Scholarships & Bursaries
A place to flourish

We have a longstanding tradition of nurturing talent and academic high achievers. Brentwood is a school where pupils flourish and apply themselves to develop their full potential during their formative years in education. To enhance the academic, intellectual and cultural standards of the School community we provide a generous range of scholarships and bursaries. These support pupils who would benefit from the first class education and learning opportunities we provide.

Our scholarships recognise academic potential as well as specialist talents in the areas of Sport, Music, Choral, Drama and Art. In recent years, pupils have achieved success by representing their country at sport, gained places in National Youth Orchestras, and leading Drama and Art schools. Our bursaries are means tested and offered to those pupils who would benefit from a Brentwood education but whose parents or guardians cannot afford the full fees.

All pupils receiving a scholarship or a bursary must meet the required academic standard for the School. On average, a quarter of our pupils receive such assistance.

This booklet provides more information on these schemes, including how to apply and key dates for your diary. I do hope you find it useful.

Ian Davies
Headmaster
Scholarships and Bursaries for entry 2018

Academic Scholarships

For entry at 11+ (Year 7)
Awards are made to candidates who score the highest marks in the Entrance Examination held on Saturday 20th January 2018. Pupils requiring extra-time in the Entrance Examination will be asked to attend on Friday 19th January 2018.

Top scoring candidates will be invited to attend a scholarship interview during which we assess a pupil’s intellectual curiosity, potential and flair for learning. School reports will also play an important part.

Scholarships are not means-tested and range in value up to 50% of tuition fees, although a limited number of larger scholarships may be awarded. Scholarships may be held by day pupils or boarders and will be continued until the student leaves Brentwood, including the Sixth Form, subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

For entry at 16+ (Lower Sixth)
Registered pupils will be eligible to take the Sixth Form Scholarship Examination. This consists of a two-hour critical thinking paper and will be held on 2nd December 2017.

Sixth Form scholarships range in value from £500 to £1,000 deducted from annual tuition fees.

Specialist Scholarships

For entry at 11+ (Year 7)
We have a range of scholarships for candidates who are talented in a particular subject area – Art, Drama, Music, Choral and Sport. For more information, please see individual pages.

Candidates may apply for more than one specialist scholarship but all successful candidates will need to perform very well in the Entrance Examination to qualify.
**Bursaries**

*For entry at 11+ (Year 7 or above)*  
Financial assistance is available in the form of means-tested bursaries of up to 100% of tuition fees. The level of bursary will be determined by the net disposable income of the family which is assessed by taking into account the family’s gross income, direct outgoings and the value of property and other assets. This information is collated by asking parents to complete a confidential assessment form provided by the School. Bursary Forms will be sent to all those who have registered and must be returned by **1st December 2017**.

Each application for a bursary is considered on its own merits but by way of general guidance, a family with a net disposable income of more than £48,000 is unlikely to attract a bursary while a family with a net disposable income of less than £18,000 might be offered a 100% bursary. A family with a net disposable income of £28,000 might qualify for a 50% bursary.

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**Top-Up Bursaries**

*For entry at 11+ (Year 7 or above)*  
These are means-tested bursaries for pupils awarded a scholarship. The level of this bursary, after taking into account the financial assistance provided by the scholarship may be up to 100% of tuition fees, depending on the family’s net disposable income.  

**All candidates must also perform very well in the Entrance Examination to qualify.**

Further information and questions about bursaries should be directed to the Finance Bursar, Mr Chris Churchyard by telephone: 01277 243 252.
Specialist 11+ Scholarships 2018: 

Art

We aim to encourage pupils to appreciate art and create it for themselves. We want as many pupils as possible to take part in and enjoy artistic activities, as well as have opportunities for excellence if they are particularly talented.

The Art Department is located in the Hardy Amies Design Centre, named after the Queen’s costume designer who was a former pupil at the School. We have a large and well-equipped ceramics studio on the ground floor with three kilns, a plaster room, glaze room, two storage areas and a damp room. Upstairs, there are two large and airy open plan art studios with four teaching areas and a multi-media resources room complete with computers, a colour laser printer and scanners. We teach in a multi-disciplinary way, with all staff covering sculpture, drawing and painting, printmaking, ceramics and digital media within a three year programme; by the end of this period all pupils should have a broad understanding of all of the main artistic skills.

An annual residential trip for our GCSE/A Level/IB Diploma students keeps pupils enthusiastic and motivated; recent visits have included Japan, Venice, Florence, Madrid and New York. We also run weekly after-school art clubs and hold annual art exhibitions showcasing the very best of our pupils’ work.

Daniel McAuliffe
Head of Art
Application Process

All those interested in applying for an Art Scholarship will be required to complete the Art Scholarship application form before the deadline of **1st December 2017**.

Art Scholarship Workshop
**Thursday 18th January 2018**
*Arrival 9.15am – Collection 2.30pm*
*Refreshments and lunch will be provided*

Successful applicants will be invited to attend a morning Workshop where they will be asked to undertake a series of art activities including a one-hour observational drawing session. They will then participate in a contextual studies activity looking at and writing about their views on art and artists followed by a ‘Working with Colour’ session. From the workshop a shortlist of candidates will be invited back to an Exhibition Day where the final scholarship students will be selected. Successful candidates will also need to have performed very well in the Entrance Examination.

