

Year 9

Scholarship Information
&
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Dear Parents and Pupils

Thank you for your interest in our Scholarships and Bursaries for Year 9.

Academic, Art, Music, Drama, Performing Arts and Sport scholarships are available to all new entrants to the School. We also offer a number of means-tested Bursaries.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded in a number of disciplines to pupils who show ability, potential and the passion to extend themselves and to take advantage of the first class teaching, coaching and mentoring we provide. Our scholars will benefit from a programme that seeks to nurture and enhance their individual talents whilst also providing them with a full and rounded education. 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.

At Wellington, we strive to keep our fees low whilst providing the highest calibre experience for our scholars and the best possible education for all of our pupils. The value of a scholarship award is typically between 10-20% of the overall fee, but a final decision lies with me as Headmaster. All scholars are additionally entitled to apply for a means-tested Bursary.

Bursaries

Bursaries are available in order to grant access wherever possible to a pupil who may benefit from a Wellington School education. These are means-tested and may be awarded independently of a scholarship to any pupil who meets our entrance requirements.

I hope that the information in this booklet is useful and I look forward to welcoming you to Wellington School.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugene du Toit', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eugene du Toit
Headmaster





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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 the pupil 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. Pupils who do not maintain the appropriate level of academic commitment and attainment will jeopardise their place in the School, which is a reflection of our emphasis on an all-round education.

Scholars in disciplines other than academic will be required to meet the School's usual entrance requirements.

The Process

A candidate must be registered with Wellington School in order to submit a scholarship application. A registration form (available from the Registrar or on the website) and a fee of £100 should be submitted to the Registrar.

An appropriate application must be made before the closing dates (see below). An application form is included in this booklet. All applicants should provide a copy of their latest school report and copies of any certificates that are relevant to the application. Any other testimonials and demonstrations of ability are welcomed.

Once we have received your application, we will invite you for an examination/assessment or interview and tell you the time, place and duration of these.

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 the week following the assessments.

YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENTRY

Entry to Wellington School at Year 9 is by examination. All those wishing to enter the School will first have an examination in Mathematics and English, then a paper of their choice (from Science, Modern Languages, History or Geography)

Academic scholarships are allocated following the Examination – there is no separate Scholarship examination.

Assessments for other disciplines take place the week following the examination.

Scholarships are offered for those pupils who show outstanding ability in one of the following areas:

- **Academic**
- **Sport**
- **Music**
- **Drama**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Art and Design**

- **All candidates who take the examination will automatically be considered for academic scholarships and do not need to apply separately.**

- **Candidates may apply for a maximum of two disciplines (excluding academic). Awards may be made in more than one area (at the discretion of the Headmaster) and subject to timetable commitments, although the total fee remission will be limited.**

- **Scholarships must be accepted by 31 March 2020.**

Details of the requirements and assessment processes are included in this pack.

Applying for Admission

If you would like to apply for a place for your son or daughter to start in Year 9, you should complete the registration form and return it to the Registrar together with your registration fee cheque of £100 made payable to Wellington School.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship **other than an academic scholarship**, you should complete the relevant form (at the back of this booklet) and return it with your registration form to the Registrar.

We would be very happy to provide you with sample papers for the Examination.

Examination and Assessment Dates

Examinations will take place Saturday 16th November 2019 and 1st February 2020

Assessments

Monday, 18th November 2019 / Tuesday, 19th November 2019
Monday, 3rd February 2020 / Tuesday, 4th February 2020

Closing Date for applications

Monday 11th November 2019

For any further information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Registrar on 01823 668803 or email at admissions@wellington-school.org.uk



Academic Scholarships

We are proud of our tradition of academic excellence and strive to give all our pupils a sound basis of academic rigour. We have a high GCSE and A Level success rate each year, many Oxbridge offers and run the more rigorous IGCSE in Maths, the Sciences and Modern Foreign Languages. 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.

Enrichment Programme

Scholars will be supported in their studies by individual tutors and will attend a variety of enrichment events, including:

Strong STEM department and opportunities

Coleridge and Raban Societies (Societies which encourage pupils to engage, debate, present and research)

Careers Dinners

Sixth Form leadership sessions

Oxbridge Preparation

Interview preparation programme (in conjunction with Blundell's School)

Expectations of Academic Scholars

A pupil who wins an academic scholarship will have an intellectual curiosity and a strong work ethic and will be expected to represent the School in competitions such as the Mathematics Olympiad or writing competitions. In addition, we would expect them to have a thirst and enthusiasm for learning and be resourceful about the different ways of acquiring knowledge and understanding process. They should be well organised and plan ahead and be prepared to try new experiences.

