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Scholarships at Akeley Wood

For September 2021 Entry



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Our new scholarships are largely honorific with the student as the focus of the offer.

Students' personal development is central to our scholarship offer. Our programme supports our scholars to "be adventurous, collaborative and future-ready". This programme is for students (both internal and external) with talents in Academia, Creative and Performing Arts, Music, and Sport to enable the individual to develop their passion.

Students apply for scholarships when they are in Year 6, Year 8 or Year 11 and the awards are from Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 onwards.

Scholarships are awarded at gold and silver level between £500 and £2500 per year (depending on year group and award) and will last for the duration of the students' time at the school.

The scholarships are for students to purchase materials or activities that will enhance their subject knowledge and passion for their subject(s). This could include textbooks, equipment, trips and visits, or online courses. Students will be asked to discuss their planned expenditure with the Head of Department or Head of School.

The value of the scholarship award can be rolled together for a maximum of two years for any un-spent allocation. The award of a scholarship is reviewed annually based on student performance.



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Academic Scholarships

Students awarded Academic Scholarships are expected to be fully involved in the academic life of the school which will include taking a lead role in the Exceptional Potential programme to deepen their interest and broaden their skills.

Creative or Performing Arts Scholarships

A wide range of talents are considered for a Creative or Performing Art Scholarship: Fine Art, Textiles, Design Technology, Photography, Drama, Musical Theatre and Dance. Students awarded Creative or Performing Arts Scholarships are expected to be fully involved in the creative and performing arts life of the school which will include talking about the creative and performing arts provision in school at open days and assisting with feeder school events. Depending on their specialism, this could also include taking part in school performances, acting as crew or working as part of the front of house team, entering artistic competitions, exhibiting work or running clubs for Junior pupils. Creative and Performing Arts scholars are expected to take their scholarship subject at GCSE or A Level.

Music Scholarships

Music scholars are expected to be fully involved in the musical life of the school which will include talking about the music provision in school at open days and assisting with feeder school events. They are expected to participate in relevant musical groups, to perform regularly at events including WoodFest, Akeley's Got Talent, open days and performing arts evenings. They should also behave as ambassadors for the music department, encouraging and supporting their peers to become involved in music. Music scholars are expected to take music at GCSE or A Level.

Sport Scholarships

Sport scholars are expected to be fully involved in the sporting life of the school which will include talking about the sports provision in school at open days and assisting with feeder school events. They are expected to be consistent and reliable in representing school teams in fixtures and be dedicated in training and match environments, acting as a role model for other students, encouraging and supporting their peers to become involved in sport. Sports scholars are expected to take PE at GCSE or BTEC.

Applying for a scholarship

To apply for a scholarship, please complete a scholarship application form and return it to the Admissions Office by Friday 11th December. External applicants should also be registered to join Akeley Wood next September.

Academic Scholarships

11+ and 13+ Academic scholarships are offered on the basis of a CAT 4 aptitude test and interview with the Heads of School and / or Heads of Department.

Applications should include:

- A covering letter with 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.
- A personal statement, outlining the candidate's commitment to the academic life of their current school and their personal achievements/interests.
- A portfolio including photocopies of certificates, awards and achievements relevant to the applicant's academic life.

16+ Academic scholarships are conditionally offered on the basis of GCSE mock exam grades and predicted grades. They are subsequently confirmed on receipt of GCSE results in August. Awards are aligned to Grade Point Average GCSE score.

Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship

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

A covering letter should accompany all Creative and Performing Arts scholarship applications and must provide the following:

- 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.

Music Scholarships

Applicants are expected at the very minimum to be performing at the following levels to be considered:

11+: - Grade 4 and above.

13+: - Grade 5 and above.

16+ - Grade 6 and above.

All candidates will perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice and to sight read at a grade lower than the expected level and meet with the Heads of School during the Scholarship Day.

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

- 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.

Candidates must clearly state whether they will be requiring an accompanist at their audition. Copies of grade certificates should also be sent.

Sports Scholarships

Sports scholars should be playing at approximately county level (if a mainstream sport at Akeley Wood) or approximately national level (if not a mainstream sport at Akeley Wood).

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.

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

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

- 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.
- The form should be submitted together with a portfolio of evidence of the candidate's sporting achievements.

Scholarship Day

Academic Awards: Wednesday 13th January 2021

Subject Awards: Thursday 14th January 2021

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

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.

* Subject to covid restrictions in January 2021



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