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As a school, Walhampton has always been passionate about an education that inspires and stretches every one of our children. Walhampton's scholarship programme helps us identify those pupils with exceptional talent.

We are committed to providing our scholars with outstanding opportunities that can nurture and extend their particular gifts and talents. This is Walhampton's pledge to its scholars.

Our scholarships are awarded in Year 6 in a variety of areas: Academic, Sport, Music, Art and Drama. If you believe your child possesses scholarship talent in more than one of these areas they are able to apply for two different awards.

Scholarships at Walhampton not only reward talent, but also untapped potential. Passion and ambition need to sit alongside high levels of achievement. Furthermore, there is an expectation that our scholars will be exemplary ambassadors of this school, not only modelling excellence in their particular subject, but also encouraging their peers and leading by example. Scholarship at Walhampton is about exciting opportunities, as well as responsibility.



# An opportunity

# Scholars' Mentoring Programme



At Walhampton, scholarship is not just about celebrating and nurturing excellence, it's about sharing it.

Our scholars are given the opportunity to engage in tailored enrichment activities and extra support in their chosen area of talent. Supported by staff who are specialists in their field, scholars are encouraged to challenge themselves to achieve at the very highest level. But it doesn't end there. They are also expected to act as ambassadors within the school, sharing their enthusiasm and encouraging fellow pupils to take an active interest in their subject area.

Scholarships are awarded in the Spring term of Year 6 to exceptional internal or external candidates. They are named the 'Hordle House' scholarships in recognition of the Prep school which merged with Walhampton in 1997. Pupils can apply for a scholarship in the following areas: Academic, Sport, Music, Art and Drama. At this initial stage, dialogue between the tutor and parents is recommended to help determine whether an application is a sensible way forwards. Assessments and interviews are conducted in the first half of the Spring term in Year 6. If a scholarship is awarded it will start in the Summer term of Year 6 and run through Years 7 and 8.

Scholars will be entitled to a remission on school fees (as agreed by the school) and will benefit from a bespoke training and mentoring programme managed by Heads of Department. This programme will develop every scholar's skills, knowledge, application and passion for that discipline to a very high level.

To apply, all prospective candidates must complete and return the application form (at the back of this pack) at the beginning of the spring term. Applications must be sent to the Head's PA. If the school approves of the application it will progress to the next stage of the process consisting of interviews and assessments.



All scholars will be stretched by their teachers and, from Year 7, will attend extra timetabled sessions to help prepare them for the scholarship requirements of each subject.

The scholars will also benefit from trips and experiences outside of school. Academic scholars will be stretched by their teachers and will attend and contribute to events, both in and out of school, including lectures, visits and exhibitions.

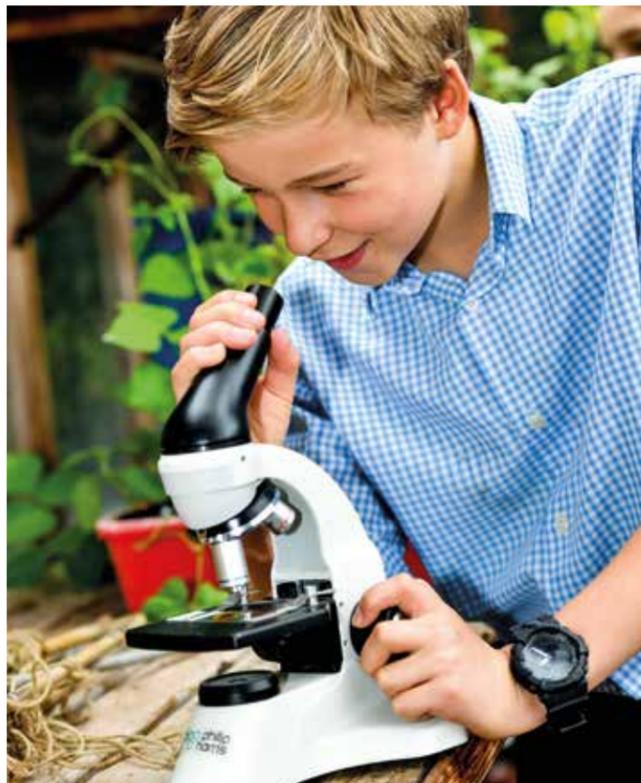
Music scholars will attend selected concerts and master classes according to their specialism.

Sports scholars will have regular performance reviews with the Director of Sport and coaching sessions. They will also attend relevant sporting events.

Drama scholars will work on specialised projects which will include performance opportunities and visits to professional and amateur productions.

Art scholars will complete specialised art projects and will visit relevant exhibitions and art galleries.

# Academic Scholarships



Academic scholars at Walhampton need to demonstrate exceptional intellectual potential across a range of disciplines.

Scholars are expected to maintain excellent standards of academic progress and conduct at all times. They will contribute positively and significantly to the academic life of the school.