Required Standard

Applications are invited from bright, enthusiastic individuals who are progressing well academically at their current schools. An inquiring mind and a desire to learn are essential.

Scholarship Examination

Academic scholarships are offered to those pupils entering Year 9. There is no separate examination, all pupils who take the examination will be considered for an academic scholarship.

Sample papers are available. Please ask if you would like to receive past examination papers.



Sports Scholarships

All applicants for sports scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

Enrichment Programme

We have a superb Sports and Wellbeing Department and excellent facilities at Wellington School and regularly have pupils competing at County, Regional and National levels in many disciplines. Many of our coaches are National athletes and pupils can expect extensive support and tuition in their chosen sport.

We can offer our sports scholars:

Elite Development Programme

Weekly 1 to 1 strength and conditioning coaching

At least 5 hours of main games per week

Elite coaching

Skill set coaching

Close links with professional sporting organisations in the South West

A diverse sports programme

A structured approach to sport and fitness

Expectations of Sports Scholars

We expect our sports scholars to have total commitment to the school and their sport, be willing to work hard and determined to improve and work as a team.

Required Standard

Scholarships will be awarded to those candidates who aspire to County Standard level or beyond in one of our major games. Ability will be assessed against our own high standards and ideally potential sports scholars will need to offer two sports – a major and a minor.

The Assessment

The assessment will take place in our dedicated sports complex and will consist of three hour long sessions

Part 1 – Assessing Athleticism

Agility/hand eye co-ordination
Bodyweight strength
Linear speed / running
Bleep test

Part 2 – Skill Set Assessment

Our main games are rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, tennis, swimming and athletics
Pupils will be asked to show skills in their chosen sports.

Part 3 – Assessing Teamwork

Participation in games to assess the ability to work and react as part of a team.

In addition, candidates will have a brief interview to discuss their sporting interests.

Please bring a drink, games kit, tracksuit and trainers. Pupils should also bring any certificates of sporting achievements or a DVD/video of the candidate in action.





Music Scholarships

All applicants for music scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

The standard of music at Wellington School is consistently impressive and we believe in fostering the love of music and performing in all pupils. Opportunities to perform are frequent with 50 concerts and musical events scheduled each year. There are 25 ensembles ranging from Big Bands and orchestras to wind groups and 7 choirs and choral groups, including the acclaimed Chapel Choir.

Enrichment Programme

Our music scholars frequently perform in the National Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Choir and many go on to perform professionally. Our impressive facilities include an iMAC suite, a recording studio and a recital room. As the first All-Steinway School in England, world class Steinway pianos are in every teaching, practice and performance space.

All Award-holders take part in a comprehensive annual programme tailored by the Music Department. This includes the provision of frequent performance opportunities both in and out of the school, ongoing participation in our mentoring scheme, termly concert trips and regular masterclasses and workshops led by professional soloists and groups.

Expectations of Music Scholars

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.

Required Standard

The minimum required standard is Associated Board Grade 5 or equivalent in the candidate's first study instrument. All candidates considering Year 9 Music Scholarships are required to attend a pre-audition assessment with the Director of Music prior to completing the application form.

Assessment / Auditions

Auditions will be held in the Music School and will be conducted by the Director of Music. All candidates should prepare the following;

- a) ONE piece on the chosen instrument and ONE piece on their second
- Or
- b) Where only one instrument is offered, TWO contrasting pieces

Candidates should also be prepared for;

Scales and arpeggios – of their current standard

Sight reading test – of their current standard

Aural tests

Viva Voce – a brief interview about the candidate's musical interests and experience.

Singing is considered as an instrument and can be offered within the stated criteria.

Music Exhibitions

Music Exhibitions, which consist of free tuition on one or more instruments are awarded annually both to new pupils and those already in the school. The minimum required standard is Associated Board Grade 3 or equivalent. The assessment process will be as above.





Drama Scholarships

All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

An exciting and broad range of drama productions are regularly performed at Wellington School, offering many opportunities for our students to perform, design and work backstage in a dynamic and vibrant theatre environment.

Enrichment Programme

Drama scholarships enable talented individuals to make a valuable contribution to the cultural life of the school. Scholars will be expected to be fully committed to the Drama Department and be involved with productions and performance on a regular basis.

LAMDA lessons are also available and candidates will be entered for examinations as appropriate.

