



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL



Year 7 Scholarship Programme 2020

We ignite passion.
We empower children.
We enrich lives.

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Introduction

Scholars at Long Close School embody the values and ethos of the School. They are individual pupils who excel academically or in their chosen field of Art, Music or Sport. More importantly, they are pupils eager to grasp the many opportunities available, both in and out of the classroom, and who recognise that being a scholar carries responsibilities of leadership and role-modelling. Our expectations for scholars are high. We want them to develop as individuals, act as role models for their peers and be active ambassadors for the School.

The award of a scholarship offers a discount against tuition fees. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Head and depends on the level of achievement, all-round commitment and leadership in the pupil's field of excellence. Scholarships are awarded for pupils joining Year 7 in September 2021.

We offer an Academic Scholarship for those pupils who have scored highly in our standard school assessment. If an individual displays exceptional academic ability or strength in one of the subject specific areas, they will be invited to sit a further assessment focusing on one of the areas of excellence.

Non-Academic Scholarships are available also, and applicants can choose to apply for one of the following: Art, Music, or Sport.

The standard school assessment can be taken at any time up to **Friday, 22 January 2021**.

Non-Academic Scholarship applications will need to be submitted by **Friday, 22 January 2021**.



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 to their scholarship discipline.

All awards will be monitored for appropriate performance and effort. We hope that parents will support and encourage their child 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.

'The quality of the curriculum is outstanding ... Teaching is of a consistently high quality ... The high expectations that staff have of pupils, along with the high expectations that pupils have of themselves, create a thirst for learning ... Pupils of all abilities make very good progress...'

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The Process

All external applicants must have attended a standard school assessment in order to submit a scholarship application. The closing date for applications (and for having attended a standard assessment) is Friday, 22 January 2021. A registration form and a fee of £100 are also required.

Applicants for Non-Academic Scholarships must also submit a separate subject-specific application form. These are available to download from our website or from the Admissions Manager on 01753 520095 (email admissions@longcloseschool.co.uk). Applicants should also provide a copy of their latest school report, a reference as stipulated on the application form and copies of any supporting evidence that is relevant to the application. We will review all applications and invite shortlisted applicants to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day.

Academic Scholarships are by invitation only. External applicants wishing to be considered for an Academic Scholarship must have attended a standard school assessment by **Friday, 22 January 2021**. Based on performance, successful applicants will then be invited to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day.

When all Scholarship Assessment Days are complete, the Head and relevant staff will meet to discuss all applications and assessment outcomes. Awards are made based upon performance in the Scholarship Assessment Day and supporting documentation submitted. We will notify all applicants of the outcome by **Friday, 12 February 2021**.

Internal Applicants

Non-Academic Scholarships:

Long Close pupils are not required to complete a registration form but should submit the appropriate Non-Academic Scholarship application form and supporting evidence.

Academic Scholarships:

Selected pupils will be identified for their academic ability and will be invited to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day. Those not invited are welcome to sit a standard school assessment. If achieving sufficiently high scores in this assessment, they will then be invited to attend the Scholarship Assessment Day.



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Scholarship Examination and Assessment Dates

Standard school assessments must have taken place by **Friday, 22 January 2021** and can be arranged via the Admissions Manager.

Closing date for applications:	Friday, 22 January 2021 at 12 noon
Academic Scholarship Assessment Days:	Friday, 29 January 2021
Non-Academic Scholarship Assessment Days:	Friday, 5 February 2021
Successful applicants notified:	Friday, 12 February 2021

For any further information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Manager on 01753 520095 (email admissions@longcloseschool.co.uk).

Acceptance of an Award

The parents of successful applicants are sent a copy of the Terms and Conditions and required to sign the Acceptance Form plus pay a deposit by the deadline for acceptance of place by **Wednesday, 31 March 2021**. In the event of this deposit not being received, the offer of an Award will be withdrawn. The amount of the deposit is refunded to parents when a pupil leaves the school.





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Academic Scholarships (Invitation Only)

We are proud of our tradition of academic excellence and strive to give all our pupils a strong basis of academic rigour. Academic scholars are chosen on their ability and because we believe their work ethic, intellectual curiosity and level of attainment are all excellent. An enquiring mind and a desire to learn are essential.

