

Scholarships



AKELEY WOOD
SCHOOL

**It's
about
YOU.**

Our approach.

The pursuit of academic excellence and development of character are central to our concept of scholarship. Our approach aims to align scholarship beneficiaries with two core values of an Akeley education:

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Development of Character**

Our scholarships award programme aims to support students with talents in either **Academia**, the **Creative Arts** (Art), the **Performing Arts** (Music or Drama) or **Sport** to develop their strengths and represent themselves and their school in these fields.

Academic Scholarships

Our academic scholarships offer a fee remission of up to 10% and/or an award of up to £750 made directly to the successful candidate to purchase books and equipment and to invest in activities and experiences that will enhance their capability.

Creative Arts, Performing Arts and Sport Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded for exceptional talent in the Creative Arts, the Performing Arts and Sport. These Scholarships are awarded to the value of between £250 and £750 annually.

Scholarships last for the duration of the student's time at the school and are reviewed annually based on student performance. Awards can be used to fund textbooks, equipment, trips and visits, workshops, musical instruments, specialist equipment or specialist tuition (e.g. music lessons or LAMDA or Sports coaching) or relevant courses and workshops inside and outside of school.

Candidates can apply for scholarships in two categories but would ordinarily only be entitled to be awarded one scholarship.

Requests to utilise Scholarship funds are made via the relevant Head of Department or the Head of Exceptional Potential for Academic Scholarships. The value of the scholarship award can be rolled together for a maximum of two years for any un-spent allocation.

We reward talent differently.

Applying for a Scholarship.

Students (both internal and external) are able apply for scholarships when they are in Year 6, Year 8 or Year 11 and the awards are given from Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 onwards.

To apply for a scholarship, please complete a scholarship application form and return it to the Admissions Office by Friday 26th November at 5.00pm.

Please read the information about each scholarship area below carefully and include any information requested on the application form. For each Scholarship Award, candidates will be expected to prepare and present a portfolio.

Scholarships Day.

Candidates are invited to spend a day in school with us. 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 Scholarships day takes place on:

11+ (Year 7): Monday 13th December, Akeley Wood House

13+ (Year 9): Friday 10th December, Akeley Wood House

16+ (Year 12): Friday 10th December, AW6, Tile House Mansion

Further details about the day, including what to bring and wear, will be sent following receipt of applications and after the deadline of 26th November 2021.

Academic Scholarships.

Students awarded Academic Scholarships are expected to be fully involved in the academic life of the school across a range of subject areas. This will include participating in the Exceptional Potential programme.

Academic Scholarship Awards are made up to a maximum value of 25% fee remission.

11+ and 13+ Entry

11+ and 13+ Academic scholarships are offered on the basis of a CAT 4 aptitude test and their personal Portfolio presentation to the Head of Akeley Wood Senior School. On the Scholarship Day 11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarship candidates will be asked to:

- Sit a CAT 4 aptitude test.
- Attend a meeting with the Head of Akeley Wood Senior School to present and talk through their personal Academic Portfolio.

16+ Entry

16+ Academic scholarships are conditionally offered on the basis of GCSE mock exam grades and predicted grades rather than a CAT 4 aptitude test. They are subsequently confirmed on receipt of GCSE results in August. Awards are aligned to Grade Point Average GCSE score.

Portfolio for the Academic Scholarship

The Academic Portfolio should be completed by 11+, 13+ and 16+ Academic Scholarship candidates. It should be set out in five sections as indicated in the table below and be no longer than 8 A4 sides. The Portfolio should be set out in the way that makes it most comfortable for the candidate to talk the member of staff through each section and bring to life their area of interest. It can include original work, photographs of original work and pictures with annotations, as well as sections of text.

Two copies should be brought to the Scholarship Day for the meeting with the Head of Akeley Wood Senior School (and the Director of Sixth Form if a 16+ candidate) and one copy will be retained by the school.

Academic Portfolio requirements

Section 1

A 300 word personal summary of the candidate's history of academic engagement. It should also include what motivates them as a student and capture areas of specialism, excellence and interest.

Section 2

Evidence of activities and advanced learning that the candidate has participated in and of how they have extended themselves academically beyond the classroom.

Section 3

Evidence of academic achievements (certificates/trophies/awards) and highlights, including key moments of learning and personal development as a learner.

Section 4

A 300 word personal statement about what the candidate would want to offer to the school as a student and what they hope to achieve in their specialist area in the future. This should include predicted grades for 16+ candidates.

