



BALLARD

BESPOKE EDUCATION

Senior Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Scholarships

Our Scholarships cater for specialisms in the following disciplines, listed alphabetically below, and candidates can opt to be assessed in up to three specialisms:

Academic	Drama
Art	Music
Dance	Musical Theatre
Design & Technology	Sports

The nature and amount of the Scholarship awarded are at the discretion of the Headmaster.

On occasion, Ballard may award an Honorary Scholarship to children we believe deserve to take part in the Scholarship programme, but that missed the main Scholarship awards or have demonstrated exceptional performance.

Applications

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

Assessments

All candidates are required to write a letter of application to the Headmaster, outlining their reasons for wanting to be considered for a Ballard Scholarship.

Candidates are asked to submit an electronic portfolio highlighting their achievements, both inside and outside of school. Details of how to submit this will be provided after application. All Art Scholars are required to bring in their portfolio on the day of the Scholarship.

Candidates will be asked to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day in January where they will complete the following:

Candidates will take practical assessments in their chosen specialisms. Information about these can be found on the School website and detailed requirements will be sent out after receipt of application.

Academic Scholars will be required to take an online GL assessment; there is no revision required for this. The assessment will help the School gain a better understanding of how they learn, their current level and potential level.

If applicant numbers are extremely high, a shortlisting process may take place at this point.

We will be sending out more details on what is required for the day after the application deadline of 5.00pm on 8th December 2023.

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Candidates

- 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(s) 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. Scholars are expected to model exemplary behaviour and attitude to learning in all areas of School life.

Scholars will also enter fully into the Co-curricular life of the School, through appropriate clubs and activities, setting high standards for themselves and others, and 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.

It is anticipated that pupils will opt to take GCSE subjects in the chosen specialisms and this will usually be the case for Scholars with a single specialism, such as DT. Where there are exceptional circumstances preventing this, or pupils have multiple specialisms, the GCSE programme will be agreed in conjunction with the Headmaster, Deputy Head Academic, and Director of Co-curricular.

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.

In exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Headmaster together with the Director of Co-Curricular 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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