



The Mall School

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### **Scholarship policy and procedure**

A scholarship is an award presented by senior schools to boys who demonstrate exceptional ability either academically or in some other field, for example, Art, CDT, Sport, Music or Drama. The offer of a scholarship normally also includes an offer of a reduction in the senior school fees. Although the reduction in fees might not be overly generous, a boy who has been offered a scholarship might also then be eligible for a means tested bursary. At The Mall we see the scholarship programme as an additional opportunity to challenge our most talented and able pupils.

### **Academic scholarships**

The Mall has a specialised academic scholarship set starting after Easter in Year 7 and boys are selected for this set during the spring term. Mr Miller, Assistant Head (Academic) consults the relevant teachers to identify those boys who we believe have the necessary intelligence, commitment and resilience to cope with the demands of life in the scholarship set. Each senior school sets its own scholarship curriculum which can include work that would be familiar to GCSE or even A-level students. The Headmaster then writes to parents before Easter of Year 7 to invite the selected boys to join the scholarship set which starts in May. If in the first term a boy does not live up to expectations, then the school reserves the right to remove him from the scholarship set.

The Headmaster has the final decision on who will join the scholarship set.

There are typically six to eight boys in this set and teachers need to be familiar with the scholarship papers for each school and adapt their syllabus accordingly. Scholarship boys have separate lessons for their academic studies but join their peers for all other subjects. Mock scholarship exams are sat in school during the autumn and spring terms of Year 8 and then the boys take the actual exams at the senior school.

### **Non-academic scholarships**

Non-academic scholarships can be offered by senior schools in Art, CDT, Drama, Music and Sport. Other non-academic scholarships are available. Non-academic scholarships can be applied for by any pupil.

Should a pupil show outstanding ability and attitude towards one or more of these disciplines then the relevant teacher should approach the parent via parents' evenings, school reports or separate conversations. Alternatively parents can look at their chosen senior school website to see what scholarships are available. They can then approach the relevant teacher directly to discuss whether their son would be a suitable candidate for a non-academic award: Mrs Scott (Art), Mr Lang (CDT),



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Mrs Colclough (Music), Ms Lawrence (Drama), Mr Wood (Sport). All teachers are asked to keep Mrs Scott, Assistant Head (Pastoral) informed about any conversations with parents related to non-academic scholarships.

Staff will be able to advise on how best to support the boy in working towards a scholarship award: whether through a tailored programme of work (both at home and at school); additional opportunities to excel in his chosen area; and the writing of references in support of his application.

The Headmaster has the final decision on who will be entered for a scholarship award.

Staff will need to familiarise themselves with the specific requirements of the scholarship award. Information about scholarships is available on the senior schools' websites; in the scholarship handbook in the staffroom; or by contacting the senior school. The Assistant Head (Pastoral) should be notified about any scholarship applications so he can keep an updated register of who is applying.

Parents are responsible for submitting the scholarship application form directly to the senior school and, where required, the associated references from outside clubs or organisations. The Mall will provide a teacher reference and a separate Headmaster's reference, which will be sent directly to the senior school. The Assistant Head (Pastoral) will oversee the application process, particularly ensuring that references are submitted on time.

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