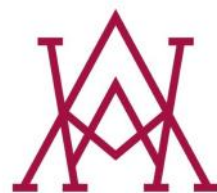




## Scholarship Opportunities

Entry September 2019



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**The aim of the Scholarship Programme is to encourage the promotion of excellence at Akeley Wood School.**

Scholarships are awarded for excellence in one or more fields of the life of the School, or for potential to achieve outstanding results.

Scholarships may be awarded for high achieving pupils who show excellence or outstanding potential in one or more of the following areas:

- Academic
- Sports
- The Arts (Creative or Performing)
- Music

The Scholarship Programme is intended for pupils entering the Senior School in Years 7, 9 and 12 in September 2019. External applications and applications from students currently at Akeley Wood School in Years 6, 8 and 11 are invited.

The awarding and continued holding of a Scholarship or an exhibition, requires good conduct and achievement in the School.

All applicants applying for a Scholarship **must be registered** with Akeley Wood School prior to the submission of an application (unless already attending the school, in which case only a Scholarship Application Form is required).

Applications from pupils in both the maintained and independent school sectors are welcomed.

Exhibitions are awarded to individuals who show merit and potential in a particular subject. An exhibition may be money off fees, or a contribution to additional tuition such as Music Lessons or LAMDA classes. The amount is less than a scholarship.

We are offering a number of Scholarships for pupils entering Years 7, 9 and 12 in September 2019.

The following expectations form part of the conditions of the award. As well as the expectations stated below there are also expectations specific to the type of scholarship awarded. These are included within each specific scholarship section.

**All Scholars are expected to:**

- Continue to meet the highest standard within the Scholarship field for his/her particular age.
- Keep the Headteacher informed of their achievements and progress outside of School.
- Maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- Be a role model to younger pupils and an ambassador for the School.
- Represent Akeley Wood School and provide a service to the School as deemed appropriate by the Headteacher.
- Commit to School events including Open Mornings.
- Scholars have an annual review to discuss and assess their contribution to the School.

## Dates

The deadline for Scholarship applications is:

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

Scholarship days are as follows:

**Academic Scholarships:**

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Subject/Specialist Scholarships:**

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## The Scholarship Process

The Scholarship Process is rigorous and involves several stages.

### 1. **Written Application**

Potential scholars are invited to submit an application to the School using the application form from the School's website. Please complete the form fully, giving the details of referees and ensure a cover letter is included with the application. Up to two scholarships can be applied for.

### 2. **References**

Following application, Akeley Wood School will take up references using the information provided on the application form. Shortlisting may occur following application and references.

### 3. **Scholarship Day**

Successful applicants are invited to the Scholarship Day for assessment. All candidates will sit an aptitude test and be interviewed.

### 4. **Award of Scholarship**

All parents/guardians are notified in writing as to whether their child has been successful in their application. Due to the popularity of Scholarships, acceptance is time limited to 30 days so unallocated Scholarships can be offered to other worthy pupils.



The Application Form requires that contacts for references need to be included. The School does not accept open references. However, applicants should supply the name of a referee from their child's current school and at least one referee who is able to comment with regard to the focus of the application.

Additional information may be required in support of the application e.g. copies of certificates, letters from sports coaches etc. Please check the application form.

**Those awarded Scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the life of the school in their particular area of excellence.**



# Academic

## Scholarship

Candidates for Year 7 and 9 entry are likely to be in the top sets for all subjects and regularly in the top 5% of the highest performing pupils in their class.

For entry into Year 12, awards are granted following GCSE results and based on students' GCSE point score average (GPA).

### Application

A covering letter should accompany all Academic Scholarship applications and must provide the following information:

- For reference purposes, the name of the applicant's current Headteacher and Department Heads or current English and Mathematics teacher. References will be contacted prior to the assessment day.
- Personal statement, outlining the candidate's commitment to the academic life of their current school and their personal achievements/interests.
- Portfolio including photocopies of certificates, awards and achievements relevant to the applicant's academic life.

### Assessment Criteria

There is a one day assessment in January where candidates are required to:

- Attend an interview with the Headteacher/SLT and Department Heads.
- Year 7 and 9 entrants will sit an aptitude test and references will be obtained from current class teacher and current Headteacher.