Exhibition Morning
**Friday 26th January 2018**
*Arrival 9.15am – Collection 12.30pm*
*Refreshments will be provided*

Shortlisted candidates will be welcomed to the Exhibition Day by the Headmaster. Students will then undertake various tasks in the Art rooms including drawings from observation, a contextual studies session and working with colour. There will be plenty of time for discussion throughout the day and refreshments will be provided at break.

**Successful candidates will also need to have performed very well in the Entrance Examination on Saturday 20th January 2018.**
Specialist 11+ Scholarships 2018: 

Choral

Choral Scholarships are available for young singers who do well in the entrance exam and have a particular talent and passion for the classical choral tradition. If your child is musical, has a very good singing voice and would value the opportunity to regularly sing with either Chelmsford or Brentwood Cathedral, he or she may be eligible for a Choral Scholarship. The School’s strong musical reputation is augmented by its close association with the cathedrals and over a number of years has actively encouraged and supported pupils and staff to sing in their choirs. Recent choral performances have included Belshazzar’s Feast by Walton, Requiems by Mozart, Verdi and Fauré and Gloria by Poulenc.

Hilary Khoo
Director of Music
Choral Scholarship Auditions
Thursday 11th January 2018
Candidates will be invited to attend an audition to perform in front of a panel as singers, to read at sight, take some aural tests, and to answer questions on general musical matters. The panel will comprise Directors of Music from the School and both Cathedrals. If candidates play a musical instrument they will be encouraged to do so at the audition. Candidates will be put at ease and will perform at the top of their potential because of the friendly and encouraging atmosphere.

Commitment Required
A Choral Scholar will be committed to the School and to either Brentwood or Chelmsford Cathedral.

Brentwood Cathedral
Scholars at the age of 11 will be required to participate in the Sunday morning service (11.30am); sing choral vespers in the third Sunday of each month (5pm) and every Wednesday evening (6pm). In addition, Scholars will attend major, high profile Cathedral services.

Chelmsford Cathedral
The commitment required can vary between age groups. Scholars at the age of 11 are required for rehearsals two mornings a week before School and two afternoons a week after School, as well as some Saturdays and every Sunday in School term time. The commitment reduces once a pupil's voice is alto, tenor or bass.

Brentwood School
Choral Scholars are expected to play an important part in the musical life of the School contributing to the various choirs and performing regularly in concerts.

Successful candidates will also need to have performed very well in the Entrance Examination on Saturday 20th January 2018.
Specialist 11+ Scholarships 2018:
Drama

Drama is taught throughout the Senior School and at every level pupils have the opportunity to be a part of one of the twenty shows we stage a year which includes plays, pantomimes and musicals. LAMDA classes are also available for all age groups.

During Years 1 & 2 pupils enjoy an average of one lesson per week, which rises to three a fortnight in Year 3. Students participate in a wide variety of activities in solo, paired and group settings. They are encouraged to grow in confidence, work effectively as part of a group and to acquire a range of fundamental theatrical skills. As they move further up the School they will also learn how effective theatre can be in addressing important social and moral issues. In Year 4 all Drama pupils will perform in our annual ‘Fourth Year Showcase’, one of the highlights of the Drama year. We also have regular theatre trips, particularly for older students and are fortunately situated to avail ourselves of the best the West End has to offer.

Many of our Third Year pupils elect to continue this subject at GCSE level and our results are consistently impressive. Those who opt for this popular course will devise their own drama performance, write a lengthy report about it, perform a section from a scripted play and sit a 90 minute written exam on a text they have studied. Our Sixth Form Theatre Studies students also gain outstanding results and often choose to continue studying the subject (singly or in combination with another subject such as English) at university level. Recently, a number of our students
have been accepted by prestigious Drama schools such as RADA and LAMDA as well as Oxford University to read History.

Each year the Drama Department stages three major productions at Sixth Form, Middle School and Junior School levels, affording every child a chance to participate as they proceed through the School. Recent productions have, as always, been very varied and have included ‘FAME’, ‘West Side Story’ and ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’.

At Brentwood we are extremely fortunate in having three performance spaces ideally suited to a range of productions, including a fully equipped drama studio, extensive classroom rehearsal space, IT facilities, a proscenium arch stage in the Memorial Hall and Wessex Auditorium.

Matthew Bulmer
Director of Performing Arts

Application Process

All those interested in applying for a Drama Scholarship will be required to complete the Drama Scholarship application form and submit a reference from the applicant’s current school or drama club before the deadline of 1st December 2017.

Drama Scholarship Workshop
Wednesday 17th January 2018
Arrival 9am – Collection 3.30pm
Lunch will be provided

Applicants will be invited to attend an all day Workshop where they will be involved in a number of spontaneously improvised group activities and a duologue, and will perform a prepared brief monologue. From this Workshop a shortlist of candidates will be invited back to an Assessment Day.

