

Senior Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Scholarships

We offer Scholarships in the following disciplines, listed alphabetically below:

- Academic
- Art
- Design & Technology / STEM
- Music
- Sports
- All-round
- Dance
- Drama
- Performing Arts

In addition to the regular Scholarships, we may also offer four major Scholarships, at the Headmaster's discretion; **'The Headmaster's Scholarship'** to an outstanding **Y9 academic** candidate and **'The Ballardian Scholarship'** to an outstanding **Y7 academic** candidate.

We also may offer the **'The Fernhillian Scholarship'** and **'The Edinburian Scholarship'** to an outstanding candidate in any discipline (these titles reflect the history of our School).

On occasion Ballard may also award an Honorary Scholarship to children we believe deserve to take part in the Scholarship programme but that narrowly missed out on the main Scholarship awards. The nature and amount of the Scholarship awarded are at the discretion of the Headmaster.

Applications

Each candidate will be required to satisfy the general standards of admission to Ballard School; which consist of a successful Taster Day, satisfactory School Report and reference, together with a parent meeting with the Headmaster.

As part of their application, candidates are encouraged to submit a portfolio highlighting their achievements both inside and outside of school. (Please note: portfolios for Art and Design & Technology / STEM are compulsory.)

All candidates must also submit a hand-written letter to the Headmaster, Mr Andrew McCleave, explaining in their own words why they wish to apply for a Scholarship and how they could best contribute to life at Ballard. This letter will then be referred to in the candidate's informal interview with the Headmaster on Scholarship Assessment day. Letters should be no more than a side of A4 paper (or equivalent).

Assessments

All candidates will be required to take an online GL assessment test on the day in order to help the School gain a better understanding of their current level and potential.

They will also have an informal interview with the Headmaster as well as taking part in subject-specific assessments or practical sessions.

Short-listed candidates may be required to return with their parents for an interview shortly after the examinations have been taken. This would only happen if the School felt more information / assessment was needed in order to make a final decision.

Candidates

- 7+ Candidates (entry into Y3) must be under eight years of age on 31st August in the year of the Scholarship examination.
- 11+ Candidates (entry into Y7) must be under twelve years of age on 31st August in the year of the Scholarship examination.
- 13+ Candidates (entry into Y9) must be under fourteen years of age on 31st August in the year of the Scholarship examination.

The successful candidate will be required to participate in their specialism to the highest level appropriate for their age at School. For example, a Sports scholar will be expected to participate in School matches and Music, Drama and Dance Scholars will be expected to participate in appropriate School productions. Failure to do so may lead to the removal of the Scholarship.

They will also enter fully into the extra-curricular life of the School, setting high standards for themselves and others. Acting as a mentor to younger pupils.

In order to be considered for a Senior Scholarship it is expected that successful scholars will continue their education at Ballard School all the way through to Year 11 and GCSE.

Reviews

A review takes place at the end of each academic year to ensure the scholar is reaching his or her potential and feedback is then forwarded to parents.

Scholarships are reviewed regularly during the course of each academic year. Scholars are evaluated in relation to established criteria to ensure they are reaching their potential. A Scholarship may be removed if the scholar does not continue to make satisfactory progress in their chosen Scholarship or if the scholar fails to participate in the expected activities associated with the Scholarship concerned; e.g. music/sport/performing arts.

In exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Headmaster together with the Director of Learning & Teaching and the Bursar, a Scholarship may be awarded outside of the normal assessment period but would normally still require a similar process to be followed.

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