Admission at 16+

Registrations

Parents wishing to enter a child for admission to Hereford Cathedral School are asked to complete a Registration Form, and return it to the Admissions Officer. There is a non-returnable Registration fee of £75 for all pupils seeking admittance to the School. A Registration Form is enclosed with the prospectus. Additional copies may be obtained from the Admissions Officer or can be downloaded from the School's website, www.herefordcs.com.

Completion of the Registration Form ensures that the child's name is on the prospective pupil registration entry list and also ensures that the relevant information will be sent to parents at the appropriate time.

Entrance to Hereford Cathedral School's Sixth Form is assessed by interview with both the Headmaster and the Head of Sixth Form or Academic Deputy. A reference will be requested from the candidate's present school. The School will also ask whether all outstanding fees have been met by those attending another independent school. Offers of places are made by the Headmaster and are usually conditional upon the candidate achieving at least 6 subjects at GCSE at Grade B or above. Candidates must obtain a GCSE Grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics. Candidates will normally be expected to have achieved at least a Grade B in the subjects they wish to study at A-level, and the offer of a place is made subject to the School's judgement of a candidate's ability to benefit from the education offered in the Sixth Form.

Acceptance of a place

Parents are asked to confirm acceptance in writing to the Headmaster. When a place at the School is accepted, we require an acceptance fee of £400; (£150 of this will be retained in the school funds until the pupil leaves. It will then be repaid by means of a credit without interest to the final payment of fees or other sums due to the School. The remaining £250 is non-refundable and will be added to the "HCS Charitable Bursary Scheme").
Cheques made payable to Hereford Cathedral School. BACS payments to Lloyds Bank: Sort Code 30-94-14 a/c 00198901(please give pupil's name as reference).

Candidates are requested to inform the Admissions Officer and Examinations Officer of their GCSE results as soon as they have been announced in late August.

Scholarships at 16+

The School offers academic, all-rounder, artistic, musical and sporting Scholarships. Scholarships are guaranteed for the total number of years the child is at the School, subject to good progress. If, however, effort, progress or behaviour is judged to be unsatisfactory, the School reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship. Where a pupil has achieved two scholarships or more, the value of the highest award will apply and additional scholarships will be awarded in name only.

All candidates are invited to apply for a Sixth Form Scholarship by writing a letter of application stating why they feel they should be considered for a Sixth Form Scholarship. **Letters of application to the Headmaster to be received by 10 February 2017** (Academic and Art) with the exception of Sport and Music Scholarship Applications. (See table).

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Dean's Scholarships (Academic)

These are academic awards each with a value of 15% of school fees.

The 16+ Academic Scholarship Examination takes place at Hereford Cathedral School on a Saturday in March.

In their letter of application candidates for the Dean's Scholarship should indicate the two subjects in which they wish to be examined and the names of two academic referees. Candidates will then be invited to the School to sit the Scholarship Examinations.

During this day, each applicant will have:

A Reasoning Test	45 minutes + 10 minutes practice
First subject specific paper *Designed to examine insight and ability rather than taught knowledge*	60 minutes
Second subject specific paper *Designed to examine insight and ability rather than taught knowledge*	60 minutes

Please note that candidates can take Art as one of their academic choices of the Scholarship. In this case the candidate will have an informal interview with the Head of Art where he/she will present a portfolio of Art work. The portfolio should reflect samples of both schoolwork and work reflecting a personal interest in the subject. Candidates' personal work will demonstrate particular areas of interest such as painting, drawing, photography, model making etc. The Head of Art will be happy to give advice to any candidate about the nature of his/her portfolio.
Successful scholars will demonstrate:

• Academic insight and ability in two of their prospective A Level subjects.

• A willingness to be fully involved in the life of the School

• An all-round intellect as measured by their performance in the reasoning test.

• Dean's Scholarships and All-rounder Scholarships are required to have the academic potential to obtain at least three very good passes at A-level as exemplified by a strong GCSE mock examination profile and supported by the opinion of their referees.

Art Scholarships

Art Scholarships are assessed by the Head of Art, with a value of 10% of school fees.

Art Scholarships are held on a Saturday in March and consists of an informal interview with the Head of Art where he/she will present a portfolio of Art work.

The portfolio should reflect samples of both schoolwork and work reflecting a personal interest in the subject. Candidates' personal work will demonstrate particular areas of interest such as painting, drawing, photography, model making etc. The Head of Art will be happy to give advice to any candidate about the nature of his/her portfolio.

Music Scholarships and Exhibitions

The Director of Music assesses candidates for awards. The top candidates may be awarded a Music Scholarship, with a value of 10% of school fees.

Other candidates may be awarded a Music Exhibition, in which case they will be given free music lessons on an instrument and in exceptional circumstances, on their second instrument.
Candidates should have reached at least Grade 7 distinction standard in their main instrument and at least Grade 5 distinction standard in their second instrument. All candidates will be required to perform on both instruments at the audition. Auditions will be held in January.

The Director of Music would recommend that candidates visit before the audition period for an informal pre-interview. This can be of substantial benefit on the day of the interview.

Sports Scholarships

Sports Scholarships are assessed by the PE Department and consist of an informal interview by the Director of Games, with a value of 10% of school fees. Candidates will be required to give a demonstration of their sporting skills.

Candidates should have gained at least regional representative honours at any age group in one of the major sports offered by the School, e.g. Herefordshire boys should have represented the Midlands in cricket, North Midlands in rugby; Herefordshire girls, the West of England for hockey or the Midlands for netball. Assessments will be held during in November.

All-rounder Scholarships

All-rounder Scholarships are assessed by the Headmaster, each with a value of 10% of fees. It is *not* possible to apply for an All-rounder Scholarship. They are usually awarded to pupils who have entered for two of the other scholarships, but narrowly failed to gain an award. Typically, they are awarded to a pupil who has separately applied for either an Academic, Art, Music or Sports Scholarship.

Notes

Where an award is not made for a given scholarship, the School may vire funds to increase the above awards or increase bursary funds. It is possible to be awarded a scholarship and still be eligible for bursarial support. Scholarships are retained throughout the school life of the pupil, subject to satisfactory performance. Further details concerning the awards of scholarship awards can be obtained from the Admissions Officer. Applications for all awards must be submitted to the Admissions Officer no later than two weeks before the 16+ Scholarship Examination.

On occasions where standards of applications are extremely high but financial constraints limit the number of Scholarships offered, Honorary Scholarships are awarded. These attract no financial remuneration but are accorded the same status as other Scholarships.

DEADLINES FOR ENTRY AT 16+

2017/18 *(September entry into Yr 12)*	**Deadline for Applications by:**	**Date:**
REGISTRATION FORM & FEE	**At time of application**	
BURSARY APPLICATIONS	**To accompany Registration Form**	
BURSARY APPLICATIONS (SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES)	**Saturday 4 March 2017**	
SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP	**Wednesday 9 November 2016**	**Wed. 23 November 2016**
ENTRANCE INTERVIEW		**27 or 28 February 2017**
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP	**13 January 2017**	**Thursday 26 January 2017**
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP	**10 February 2017**	**Saturday 4 March 2017**
ART SCHOLARSHIP	**10 February 2017**	**Saturday 4 March 2017**