Drama Assessment Morning
Friday 26th January 2018
Arrival 9am – Collection 12.30pm
Refreshments will be provided

Shortlisted candidates will be welcomed by the Director of Performing Arts after which they will undertake a number of activities. Details will be sent to parents nearer the time.

Successful candidates will also need to have performed very well in the Entrance Examination on Saturday 20th January 2018.
Brentwood School is proud of its musical reputation sustained by three full-time music staff supported by over twenty visiting music specialist instrumental teachers.

There are two orchestras, a String Orchestra, Choirs, Chamber Ensembles and Barbershop groups catering for a wide range of abilities and providing many opportunities to perform regularly in concerts. The world famous Brentwood School Big Band has established a reputation over many years of providing high quality jazz and ensemble playing raising thousands of pounds for charity every year. Recent tours in Europe have seen memorable performances being given in such venues as Salzburg Cathedral, the Piazza del Campo Siena, Prague and Bavaria.

The School is very active in the field of Music and Drama, and has in recent years given performances of musicals including Les Misérables, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, My Fair Lady, The Pirates of Penzance and Calamity Jane.

Hilary Khoo
Director of Music
Application Criteria

All those interested in applying for a Music Scholarship will be required to complete the application form by the closing date of **1st December 2017**. On this form we will expect to see evidence of attainment not less than Grade 4 in the main instrument offered, with attached references from instrumental teachers. We will also be interested to read of other instruments played (or classical singing/theory exams taken). To avoid disappointment, candidates who do not meet these criteria are advised not to apply.

Music Scholarship Workshop

**Friday 5th January 2018**

*Arrival 9am - Collection 12.30pm
Refreshments will be provided*

All those who have reached the required standard will be invited to attend a Workshop on 5th January 2018 where they bring their instrument(s) and join in various musical activities. From this Workshop a shortlist of between four and 10 candidates will be produced; these candidates will be invited to a more formal audition only if they perform extremely well in the Entrance Examination held on **20th January 2018**.

Formal Music Auditions on Thursday 25th January 2018

The successful shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a formal audition lasting approximately 30 minutes. Auditions will involve solo performing on all instruments offered, to read at sight and take aural tests, and to answer questions on general musical matters. There is a panel of three adjudicators, comprising the Director of Music and two other members of the Music Department. Although this is a formal test, candidates need not be concerned: the atmosphere is informal and relaxed, with plenty of opportunity for chat and discussion.

Successful candidates will also need to have performed very well in the Entrance Examination on Saturday 20th January 2018.
Specialist 11+ Scholarships 2018: Sport

Brentwood School enjoys a strong sporting tradition and an excellent national reputation across a variety of sports. The purpose of our scholarship scheme in sport is to attract the best young sportsmen and women in the local area and beyond.

We have a wide range of excellent sporting facilities, including a double sports hall, gymnasium, 25m indoor swimming pool, fitness suite, four glass backed squash courts, full size floodlit all-weather pitch, netball and tennis courts, athletics track, fencing salle, dance studio, 14 football and rugby pitches, and first-class cricket squares. Our School was one of only three independent schools in the UK to be used as an official London Olympic 2012 training venue.

The Sport Department has a very successful track record in academic courses including GCSE PE, AS Level and GCSE Dance as an enrichment course, AS and A2 Level PE and IB SEHS.

A diverse range of co-curricular activities extends the pupils’ experience and it is usual for Brentwood School teams to tour within the UK and abroad. Recent tours have included South Africa, Barbados and Portugal. Our teams perform in a variety of local, regional and national competitions and we frequently have students gaining representative honours. Recent achievements include pupils representing England for U19 Athletics, U17 and U19 Cricket, U17 Football (including six players signing professional contracts in the past six years), U19 Netball, U19 Water Polo and Great Britain at Fencing.

Ian Wignall
Director of Sport
Assessment Day where they will be asked to compete alongside each other. Students will be asked to arrive in kit and participate in up to five different sports sessions.

Successful candidates will also need to have performed very well in the Entrance Examination on Saturday 20th January 2018.
How to Apply for Bursaries and Scholarships

• First of all you must register with us by 1st December 2017. Registration forms can be found on our School website www.brentwoodschool.co.uk.

• If you wish to visit the School prior to registration, please contact the Admissions department. The Headmaster will be pleased to meet parents and pupils. The team can also arrange Admissions tours during the School day.

• Bursary forms are automatically included in the information packs sent to all applicants who register.

• Scholarship information and details about the Entrance Examination will be sent to all registered applicants. Scholarship application forms will be available on our website from September. Please note you can apply for more than one scholarship.

• Music Scholarship applicants will be asked to provide a music reference from their school or music teacher. A drama reference will be required from the Drama Scholarship applicant’s current school or drama club.

• Successful scholarship applicants will then be invited to the relevant Workshops or Assessment Days. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of your child’s performance at these events, although a judgement will be made about their potential.

• All candidates must also perform very well in the Entrance Examination, which takes place in January, and notification of scholarships will be made in February when the examination results are also issued.

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