

Buckswood School Scholarship Disciplines

All scholarship students, no matter the discipline, must be committed to school life, maintain a high level of personal achievement/progression across the school and positive behaviour. All candidates must supply a copy of their most recent school report, and just before the assessment date we will make contact with their current school for a reference.

All candidates will sit a general academic test on the day, have an interview with the Co-Principals/Head of Year and the assessment in their chosen discipline as outlined below.

Academic Scholarship

The aim of these assessments is to enable us to select those candidates who will be the academic leaders in the year group. We are looking for thinkers, children who can problem solve, apply knowledge and who demonstrate genuine intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

All candidates will be asked to supply a letter of reference from the Headmaster or Head of Year and complete an hour assessment which is designed to test their maths and English ability.

Art Scholarship

We are looking for pupils who demonstrate outstanding potential in art, particularly through creativity, imagination, manipulative skills and strong powers of observation. An appreciation of a variety of Art medias and concepts is favorable. We expect holders of art scholarships to make a significant extra-curricular commitment to their art work.

All candidates will be asked to complete a short practical lesson and interview with the Head of Art. This session will last for approximately 1 hour. Candidates must bring a portfolio of recent work, containing no less than 10 pieces, demonstrating a range of skills and techniques, and a letter of reference from a current teacher.

Music Scholarship

We are looking for those students who will make an outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school, and have an enthusiastic approach to promoting our talents and performances.

All candidates will be asked to complete an audition which includes the following:

1. Scales or technical exercises from the candidate's current grade book, to be requested by the panel
2. One solo piece on the candidate's first study instrument, to be performed with piano accompaniment (to be provided by us), lasting no less than 2 minutes
3. One unaccompanied study at the appropriate grade
4. A sight reading test (to be taken from repertoire approximately 2 grades lower than the candidate's current grade)
5. A theory test lasting no more than 15 minutes

Sports Scholarship

We are looking to select candidates who display what we consider to be the most important physical attributes and mental characteristics that lead towards becoming an elite performer, and have the potential to reach county level. You should apply if you:

- Have raw athletic ability
- Have excellent hand-eye co-ordination
- Are coachable and willing to quickly implement given feedback
- Demonstrate ambition and drive towards achieving a personal or team goal
- Are able to make good decisions when under pressure
- Are physically resilient and robust
- Have positive emotional intelligence and are able to bounce back from setbacks
- Are willing to take the lead and have good communication skills

All candidates will be asked to complete a Multi Stage Fitness Test, SAQ Test (Speed, Agility and Quickness) and an assessment in their chosen discipline. Candidates must bring a letter of reference from a coach in their chosen discipline, and details of achievements, e.g. copies of certificates, trophies won, and tournaments entered etc.

Performing Arts Scholarship

Scholars will be expected to lead their peers in the regular events held at Buckswood School, such as our annual productions, and help to cultivate in others the values of self-confidence, risk-taking, practice and application, and self-expression that can make the performing arts so rewarding.

All candidates will be asked to complete an audition which includes the following elements:

1. An 'icebreaker' where the candidate introduces themselves, details their performing arts experience including graded exams/ competitions, their interests including their favourite shows/ plays/ bands/artists/ composers and their other, extra-curricular involvement.

For actors/actresses:

- a) One Classical or Modern monologue of 2-3 minutes in length (KS4 and above candidates are required to perform one monologue of each)
- b) One sight reading performance of text to be given on the scholarship day

For instrumentalists:

- a) A graded exam piece* on their first study instrument, to be performed with accompaniment (provided by us), plus a short sight reading test and a short theory test.
- b) One short dramatic piece by heart (from a published play, screenplay or script) and participate in the deconstruction of the above piece in a short workshop session.

For singers:

As above but part a) must be a musical theatre song from a graded exam syllabus*.