In our Senior School we offer Academic Scholarships every year to new starters in Year 7. Each potential Academic Scholar must have attended a standard school assessment in order to be invited to sit for an Academic Scholarship. Standard assessments are very much orientation days, helping applicants to get to know our Senior School, discover what subjects are on offer and experience a working day. During the day they will undertake assessments. Pupils who score highly in these assessments are then invited to a Scholarship Assessment Day in their field of excellence. Selected applicants will also be required to undertake a brief interview and should be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in their field of excellence.

Successful recipients of the Academic Scholarship are expected to display exceptional academic ability. These scholarships will be offered at the sole discretion of the Head.

To arrange a standard assessment day, please contact the Admissions Manager by emailing admissions@longcloseschool.co.uk.

Current Year 6 pupils at Long Close will be identified for their academic ability and invited to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day. Those not invited are welcome to sit a standard school assessment. If achieving sufficiently high scores in this assessment, they will then be invited to attend the Scholarship Assessment Day.





Creativity flourishes within our Art Department. Inspirational teaching fires the enthusiasm of our pupils and there are wide opportunities to experiment, develop and explore a host of disciplines such as drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles and ceramics.

Individuals wishing to be considered for an Art Scholarship should be able to show not only a good standard of artistic ability but also a genuine interest in the subject which is reflected in their out-of-school activities. Scholarships will be awarded to pupils with clear ability, enquiring minds, an enthusiasm for the subject and awareness of other artists' work.

Assessment for an Art Scholarship

Applicants will be required to submit a portfolio of work from home and school which demonstrates their artistic abilities. The portfolio 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. **The portfolio may include:**

1. Drawings from observation and/or imagination.
2. Photographs of three-dimensional projects they may have worked on.
3. Studies which show evidence of the use of a variety of art materials.
4. Projects that show how the candidates have explored and developed their ideas on a theme from initial observations to a final personal realisation.
5. Evidence that visiting museums and galleries has influenced their work/ideas.

The portfolio should be submitted by Friday, 22 January 2021.

In addition, applicants must provide a brief written statement about their Artwork, artistic interests and activities and a reference from their current Art teacher supporting their application. Successful applicants will then be invited to interview to discuss their portfolio with the Head of Art, alongside completing a short drawing assignment on the Scholarship Assessment Day. The Scholarship Assessment Day will also involve an interview with the Head.

What is expected of an Art Scholar at Long Close?

- Scholars should show significant commitment to their Art work and contribute creatively to the School's artistic life.
- They are expected to take part in Art-related extra-curricular sessions.
- They should submit work for the ISA Art competition on an annual basis.
- They will be expected to produce artwork for exhibitions within school and the wider community.
- Art Scholars should be willing to demonstrate their skills/guide other pupils as required.
- Art Scholars will be anticipated to take GCSE Art as an option in Year 10.

All external applicants will be required to sit our standard assessment to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.





The standard of music in our Senior School is consistently impressive and we believe in fostering the love of music and performing in all pupils. Chances to perform are frequent with a host of concerts and musical events scheduled each year. Opportunities range from the School Choir to percussive and instrumental ensembles.

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.

Assessment for a Music Scholarship

Applicants are selected by means of a musical audition and interview. The audition and interview for a Music Scholarship are intended to discover musical ability, potential and willingness to commit to the musical life of the school. Applicants should be able to perform accurately to a high standard on their main instrument or voice and demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm.

Qualifications in ABRSM/Trinity Guildhall/Rock School (or equivalent) and Theory of Music examinations are not a necessity but would be preferred. As a guide, a Grade 3 standard or better would be indicative of the pupil's ability and potential. Prospective candidates should already be involved in music-making, representing their school through an orchestra, band or choir or participating in other musical ensembles as part of a local or community setting.

Applicants will be required to submit a completed application form and provide a reference from their current Music teacher supporting their application. Successful applicants will be invited to attend an audition at which they will be asked to:

- Perform two prepared pieces contrasted in character. If the applicant can play more than one instrument/voice and wishes to do so we would encourage them to perform each piece using a different instrument/voice.
- Respond to aural tests led by the Head of Music; including clap back a short rhythm, sing back a tune and identify expressive characteristics such as changes in dynamics, tempo and articulation.

