

# Long Close School



## Year 7 Entrance Scholarship Programme

## **Long Close School Scholarship Programme**

We award a range of Scholarships in recognition of excellence and outstanding performance in a particular area. These awards are made annually and are available to children in selected year groups, current and prospective.

Although Scholarships are financial awards they are first and foremost a public celebration of a pupil's achievements. Long Close School scholars play an important part in school life and are expected to take a lead in the academic and extra-curricular activities of the whole school.

Long Close School celebrates children with a broad range of talents and skills and therefore we recognise and reward outstanding talent across the curriculum. We award scholarships in Academia, Creative Art, Music, the Performing Arts and Sport. We also offer an 'All-Rounder' award for those children who are able to contribute significantly to the Long Close community in a number of different fields.

Please note that although candidates may apply for more than one Scholarship, a candidate will only be awarded one Scholarship and the School will decide which is the most appropriate.

All scholarships are dependent on the very highest standard of behaviour and attitudes to learning and the pupil's entitlement to the award will be reviewed on an annual basis.

### **Academic Scholarships**

We offer Academic Scholarships in celebration of outstanding academic ability. In keeping with the school's ethos, our Scholarships are intended to encourage and reward attitudes to learning that will set standards for others. Accordingly, we believe that Academic Scholarships should recognise and reward the highest academic standard particularly in the core subjects of English, Mathematics & Science. We will request a child's previous reports and attainment grades, and shortlisted applicants will be required to sit an academic examination as well as attend an interview with the Headteacher.

### **Sport**

Sport is an exceptionally important part of school life. We offer Sports Scholarships to students who will become leading sporting figures in the School and to those who are County, National and International competitors. We are looking to reward motivated leaders and team players who display not only natural talent but also sportsmanship. Our Sports Scholars are expected to set the very best example to others through their high levels of motivation and commitment and support the school by assisting and representing the school in a range of sports and activities.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate significant potential for sporting achievements at County standard or above. Each boy or girl must submit a portfolio for assessment. This portfolio should provide clear evidence of their sporting achievements and external candidates must also include a reference from someone who has coached them. All candidates for Sports Scholarships will also be interviewed by the Headteacher. Wherever possible, arrangements will be made for the school's Sports' department to observe the candidate in action.

Whilst we are interested to receive applications from all talented young sportsmen and women, we look favourably on applicants with potential in our focus sports of rugby, football, and cricket.

## **Music**

Music Scholars play a vital part in life at Long Close School. Students wishing to be considered for a Scholarship should be gifted musicians and be prepared to show commitment to the life of the Music Department. They are expected to be active members of instrumental and vocal ensembles and show leadership to others in the School. Music Scholars can be very busy having to make time for practice and rehearsals, as well as doing their academic work and other activities.

A number of awards may be on offer each year depending on the standard of the candidate and according to the instrument(s) offered. In all cases the musical aptitude, potential and enthusiasm of the candidate will be taken into consideration. There is no official minimum standard; each case will be looked at individually, but the child should be having instrumental tuition on their instrument(s) of choice throughout the time that they hold their scholarship. Each candidate must submit a portfolio for assessment, which should provide clear evidence of their musical achievements. External candidates should also submit references from their current music teacher(s). Shortlisted candidates for Music Scholarships will also be interviewed by the Headteacher and will be asked to undertake a practical assessment. For the practical assessment they will be required to perform two pieces and do some sight reading and aural tests at an appropriate level to their current grade. They will also have a short interview with the Director of Music.

Music Scholarships will be reviewed annually and there is an expectation of participation and leadership within the department; representing the school at both internal and external events.

## **Creative Art**

Creative Art Scholarships are available to students who not only demonstrate a natural artistic ability but also a genuine interest in the subject. In keeping with the ethos of the school, Creative Art Scholars are expected to inspire others through their high levels of motivation and enthusiasm for their subject. We expect our Creative Art Scholars to make the subject a major part of their school life and they will be expected to continue Art as an examination subject up to GCSE.

Each candidate must submit a portfolio for assessment. This portfolio should provide clear evidence of their artistic skill and enthusiasm for the subject. Candidates will be asked to discuss their work and go through their portfolio with the Head of Art. One of the most important criteria for the successful candidates will be evidence of genuine commitment and enthusiasm for the subject which will be reflected not only in the evidence provided by their practical work, but by their knowledge and understanding of the subject in general. External candidates should also submit a reference in support of their application. Shortlisted candidates for Art Scholarships will also be interviewed by the Headteacher.

## **All Rounder**

All Rounder Scholarships are given to candidates who will make an exceptional contribution to life at Long Close School. Candidates for All Rounder Awards must be academically able, demonstrate strong leadership potential and excel in two of the following areas: art, music or sport. Please see individual awards for the information required on application.