships

Candidates may be asked to participate in the following, as part of the assessment process:

—a Senior Squad training session which may take place during a games lesson or during one of our extra-curricular club sessions
—a practical 'leadership' session, where the candidate leads a small group of Year 7 girls in the sport of their choice during a school club session

Awards are made on the basis of commitment and achievement in sport and/or outstanding sporting potential. Candidates must be able to make a strong commitment to school sports teams and be able to provide strong evidence of previous commitment, ideally in more than one sport. There should be commitment both in and out of school, for example at local club, regional or national level.

It is preferable that candidates are competing at County level or above in either swimming, waterpolo, netball or hockey; however, evidence of high levels of commitment and achievement at club level in one of these sports is acceptable. Scholarship holders are expected to contribute fully to the sporting life of the school in more than one sport, and demonstrate talent, leadership skills, commitment and enthusiasm.

Contact

If you have any further questions about applying for a bursary, please do contact the Head of Admissions & Marketing: Mrs Georgina Savic
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