Section 5

Please leave this section numbered but blank. References will be requested by Akeley Wood School directly from the candidate's current school and will be added to the school's copy of the Portfolio as Section 5.

Creative Arts Scholarships.

A wide range of talents are considered for a Creative Arts Scholarship: Fine Art, Design Technology, Photography and Textiles. Students awarded Creative Arts Scholarships are expected to be fully involved in the creative life of the school which will include attending clubs and workshops, talking about the Creative Arts provision in school at open days, assisting with feeder school events and entering House and wider Creative Art competitions. Creative Arts Award holders are expected to take their subject at GCSE or A Level.

11+, 13+ and 16+ Entry

The application form should indicate any areas of particular interest e.g. Fine Art, Textiles, Design Technology or Photography, particularly for those applying at 13+ and 16+.

On the Scholarship Day Creative Arts Award candidates will be asked to:

- Take part in practical Creative Arts assessments.
- Attend a meeting with a subject specialist to present their personal Creative Arts Portfolio.

The Creative Arts Portfolio should be set out in five sections as indicated in the table below and be no longer than 10 sides. For the Creative Arts this can be on the size of paper that best showcases the candidate's work. The Portfolio should be set out in the way that makes it most comfortable for the candidate to talk the member of staff through each section and bring to life their area of interest. It can include original work, photographs of original work, pictures with annotations, as well as sections of text.

Two copies should be brought to the Scholarship Day for the meeting with the subject specialist and one copy will be retained by the school. The copy retained by the school does not need to be a full size copy of the original the candidate talks through if the original is larger than A3, but could, for example, be a photographed version of the original then printed out onto A4/A3.

Creative Arts Portfolio requirements

Section 1

A 300 word personal summary of the candidate's history of involvement in the Creative Arts. It should also include what motivates them to engage with the Creative Arts and capture any areas of specialism e.g. Fine Art / Design Technology / Photography / Textiles.

Section 2

Evidence of clubs or workshops that they have participated in and any work exhibited.

Section 3

Evidence of artistic achievements (certificates / trophies / awards) and highlights, including key moments of learning and personal development in the field of Creative Arts.

Section 4

A 300 word personal statement about what the candidate would want to offer to the school in the area of Creative Arts and what they hope to achieve in their specialist area in the future.

Section 5

A reference from a specialist Art teacher / club or workshop leader.

Performing Arts Scholarships.

Music and Drama scholars are expected to be fully involved in the performance life of the school which will include attending clubs and workshops, talking about the Performing Arts provision in school at open days and assisting with feeder school events. They are expected to participate in relevant drama and musical groups, to perform regularly at events including school productions, WoodFest, Akeley's Got Talent, open days and Performing Arts evenings. They should also behave as ambassadors for the Performing Arts, encouraging and supporting their peers to become involved in this area of the school. 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 House competitions, taking LAMDA exams, exhibiting work or running clubs for Junior pupils. Performing Arts scholars are expected to take their scholarship subject at GCSE or A Level.

11+, 13+ and 16+ Entry

Performing Arts candidates applying for Music are expected at the very minimum to be performing at (or working towards entry this academic year) the following levels in order to be considered:

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

During the Scholarships Day all **Performing Arts (Music)** candidates will:

- Perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice. Candidates will also be asked to identify / define key features of these pieces (key, time signature, performance directions etc).
- Perform a sight-reading task.
- Attend a meeting with a subject specialist to present their personal Portfolio.

The Music Portfolio should be set out in five sections as indicated in the table below and be no longer than 10 A4 sides. It should be set out in the way that makes it most comfortable for the candidate to talk the member of staff through each section and bring to life their area of interest. It can include pictures with annotations, as well as sections of text.

Two copies should be brought to the Scholarship Day for the meeting with the subject specialist and one copy will be retained by the school.

Performing Arts (Music) Portfolio requirements

Section 1

A 300 word personal summary of the candidate's history of involvement in music. It should also include what motivates them to engage with the instrument / music and capture how they balance their commitments with their studies.

Section 2

Evidence of school / local community / national ensembles the candidate plays for on a regular basis or where the candidate plays if a soloist.

Section 3

Evidence of musical achievements (certificates / trophies / awards) and highlights, including key moments of learning and personal development in the field of music.

Section 4

A 300 word personal statement about what the candidate would want to offer to the school in their area of musical specialism and what they hope to achieve in their specialist area in the future.

Section 5

A reference from a specialist music teacher / ensemble leader.

Copies of the most recent grade certificates should be sent with the application (or a confirmatory supporting statement from the music teacher provided if the student is for entry for the threshold grades listed above this academic year).

