



Scholarship Opportunities

Entry September 2020



AKELEY WOOD
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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 students 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 students entering the Senior School in Years 7, 9 and 12 in September 2020.

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 and have attended a taster day (unless already attending the school, in which case only a Scholarship Application Form is required). The deadline for Scholarship application is Tuesday December 17th.

Applications from students 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 students entering Years 7, 9 and 12 in September 2020.

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 Principal informed of their achievements and progress outside of School.
- Maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- Be a role model to younger students and an ambassador for the School.
- Represent Akeley Wood School and provide a service to the School as deemed appropriate by the Principal.
- Commit to School events including Open Mornings.
- Scholars have an annual review to discuss and assess their contribution to the School.

Academic Scholarship

Year 7 and Year 9 Entry

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 students in their class.

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 - Year 7 & 9

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

- Sit a CAT 4 aptitude test
- Attend an interview with the Heads of School and/or Department Heads.

Academic Scholarships into Year 7 and Year 9 are awarded of up to a maximum of 25% fees.

Year 12 Entry to Sixth Form

For entry into Year 12, awards are formally granted following GCSE results and based on students' GCSE point score average (GPA). Conditional offers will be made during Year 11, based on predicted grades and subject to meeting or exceeding these.

The GPA will be calculated by dividing the sum of all the points accumulated by full GCSE grades by the number of full GCSE grades awarded. The GPA will then determine the value of the scholarship up to a maximum of 50% as follows:

GPA	% scholarship awarded
9.0	50
8.9	47
8.8	44
8.7	41
8.6	38
8.5	35
8.4	32
8.3	29
8.2	26
8.1	23
8.0	20
7.9	18
7.8	16
7.7	14
7.6	12
7.5	10
7.4	8
7.3	6
7.2	4
7.1	2
7.0	0

(N.B. the level of discount will vary from year to year – the figures quoted above were for Y12 entry 2019).





Sport

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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 meet with the Heads of School during the Scholarship Day.

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

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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.

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.

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.

All candidates for Music Scholarships will take part in assessments and meet with the Heads of School during the Scholarship Day.

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

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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.

All candidates will take part in assessments and meet with the Heads of School during the Scholarship Day.

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.

Dates

The deadline for Scholarship applications is:

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Scholarship days are as follows:

Academic Scholarships:

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Subject/Specialist Scholarships:

Thursday, 16th January 2020

The Scholarship Process

Entry to Year 7 and Year 9

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

Entry to Year 12

- Sport
- The Arts
- Music

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 available from the Admissions Department.

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. There is an administration fee of £25 for each scholarship applied for.

2. **References**

Following application, Akeley Wood School will take up references using the information provided on the application form.

3. **Scholarship Day**

Successful applicants are invited to the relevant Scholarship Day(s) for assessment. All candidates for the Academic Scholarship (Yr 7 & 9) will sit an



aptitude test and subject specific auditions / activities will take place. All candidates will meet with the Heads of School.

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 students.

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.

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





Scholarship Day

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th January 2020

Candidates for Year 7 and 9 entry are invited to spend a day in school with us, two days if both academic and subject awards are applied for.

During the day(s), students will experience life at Akeley in addition to sitting assessments / auditions. The programme is designed to put candidates at ease and enable them to perform at their best.

Each day commences at 9.30am and ends at 3.30pm. Parents are invited to join us for afternoon tea at 3.00pm, prior to collecting their children.

The Scholarship Day for Year 7 entry takes place at our Tile House Mansion site and at Akeley Wood House for Year 9 and 12 entry.

Further details about the day will be sent following the application deadline.

Applicants for Year 12 entry will be contacted individually to arrange subject specific assessments.

Next steps:

- Request an application form from the Admissions Team via email admissions@akeleywoodschoo.co.uk or telephone 01280 828122.
- Complete and return the form together with references and covering letter by Tuesday December 17th 2019.

Your application will be acknowledged and further details about the days will be sent.



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