

Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards and Grants

(External candidates)

Scholarships

Scholarships may be awarded to students entering Years 7 to 10 and Year 12. Girls with the potential for obtaining a General Scholarship in Years 7 to 10 are identified through Entrance Assessment and will be invited back to sit a General Scholarship Examination. Scholarships are also available, by application, for Sport, Art, Music, Drama or Round Square.

Applicants for scholarships must demonstrate exceptional ability in, and commitment to, their chosen subject.

From September 2018, scholars will benefit from a tailored programme designed to develop their skills. Parents will also receive a fee discount. Please contact the Registrar for further information. All scholarships are reviewed annually.

Scholarship Process

Lower and Middle School applicants wishing to be considered for scholarships in Art, Drama, Music, Sport or Round Square should apply in writing to the Headmistress, setting out, in approximately 200 words which scholarship they wish to apply for, why they believe they deserve a scholarship and what significant contribution they will make to the School if they are awarded one. Selected candidates will be invited back to have a scholarship audition/assessment. They will also have a personal interview with a senior member of staff.

Sixth Form Scholarships are awarded for two years, covering the complete Sixth Form. A student wishing to apply for a scholarship should complete a Cobham Hall Sixth Form Scholarship Application Form. A letter of application must also be submitted to the Headmistress by the student, stating in around 500 words, why they believe that they deserve a scholarship and what significant contribution they will make to the School if they are awarded one. Each candidate will sit a scholarship paper/audition in a subject they intend to study in the Sixth Form. They will also have a personal interview with a senior member of staff. Applications are also considered for Round Square scholarships.

Bursaries

The School has a limited amount of funds available each year to support Bursaries. The School may consider applications from the parents of students who have passed its Entrance Assessments and been offered a full fee paying place. In considering applications, the School will compare applicants on the basis of Entrance Assessments, scholarships, interviews and references from their current school. There is also a detailed financial appraisal. Bursaries are highly competitive.

Bursary Process

The Headmistress and Bursar carry out an initial assessment of all Bursary applications. Shortlisted applications are then submitted to the Bursary Committee. Decisions on Bursaries rest with the Bursary Committee which comprises of the Chair of Governors, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Chairman of the Education and Staff Welfare Committee and the Headmistress and Leadership Team of the School. The Committee meets at regular intervals during the School year.

Awards (Internal candidates only)

Awards may be made to existing pupils where a change in family circumstances has resulted in difficulty in continuing to meet tuition fees, which may lead to the pupil being withdrawn part way through a vital stage of education. Awards are means-tested.

Awards Process

The School expects parents to have made adequate provision for the continuity of their daughter's education in the event of the death, critical illness, incapacity, redundancy or changed financial circumstances of the fee payer.

There should be no expectation that assistance with tuition fees will be forthcoming on an automatic basis. Any assistance offered will be for a limited period of time only. Whilst every effort will be made to provide support, there are limits on the resources available to provide such help. It should be noted that when considering a request of this nature, pupils who are either in their GCSE or Sixth Form years will receive priority. Parents should contact the Headmistress in the first instance.

Headmistress's Discretionary Grant

A grant may be awarded in exceptional circumstances at the Headmistress's discretion for any candidate, whether or not she is already receiving financial assistance with fees.