



Scholarship Programme 2017/18

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Introduction

Scholars at Hydesville embody the values and ethos of the School. They are individual pupils who excel academically or in their chosen field of the Performing Arts, Music, Art or Sport. More importantly, they are pupils eager to grasp the many opportunities available, both in and out of the classroom, and who recognise that being a Scholar carries responsibilities of leadership and role-modelling. Our expectations for scholars are high and we wish them not only to develop individually, but also to act as role models for their peers and ambassadors for the School.

The value of a scholarship is between a 10% - 50% reduction in tuition fees during their Senior School years (Years 7 to 11). However, the amount is at the discretion of the Headmaster and depends on the level of achievement, all round commitment and leadership in the pupil's field of excellence. For exceptional candidates, the value of the award could be up to 50% of the overall fee.

Subject specific Scholarships are awarded to pupils joining in Year 7 and applicants are able to choose to apply for one of the following: Music, Art, Sport or Performing Arts.

We also offer an Academic Scholarship in English, Mathematics and Science for those pupils who have scored highly in our standard School assessment. If an individual displays exceptional academic ability or strength in one of the subject specific areas, they will be invited to sit a further assessment focusing on one of the areas of excellence.

All Senior School Scholarship applications will need to be received by **Friday 2nd December 2016**. Decisions and final awards will be offered by the end of the spring term 2017.

Expectations of a Scholar

The level of commitment is high. All scholars will be expected to participate enthusiastically in the life of the school, be a credit to the school and set a good example to other pupils. They will be expected to contribute outstandingly in their scholarship discipline.

All awards will be monitored for appropriate performance and effort. Scholars who do not meet our expectations may have their Award terminated or decreased. We hope that parents will support and encourage their child to work hard and achieve their potential in their chosen areas. All scholars, regardless of their scholarship discipline, will be expected to maintain high academic standards.

*...an innovative enrichment programme
and extensive extra-curricular provision
gives outstanding opportunities to
develop the whole child...*

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The Process

All applicants must be registered in order to submit a scholarship application. A registration form and a fee of £40 should be submitted to the Admissions Manager.

An appropriate application must be made before the closing date. Application forms for each Scholarship are available from the School website or from the Admissions Manager. All applicants should provide a copy of their latest school report, a reference as stipulated on the application form and copies of any supporting evidence that is relevant to the application.

Once we have received your application, we will invite you for a Scholarship Assessment.

When all the assessments and examinations have been completed, the Headmaster and relevant staff meet to discuss all applications and assessment outcomes. Awards are made based upon performance in the examination/assessment and supporting documentation submitted. We aim to notify all applicants of the outcome by February 20th 2017.

Internal Applicants

Pupils in Hydesville Tower Prep School are not required to complete a registration form but should submit the appropriate Scholarship application form and supporting evidence.

Acceptance of a Place

The parents of successful applicants are sent a copy of the Terms and Conditions and are required to sign the Acceptance Form and a copy of the Terms and Conditions and to pay a deposit by the deadline for acceptance of places, by **March 8th 2017**. In the event of this deposit not being received, the offer of a place will be withdrawn. The amount of the deposit is refunded to parents when a pupil leaves the school.





Academic Scholarships (Invitation only)

We are proud of our tradition of academic excellence and strive to give all our pupils a sound basis of academic rigour. Academic Scholars are chosen on the basis of ability and because we believe their work ethic, intellectual curiosity and level of attainment are all strong. An inquiring mind and a desire to learn are essential.

In our Senior School we offer Academic Scholarships every year to new starters in Year 7. Each potential Academic Scholar must have attended a standard Assessment Day in order to be invited to sit for an Academic Scholarship. Assessment Days are very much orientation days, helping applicants to get to know our Senior School, discover what subjects are on offer and experience a working day. During the day they will undertake assessments in Mathematics, English and Science. Pupils who score highly in this assessment are then invited to sit a further assessment in their field of excellence. Selected applicants will also be required to undertake a brief interview and should be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in their field of excellence.

Successful recipients of the Academic Scholarship are expected to display exceptional academic ability. These scholarships will be offered at the sole discretion of the Headmaster.

To arrange a standard Assessment Day please contact the Admissions Manager.

Art Scholarship





Creativity flourishes within our Art Department. Inspirational teaching fires the enthusiasm of our pupils and there are wide opportunities to experiment, develop and explore a host of disciplines such as drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles and ceramics.

Individuals wishing to be considered for an Art Scholarship should be able to show not only a good standard of artistic ability but also a genuine interest in the subject which is reflected in their out-of-school activities. Scholarships will be awarded to pupils with clear ability, enquiring minds, an enthusiasm for the subject and awareness of other artists' work.

Assessment for Art Scholarship

Applicants will be required to submit a portfolio of work from home and school which demonstrates their artistic abilities. The portfolio should show evidence of a high level of personal creativity, an interest and passion for art and design and be able to demonstrate a range of media that they have explored. **The portfolio may include:**

1. Drawings from observation and/or imagination.
2. Photographs of three-dimensional projects they may have worked on.
3. Studies which show evidence of the use of a variety of art materials.
4. Projects that show how the candidates have explored and developed their ideas on a theme from initial observations to a final personal realisation.
5. Evidence that visiting museums and galleries has influenced their work/ideas.

The portfolio should be submitted one week in advance of the closing deadline for applications.

In addition, applicants must provide a brief written statement about their Art work, artistic interests and activities and a reference from their current Art teacher supporting their application. Successful applicants will then be invited to interview to discuss their portfolio with the Head of Art, alongside completing a short drawing assignment on the day of the assessment.

What is expected of a Art Scholar at Hydesville?

- Scholars should show significant commitment to their Art work and contribute creatively to the School's artistic life.
- They are expected to take part in Art related extra-curricular sessions.
- They should submit work for the ISA Art competition on an annual basis.
- They will be expected to produce artwork for exhibitions within school and the wider community.
- Art Scholars should be willing to demonstrate their skills/guide other pupils as required.
- Art Scholars should consider taking GCSE Art as an option in Year 10.

All applicants will be required to sit our standard entrance examination to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.

Music Scholarship





The standard of music in our Senior School is consistently impressive and we believe in fostering the love of music and performing in all pupils. Opportunities to perform are frequent with a host of concerts and musical events scheduled each year. There are ensembles ranging from the Boys' Vocal Group, Girls' Choir, percussive ensembles and a Rock Band to join.

Music Scholarships are offered to those pupils who show ability, commitment and potential in their chosen instrument at audition. In addition to grade achievement, a fundamental passion and musical ambition will be looked for, along with a willingness to participate and contribute to the rich musical life of the School.

Assessment for Music Scholarship

Applicants are selected by means of a musical audition and interview. The audition and interview for a Music Scholarship are intended to discover musical ability, potential and willingness to commit to the musical life of the school. Applicants should be able to perform accurately to a high standard on their main instrument or voice and demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm. Qualifications in ABRSM/Trinity Guildhall/Rock School (or equivalent) and Theory of Music examinations are not a necessity but would be preferred. Prospective candidates should already be involved in music making, representing their school through an orchestra, band or choir or participating in other musical ensembles as part of a local church or community ensemble.

Applicants will be required to submit a completed application form and provide a reference from their current Music teacher supporting their application. Successful applicants will be invited to attend an audition at which they will be asked to:

- Perform two prepared pieces contrasted in character. If the applicant is able to play more than one instrument/voice and wishes to do so we would encourage them to perform each piece using a different instruments/voice.
- Respond to aural tests played by a member of the panel including: clap back a short rhythm, sing back a tune and identify expressive characteristics such as changes in dynamics, tempo and articulation.

Answer questions in a short interview with the Head of Music.

What is expected of a Music Scholar at Hydesville?

- Participate fully in the musical life of the school.
- Take a leading role in choirs, orchestras and ensembles according to their interest and expertise.
- Attend and perform at concerts held by the school.
- Music Scholars should consider taking GCSE Music as an option in Year 10.

All applicants will be required to sit our standard entrance examination to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.

Sports Scholarship



**Sport has a high profile within the School and we are proud of our pupils' achievements.**

Each year we award Sports Scholarships to those individuals who demonstrate aspirations to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport. In general, potential to reach, or already be playing at club level is expected. Successful applicants will be expected to make a contribution to our main School Sports.

For boys these are rugby, hockey, athletics and cricket.

For girls these are hockey, netball, athletics and rounders.

Applicants are expected to show exceptional promise in at least one sport and have an established record of achievement at their current school and at club/county level.

Assessment for a Sports Scholarship

Applicants will be required to submit a completed application form, provide a record of their sporting achievements at a high level and provide a reference from their current PE teacher or coach supporting their application. Any additional information and references from external clubs should also be submitted. Successful applicants will be invited to an assessment morning which will involve a full programme of activities. They will be assessed in a series of physical activities including agility, stamina, fitness, teamwork, attitude to training and specific sport ability. In addition, applicants will have a brief interview to discuss their sporting interests with the Director of Sport.

What is expected of a Sports Scholar at Hydesville?

- Scholars are expected to be fully committed to School sports teams throughout the academic year.
- They will also be required to respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy.
- Participate in House Sport events.
- Make a strong commitment to the school by participating in, supporting, assisting and representing the school in a range of sports and extra-curricular clubs and activities.
- Act as a good role model to other pupils to follow, showing that they could act as a link between the staff and pupils.
- Sports Scholars should consider taking GCSE PE as an option in Year 10.
- Have aspirations to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and be keen to improve their leadership skills.

All applicants will be required to sit our standard entrance examination to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.

Performing Arts Scholarship

PROD: THE GIRL WITH ALL THE GIFTS
ROLL | **SLATE**
Starring : JOEL | **TAKE**



An exciting and broad range of drama productions are regularly performed within the Senior School, offering many opportunities for our pupils to perform, design and work backstage in a theatre environment.

Performing Arts Scholarships are open to those who have particular talents in Drama or Dance. Applicants are able to choose either one or both of the disciplines to be assessed in and are expected to excel in those chosen areas. Individuals wishing to be considered for this award will be expected to perform regularly in productions and workshops. They should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities, including technical elements of stage production.

Applicants applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship must demonstrate significant ability as a stage performer combined with commitment to working as part of a creative team. All Drama scholars are expected to be involved in a drama club or society separate to their current school provision, in addition to having taken part in school productions. Applicants will be required to submit a completed application form, provide a record of their achievements at a high level and provide a reference from their current Drama/Dance teacher supporting their application. Any additional information including evidence of work towards RAD, ISTD, IDTA, LAMDA exams should also be submitted.

Assessment for a Performing Arts Scholarship

On the Scholarship Assessment Day Drama applicants will take part in a short practical session which is designed to assess the dramatic skills of the candidates. They will also be asked to perform a short monologue, which they should have memorised for the occasion. (Please note that the piece to be performed should be a monologue from a published play and not a poem or any other written piece). Applicants should be able to demonstrate an understanding of their character and of the whole play. They should also be prepared to accept and implement directorial suggestions in a group setting. The assessment also includes an interview with the Head of Drama. For the Dance audition, applicants will be asked to prepare a short dance in the style of their choice, during which their technical capability will be assessed. This will be followed by an interview with the Head of Drama.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate their singing ability as part of the audition if appropriate.

What is expected of a Performing Arts Scholar at Hydesville?

- Involvement in all productions/concerts at the School.
- Be fully committed to attending all rehearsal and clubs relating to Performing Arts.
- Be an excellent ambassador for their chosen disciplines.
- Play a leading part in House events.
- Performing Arts Scholars should consider taking GCSE Drama as an option in Year 10.

All applicants will be required to sit our standard entrance examination to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.

Conditions of the Scholarship Award

A Scholarship Award is granted at the sole discretion of the Headmaster. All Scholarship candidates are judged on their apparent merits and the school reserves the right not to make an award if there are no candidate judged to be of a sufficient standard. Although general feedback may be given on a candidate's performance, we do not release individual marks or papers.

Obligations of the pupil

- The award of any scholarship carries with it privilege and responsibility; every scholarship holder is expected to set an example for the other pupils in their conduct and approach to academic study, and to participate in the fuller life of the School through commitment to extra-curricular activities. All scholarships are liable to be rescinded in the case of the pupil not meeting their potential or obligations explicitly stated in the granting of the scholarship.
- Throughout their time at the School, a pupil who is the subject of a Scholarship Award is expected to continue to meet the highest standard within the scholarship field awarded.
- They are required to contribute positively to the life of the school and must maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- They should be a role model to younger pupils and an ambassador for the School.
- They should be a credit to the school and be prepared to represent the School and carry out additional tasks and responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Headmaster/Deputy Headteacher.
- They should commit to School events, especially related to the scholarship area.



Obligations of the parents

- The parents are expected to support and encourage their child to achieve the purpose of the Award and to uphold the aims, ethos and the good name of the school.
- Parents are required to comply with the School's Terms and Conditions.
- The value and terms and conditions of the Award shall remain confidential between the parents and the School.

Withdrawal of the Award

The award may be withdrawn by written notice sent to a parent if in the opinion of the school and the Headmaster acting in good faith:

- The pupil or parent has not complied with the obligations.
- The pupil has fallen below the required standards of conduct and progress.
- In the opinion of the Headmaster there has been no significant improvement following consultation with a parent and/or the pupil and a written warning.

Annual Review

- The Award shall be subject to annual review for compliance purposes.

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