- Year 12 entrants will be assessed using their Grade Point Average (GPA) and references from relevant Heads of Departments and current Headteacher.

### What is expected of an Academic Scholar

As well as meeting the expectations stated on page 3, Academic Scholars are expected to:

- Achieve outstanding results.
- Significantly contribute to the academic life of the School.
- Participate in extra-curricular academic societies, including peer-group teaching programmes, debate teams, public speaking competitions, any relevant School, National and International Competitions (as deemed necessary by the Headteacher).
- Attend educational visits when invited.

***Academic Scholarships are awarded of up to a maximum of 50% fees.***







# Sport

## Scholarship

In respect of applications for a Sports Scholarship, if the sport is a mainstream sport played at Akeley Wood, candidates should be playing at approximately county level (if available).

If the chosen sport is not currently a mainstream sport at the school, applicants must be performing at approximately national level to be considered.

In the event that there is no county or regional squad for the appropriate age group, applicants should submit evidence of exceptional performance in their chosen sport.

The application form for all Sports Scholarship applications should provide the following information:

- Which local team(s) the candidate plays for.
- Which county or national squads the candidate plays with on a regular basis.
- How long the candidate has been playing at county or national level.
- Copies of certificates and references from sports coaches.

This form should be submitted together with a portfolio of evidence of their sporting achievements. All candidates for Sports Scholarships will take part in assessments and be interviewed by the Headteacher during the Scholarship Day. Wherever possible, arrangements will be made 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 School's focus sports of rugby, football, cricket, netball and athletics.**

Those awarded Sports Scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the sporting life of the school, for example by attending practices and being available for team selection.

***Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 25% fees.***



# Music

## Scholarship

Akeley offers an inspirational venue for musicians. Our facilities and staff expertise are exceptionally good and we enable students to develop their talents, experiment with new genres and perform regularly. There are numerous opportunities for engagement and performance, from our talent events, to our annual music festival, 'Woodfest'.

For the award of a Music scholarship, applicants are expected at the very minimum to be performing at the following levels to be considered:

- 11+ applicants - Grade 4 and above.
- 13+ applicants - Grade 5 and above.
- 16+ applicants - Grade 6 and above.



A covering letter should accompany all Music scholarship applications and must provide the following information:

- Which ensemble(s) the candidate plays for.
- Who the candidate plays with on a regular basis.
- Where the candidate plays, if a soloist player.

Candidates must clearly state whether they will be requiring an accompanist should they be shortlisted to attend an audition. Copies of grade certificates should also be sent. Candidates invited to attend the Scholarship Day will need to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice and to sight read at a grade lower than the expected level.

The name of the applicant's current music teacher/ensemble leader should also be supplied for reference purposes. Those awarded Music scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the school, for example by attending practices and performing in school ensembles/events on a regular basis.

**Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 25% fees.**

A music exhibition of free music lessons at Akeley Wood School may also be offered.



# Creative and Performing Arts

Scholarship



Creative or Performing Arts Scholarships are considered for those who show exceptional talent in their field. Akeley has an enviable reputation for Creative and Performing Arts.



Each year the Senior School stages major school productions. The curriculum enables students with a passion for the Arts to select multiple Arts based subjects as options at GCSE, if they wish, and the A level programme also supports these specialisms.

A wide range of talents are considered e.g. Fine Art, Textiles, Design Technology, Photography, Drama, Musical Theatre and Dance.

The covering letter for all Creative and Performing Arts scholarship applications should provide the following information:

- Information about the area of specialism.
- Evidence of performance. The nature of such evidence should be appropriate to the specialism.

For Fine Art it might include photographs of work, for Drama it might be a CV of productions with copies of programmes etc.

Creative Arts candidates who are invited to attend the Scholarship day should bring a portfolio of their work.

Performing Arts candidates should prepare two short, contrasting audition pieces, one contemporary and one classic and will be asked to perform an unseen piece or participate in a workshop.

Those awarded Creative and Performing Arts scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the life of the School.

**Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 25% fees.**

A performing arts exhibition of free LAMDA lessons at Akeley Wood School may also be offered.







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