It must clearly state in the application whether the candidate will be requiring an accompanist at their audition. If so, a copy of the accompaniment must be provided a week in advance of the Scholarship Day. Candidates should also bring the relevant sheet music for the accompanist on the day.

On the Scholarships Day **Performing Arts (Drama)** candidates will be asked to perform two short, contrasting audition pieces, one contemporary and one classic which should be prepared in advance. They will also be asked to:

- Perform an unseen piece and participate in a practical workshop.
- Attend a meeting with a subject specialist to present their personal Portfolio.

The Drama Portfolio should be set out in five sections as indicated in the table below and be no longer than 10 A4 sides. It should be set out in the way that makes it most comfortable for the candidate to talk the member of staff through each section and bring to life their area of interest. It can include pictures with annotations, as well as sections of text.

Two copies should be brought to the Scholarship Day for the meeting with the subject specialist and one copy will be retained by the school.

Performing Arts (Drama) Portfolio requirements

Section 1

A 300 word personal summary of the candidate's history of involvement in drama / theatre. It should also include what motivates them to engage with performing and capture how they balance their commitments with their studies.

Section 2

Evidence of school / local community / national theatre clubs / groups the candidate is part of or workshops / performances they have participated in.

Section 3

Evidence of theatrical achievements (certificates / trophies / awards) and highlights, including key moments of learning and personal development in the field of theatre and any contribution to design / directing / back stage work or being part of a crew.

Section 4

A 300 word personal statement about what the candidate would want to offer to the school in the area of theatre / drama and what they hope to achieve in their specialist area in the future.

Section 5

A reference from a specialist drama teacher / drama club leader.

Sport Scholarships.

We have a number of Sport scholars who are all expected to be fully involved in the sporting life of the school which will include attending training, participating in House sports events, 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 and showing excellent leadership both on and off the pitch. Sports scholars are expected to take PE at GCSE or at A Level if applying for 16+.

11+, 13+ and 16+ Entry

Sport 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.

During the Scholarships Day all Sport Scholarship candidates will:

- Take part in a series of practical sporting assessments (candidates should wear sports kit).
- Attend a meeting with a subject specialist to present their personal Portfolio.

The Sports Portfolio should be set out in five sections as indicated in the table below and be no longer than 10 A4 sides. It should be set out in the way that makes it most comfortable for the candidate to talk the member of staff through each section and bring to life their area of interest. It can include pictures with annotations, as well as sections of text.

Two copies should be brought to the Scholarship Day for the meeting with the subject specialist and one copy will be retained by the school.

Sport Portfolio requirements

Section 1

A 300 word personal summary of the candidate's history of involvement in sport. It should also include what motivates them to engage with sport and capture how they balance their commitments with their studies.

Section 2

Evidence of school / local community / national teams and squads the candidate plays with on a regular basis.

Section 3

Evidence of sporting achievements (certificates / trophies / awards) and highlights, including key moments of learning, personal development and sports leadership.

Section 4

A 300 word personal statement about what the candidate would want to offer to the school in their area of specialism and what they hope to achieve in their specialist sport in the future.

Section 5

A reference from a specialist sports coach.

Scholarship Focus.

Our scholarships focus entirely on the support and development of talent. They are for the benefit of the recipient and aim to inspire and enhance their Akeley experience in their specialist field or interest.

All recipients of a Scholarship will gain access to annual talent fund which is held for the student on their account and to which they can draw from.

The talent fund supports a huge range of courses from coding and game design, STEAM and cyber security virtual camps to residential history or cricket courses. They can also be used to fund peripatetic music or drama lessons and sports coaching. Students will also be recommended events and summer camps that ensure active bodies and creative, inquisitive minds continue to engage throughout the year.

The fund can also be used to pay for books or equipment or saved up to pay for one of the big ticket Cognita experiences such as the Cultural Trip to New York or Dubai Sports Tour, whichever supports their particular area of strength.

Sport scholars may use their grant to pay for an international sports tour, the cricket bat they have been dreaming of or professional coaching.

Music scholars may choose to use their fund to upgrade their instrument, attend a music summer school or towards the purchase an IMac to run sibelius software at home.

Academic scholars with a passion for languages could fund a trip to Spain, Science enthusiasts could attend a STEAM course and those with a passion for history could travel to Ypres. You have got the idea!

Allowances of £1,000, £500 and £250, dependent on performance in the Scholarship examination, are awarded each year for the period of their career at the school. The award of a scholarship is reviewed annually, based on student performance.



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