The day will also involve a short interview with the Head and a short discussion with the Head of Music about their musical aspirations.

What is expected of a Music Scholar at Long Close?

- Participate fully in the musical life of the School.
- Take a leading role in choirs, orchestras and ensembles according to their interest and expertise.
- Attend and perform at concerts held by the School.
- Music Scholars will be anticipated to take GCSE Music as an option in Year 10.

All external applicants will be required to sit our standard assessment to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.





Sport has a high profile within the School and we are proud of our pupils' achievements.

Each year we award Sports Scholarships to those individuals who demonstrate aspirations to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport. In general, potential to reach, or already be playing at club level is expected, and regional representation would be within the capabilities of the successful scholar. Successful applicants will be expected to contribute to our main school sports.

For boys these include football, athletics and cricket.

For girls these include netball, athletics and rounders.

Applicants are expected to show exceptional promise in at least one sport and have an established record of achievement at their current school and at club/regional level.

Assessment for a Sports Scholarship

Applicants will be required to submit a completed application form, provide a record of their sporting achievements at a high level and provide a reference from their current PE teacher or coach supporting their application. Any additional information and references from external clubs should also be submitted. Successful applicants will be invited to a Scholarship Assessment Day which will involve a full programme of activities. They will be assessed in a series of physical activities including agility, stamina, fitness, teamwork, attitude to training and specific sport ability. In addition, applicants will have a brief interview to discuss their sporting interests with the Director of Sport. The Scholarship Assessment Day will also involve an interview with the Head.

What is expected of a Sports Scholar at Long Close?

- Scholars are expected to be fully committed to the School's sports teams throughout the academic year.
- They will also be required to respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy.
- Participate in House Sport events.
- Make a strong commitment to the School by participating in, supporting, assisting and representing the School in a range of sports and extra-curricular clubs and activities.
- Act as a good role model for other pupils to follow, showing that they could act as a link between the staff and pupils.
- Have aspirations to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and be keen to improve their leadership skills.

All external applicants will be required to sit our standard assessment to ensure that they meet the academic criteria for entry to the School.



Conditions of the Scholarship Award

A Scholarship Award is granted at the sole discretion of the Head. All Scholarship candidates are judged on their apparent merits and the school reserves the right not to make an award if there is no candidate judged to be of a sufficient standard. Although general feedback may be given on a candidate's performance, we do not release individual marks or papers.

Obligations of the pupil

- The award of any Scholarship carries with it privilege and responsibility; every Scholarship holder is expected to set an example for the other pupils in their conduct and approach to academic study and to participate in the fuller life of the School through commitment to extra-curricular activities. All Scholarships are liable to be rescinded in the case of the pupil not meeting their potential or obligations explicitly stated in the granting of the Scholarship.
- Throughout their time at the School, a pupil who is the subject of a Scholarship Award is expected to continue to meet the highest standard within the Scholarship field awarded.
- They are required to contribute positively to the life of the School and must maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- They should be a role model to younger pupils and an ambassador for the School.
- They should be a credit to the School, be prepared to represent the School and carry out additional tasks and responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Head.
- They should commit to School events, especially related to the Scholarship area.



Expectations of parents

- Parents are expected to support and encourage their child to achieve the purpose of the Award and to uphold the aims, ethos and the good name of the School.
- Parents are required to comply with the School's Terms and Conditions.
- The value and Terms and Conditions of the Award shall remain confidential between the parents and the School.

Withdrawal of the Award

The Award may be withdrawn by written notice sent to a parent if in the opinion of the School and the Head acting in good faith:

- The pupil or parent has not complied with the obligations.
- The pupil has fallen below the required standards of conduct and progress.
- In the opinion of the Head there has been no significant improvement following consultation with a parent and/or the pupil and a written warning.

Annual Review

- The Award shall be subject to annual review for compliance purposes



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'The qualities of mutual respect and tolerance are embedded in the school ... This open culture creates excellent relationships between adults and pupils and fosters a positive environment for learning ... Behaviour is excellent and reflects the school's high expectations.'

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