

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Scholarships

Our Scholarships cater for specialisms in the following disciplines, listed alphabetically below. Candidates can apply for a maximum of one Scholarship, either in a single discipline, or for a Ballardian All-round Scholarship, where candidates can opt to demonstrate strength across two disciplines.

Academic	Music
Art	Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre)
Design and Technology	Sport

Successful candidates **may** receive a discretionary discount on their School fees, alongside entry into the relevant Scholarship Programme. The nature and amount of the Scholarship awarded are at the discretion of the Headmaster.

Applications

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

All Scholar candidates will be required to submit an [electronic application](#) (completed by a parent/guardian).

Assessments

All candidates are required to write a letter of application to the Headmaster, outlining why they would like to be considered for a Scholarship at Ballard. This should include some information about themselves, their chosen Scholarship discipline(s) and their hobbies.

Candidates are also asked to submit an electronic portfolio highlighting their achievements, both inside and outside of school. All Art and DT Scholar candidates are required to bring in their portfolio on the Scholarship Assessment Day. Academic Scholar candidates are required to submit three pieces of assessed work.

Following a shortlisting process, candidates will be asked to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day in February where they will take practical assessments in their chosen specialisms. More detailed requirements will be sent out if a candidate reaches the shortlist.

Candidates

Scholarships applications are open to pupils entering between Year 7 to Year 10.

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 and Performing Arts 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 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 their chosen specialism(s). Where there are exceptional circumstances preventing this, or pupils have two specialisms, the GCSE programme will be agreed in conjunction with the Headmaster, Academic Team and Deputy Head Co-curricular and Operations

Reviews

A review takes place at the end of each academic year to ensure the Scholar is reaching their 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, if the Scholar fails to participate in the expected activities associated with the Scholarship, or behaviour is not in line with the Ballard Values.

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