**Pieces/ songs should be selected from the following Trinity College London or ABRSM syllabi:*

Form 1 at least Grade 3

Form 2 at least Grade 4

Form 3 at least Grade 5

Form 4 at least Grade 6

Form 5 at least Grade 7

Form 6 at least Grade 8

Equestrian Scholarship

The school offers equestrian scholarships each year to provide opportunities and development for talented young riders with the potential to compete for the school.

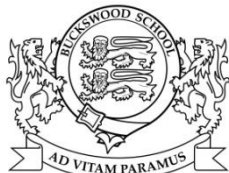
Candidates must bring a letter of reference from a relevant instructor and should come prepared to ride one of the Buckswood horses and will be asked to:

- Demonstrate walk, trot, and canter. Correct use of diagonals, whips, mounting and dismounting.
- Complete a small jump course (2ft 3").
- Demonstrate knowledge of horse care, i.e. catching, grooming, tacking up etc.
- Provide details of their last 6 months competition results.

All Rounder Scholarship

All-Rounder Scholarships are available to candidates who exhibit a sufficiently high standard in Art, Performing Arts, Music or Sport, allied with good academic ability.

Candidates must bring a letter of reference from their Headmaster or Head of Year and complete all of the academic assessment PLUS one aspect of the chosen secondary discipline



FAQ

What is covered by the Scholarship Award?

Scholarship awards are applicable to Day School Fees only. Additional Extras such as transport, uniform and academies are not included.

What amounts are available?

The value of each award is at the discretion of the scholarship committee, but can be awarded up to 35% of the Day School Fees, which equates to a yearly investment of up to £4725 towards your child's future.

What is the duration of the Scholarship Award?

The continuity of the scholarship award is subject to an annual review and report from the Head of Discipline and Head of Year to the Principals and Scholarship committee. Should a scholar not have embraced and upheld the criteria of the discipline, parents will be notified and a terms grace will be allowed, with a secondary review at the end of the term to determine the continuity of the award.

Further Terms and Conditions of awards can be found on our website or requested from the admissions department.

What is expected of a Scholarship Student?

Scholars are expected to participate fully within the school and support their peers and school community, be it in the classroom, on the sports field or in a school play, depending on their chosen discipline. Scholars are not only ambassadors of their chosen discipline, but of the school so excellent behaviour is expected.

Who can apply for a scholarship?

It is expected that those applying for a scholarship are already at a high standard in their chosen discipline, and are participating and where appropriate, competing outside the school environment. Not only do we look at the current level of the scholar, but their future potential.

How do I apply?

All applicants must have attended an Open Day or tour of Buckswood School and have registered with the School before requesting a scholarship application. Taster Days are also available to scholars before their scholarship assessment to enable them to experience a day in the life of a Buckswood scholar.

The completed and signed application form, most recent school report and references must be returned no later than one week before the assessment day.

Buckswood School Scholarship Application Form

Please note we can only accept scholarship applications from candidates already registered with the school.

Name of Candidate:

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male / Female

Proposed Form of Entry: _____

Present School: _____

(If not attended for a minimum of 3 years please supply the name of their previous school)

Names of Parent/Guardian:

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Required Assessment Date:

- Wednesday 30th January 2019
- Wednesday 13th March 2019
- Wednesday 8th May 2019

On the following side of this application form you will find our scholarship disciplines. Please select only **ONE** discipline for assessment.

Please select only **ONE** discipline for assessment.

Academic Scholarship

Art Scholarship

Equestrian Scholarship

Music Scholarship

Candidate wishes to be considered for:

First Preference: _____

Second Preference: _____

Performing Arts Scholarship

Candidate wishes to be considered for: Actor / Instrumentalist / Singer

Sports Scholarship

Candidate wishes to be considered for:

First Preference: _____

Second Preference: _____

All Rounder Scholarship

Candidate second discipline is:

Please give any details of relevant activities/clubs/qualifications for chosen discipline:

Please list any further interests and achievements (*not only for discipline*)

Any other information that will support your application

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

PRINT NAME:
