



Highclare School

Upper Third (Year 7) Scholarship and Bursary Guide

Academic scholarships and specialist scholarships in music, art and sport are available for members of the Upper Third¹.

Bursaries are offered to families who can provide evidence of only a limited ability to pay full fees.

1. Academic scholarships

Academic scholarships are awarded to recognise and reward high academic achievement and potential:

- Assessed by means of a Highclare School entrance assessment
- Assessed via a short interview with the Head of Senior School or Headmaster
- Available as a discount to full fees, at the Headmaster's discretion
- Awarded up and to the end of Upper Fifth year (ie GCSE, Year 11).

2. Specialist scholarships

Specialist scholarships in music, art and sport are awarded to individuals who can display exceptional talent:

- Assessed by means of a short audition / test
- Available as a discount to full fees, at the Headmaster's discretion
- Awarded up and to the end of Upper Fifth year (ie GCSE, Year 11).

a. Art scholars are required to:

- Complete a timed observational drawing exercise, and take part in a group discussion, critically analysing a painting supplied by the art department on the day. There may be a short written exercise to test general knowledge of art and artists.
- Bring with them a selection of work completed outside school.

b. Music scholars are required to:

- Demonstrate competence to Examination Grade 3 or equivalent
- Audition on at least one instrument with the Head of Music.
- Perform one prepared piece to their best standard, do a short theory test and aural test as well as a more informal interview with the Head of Music.
- Offer any orchestral instrument, keyboard or voice

¹ Upper Third pupils may hold (and benefit from) only one scholarship in any one specific time period.

c. Sports scholars are required to:

- Attend an assessment in a number of short practical sessions in the gymnasium under the guidance of the Head of P.E.
- Demonstrate an all-round ability, as well as exceptional skill in one or more competitive sports.

Note that sports assessment will also take into account reports from junior school P.E. staff and other clubs.

3. Bursaries

The School is pleased to be able to offer some bursaries to families with a limited ability to pay full fees. They are:

- Awarded, as a result of a means-tested process, on a scale according to household income.
- Offered to cover a maximum of 30% of fees (the remaining 70% being the responsibility of the parents).

Highclare School Governors' Prize

The Highclare School Governors' Prize is an annually-awarded means-tested bursary to cover up to 100% of school fees.

- Offered to one exceptionally able boy or girl upon entering the Senior school in the Upper Third (year 7).
- Once awarded, the HSGP will provide the fees for the duration of a pupil's education in the Senior School.
- Available to any boy or girl at any local primary school

All awards of scholarships and bursaries are offered subject to the School's terms and conditions.

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