Drama scholars will be offered the opportunity to direct performances and to take part in theatre workshops with highly acclaimed theatre practitioners. Personalised mentoring is offered to our scholars and there is the chance for scholars to work closely with our Drama Department in order to prepare for future auditions.

All Drama scholars will have personalised mentoring and unique performance opportunities.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama scholars 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.

Required Standard

Applications are invited from pupils who show excellent potential in Drama and have been involved with drama clubs or societies in previous schools. A natural enthusiasm and innate talent is essential.

The Assessment

Candidates will be required to perform two pieces – ideally from memory. One will be a set piece, which will be sent prior to the audition/assessment and the other should be a piece of your choice. If you need some suggestions, please let us know.

A group activity will also form part of the assessment process and may involve improvisation games, role play or vocal exercises.



Performing Arts Scholarships

All applicants for performing arts scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

Performing arts scholarships are offered to individuals with all-round talents spanning music, drama and dance who do not wish to specialise in strictly music or drama. We will be looking for demonstrable talent and potential in two out of the three above disciplines. (Dance, drama, music)

Enrichment Programme

Performing arts scholarships span the Music and Drama Departments and present diverse opportunities for those with all round talents to participate in an exciting and broad range of productions.

Scholars will be expected to be fully committed to and involved with concerts, productions and performance on a regular basis. Opportunities to choreograph will be available and there will be sessions of theatre workshops with highly acclaimed theatre practitioners.

LAMDA lessons are also available and candidates will be entered for examinations as appropriate.

There are a wide range of concert and theatre trips and scholars will work closely with our Music and Drama teachers in order to prepare for future auditions.

All Performing Arts scholars will have personalised mentoring and unique performance opportunities.

Expectations of Performing Arts Scholars

Performing arts scholars will be expected to perform regularly in music and drama productions and workshops. They should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres across a range of music, drama and dance activities. Scholars must be willing to work hard, get involved and be flexible.

Required Standard

Applications are invited from pupils who show excellent potential in Music, Drama and Dance and have been involved with performance, clubs or societies in previous schools or externally. A natural enthusiasm and innate talent is essential and pupils wishing to pursue Music should be Grade 3 music level.

The Assessment / Auditions

Candidates will be required to perform in two of the following disciplines:

- A drama/monologue
- A dance solo – please bring music with you
- A musical piece – this can be vocal or instrumental. Please bring accompanying music or a backing track with you.

In addition, please bring along a portfolio with evidence of performance experience to date.

Art & Design Scholarships

All applicants for art and design scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

Enrichment Programme

Our flourishing Art and Design & Technology Departments provide an environment where creativity and talent are nurtured and developed. Excellent facilities and inspirational teachers fire the enthusiasm of our pupils and there are wide opportunities to experiment, develop and exhibit. General purpose studios, design rooms, workshops, a computer suite, a photography darkroom and textiles studio are housed in light buildings and a designated Gallery is frequently used for exhibitions.

Expectations of Art and Design Scholars

Art and design scholars will be expected to submit work for exhibitions and demonstrate creativity and commitment.

Required Standard

Scholarships will be awarded to pupils with clear ability, enquiring minds, an enthusiasm for the subject and awareness of other artists' work.



The Assessment

Portfolio (Please bring on the day)

This 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.

In addition candidates would be expected to present work journals and sketchbooks. Within these we would expect to see drawings made from direct observation, references to artists, craftspeople and designers, including write ups of exhibitions and galleries visited. Great credence is given to art work made outside of school.

All work presented should be recent and no more than two years old.

Interview

There will be a practical task and a short interview with the Head of Art or DT, where we would discuss the portfolio and candidates should be prepared to present and discuss an artist, designer or craftsperson that inspires their own work.







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YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Pupil's name Date of birth

Address.....
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Tel.....Email.....

Current School (state name of Headteacher and full address).....
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Circle the skill area that you would like to have considered for the award: (Maximum 2)

Music Scholarship / Music Exhibition / Sport / Drama / Performing Arts / Art and Design

Please circle the chosen optional subject for examination;

Modern Language (please specify – French, German or Spanish) / History / Geography

In the space provided below, please give details of the candidate's experience and achievements to date, (orchestras, choirs, bands, performing experience, sporting achievements, exhibitions etc.) Continue overleaf if necessary.

For music scholarships and exhibitions, please indicate the following

First study instrument..... Grade*.....

(Second study instrument..... Grade*.....)

*Approximate Associated Board examination level

**Please return this form, together with your registration form and a cheque for £100 to
The Registrar, Wellington School, Wellington TA21 8NT.**

admissions@wellington-school.org.uk 01823 668803