All candidates will sit assessments in English, mathematics, verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and a general paper testing pupils' ability to think laterally and philosophically. They will also attend an interview. *Please note that there are no practice papers for any of the assessments.*

Academic scholars will be stretched by their teachers and will attend and contribute to events, both in and out of school, including lectures, visits and exhibitions.

## Checklist:

- Applicants must provide a covering letter, addressed to the Head, of no more than one page.
- The Academic scholarship exams will be held on one day at Walhampton in the Spring term.
- All candidates will sit English, maths, verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and a general paper.
- All candidates will be interviewed

# Music Scholarships



We are looking for pupils who are passionate about their musical activities and who will be ready to make an exceptional contribution to music at Walhampton. They will be expected to participate fully in the school's extra-curricular programme, including our Chapel Choir. Candidates will be assessed as much on their potential as on their current instrumental or vocal standard. However, as a guide, pupils entering Year 7 should be of at least Grade 3 or 4 standard on their main instrument. Candidates should offer two instruments, one of which may be voice.

During their assessment, candidates will be asked to play two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one on their second. These pieces must be chosen by the applicant. They will need to offer scales and sight reading on their first instrument. In addition to various aural tests, there will also be an interview.

Scholars will benefit from regular 1:1 review meetings with our Head of Department, accompaniment, listening and musicianship sessions, as well as attending carefully selected concerts and master classes.

## Checklist:

- Applicants must provide a covering letter, addressed to the Head, of no more than one page
- The Music scholarships will be held during one day in the Spring term
- The candidate is required to be at least at Grade 3 or 4 on their main instrument
- They should be able to offer two instruments
- Play two pieces on main instrument and one piece on the second
- Assessments consist of instrumental pieces, scales, sight reading and aural tests
- Interview with the Director of Music

# Sports Scholarships



Candidates for sports scholarships should have potential to be at regional or county level in at least one sport. They will contribute widely to Walhampton's sporting programme and be a leading 'A' team player in several sports. Sports scholars are expected to represent 1st teams in most sports in both Year 7 and 8.

Applications for sports scholarships should be supported by references from external club coaches. Candidates will be interviewed by the Director of Sport as well as taking part in an assessment of their sporting skills including aptitude, agility and fitness.

Sports scholars will benefit from individual review meetings with their mentor, a bespoke fitness training programme, individual coaching sessions focusing on high-level techniques, as well as attending relevant sporting events.



## Checklist:

- Applicants must provide a covering letter addressed to the Head, of no more than one page
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- Applicants must provide a covering letter, addressed to the Headmaster, of no more than one page
- Sports scholarships will be on one day in the Spring term
- Have potential to be at Regional or County level in at least one sport
- Interview with the Director of Sport
- Sporting skills are assessed alongside aptitude, agility and fitness



# Drama Scholarships



The letter of application must include a portfolio of evidence of past drama involvement. An audition, will consist of a rehearsed audition piece (given prior to the audition date by our Drama department), an improvised individual piece (based on a scenario given at audition), a practical group session and an interview.

Drama scholars will benefit from regular extended scholarship / LAMDA sessions and performance opportunities, as well as visits to professional and amateur productions, including those at senior schools.

## Checklist:

- Applicants must provide a covering letter, addressed to the Head, of no more than one page
- Assessment will involve a rehearsed audition piece, an improvised piece and group session
- Provide evidence of previous involvement in performing arts and drama exams such as LAMDA
- Interview with the Head of Drama





We are looking for children who demonstrate outstanding ability in art, particularly through creativity, imagination, powers of observation and technical ability. In their application, candidates should make reference to art classes they have attended both in and out of school. References from external teachers would be welcomed. The candidate should list evidence of trips to galleries, museums, as well as personal preferences for styles and artists.

As part of their assessment, scholarship candidates will be given various practical tests designed to demonstrate all-round ability and commitment to artistic ability. They should bring with them a portfolio of previous unaided work for discussion at the time of the scholarship interview. We will be looking for work that displays evidence of learning and progression rather than highly polished artefacts and specimens.

Art scholar candidates should show a keen interest in the subject and be available to complete specific tasks in their own time to support their art

portfolio. Art scholars will benefit from regular individual review meetings with our Head of Department, completing specialised art projects, as well as attending relevant exhibitions, galleries, studios and lectures.

## Checklist:

- Applicants must provide a covering letter, addressed to the Head, of no more than one page
- Make reference to artistic activity in and beyond school
- Bring a portfolio of unaided work
- Assessment will involve a practical task
- Interview with the Head of Art



## Walhampton Scholarship Application Form

Pupil name:

Date of birth:

Name and address  
of current school:

Home address:

Home phone number:

Mobile phone number:

Home email address:

I would like my son/daughter to be entered as a candidate for the following Scholarship(s). (Please tick one or two boxes as appropriate)

Academic Scholarship

Music Scholarship

Drama Scholarship

Art Scholarship

Sports Scholarship

Where did you hear about the scholarship?:

I confirm that I have read both the Awards and Admissions policies on the Walhampton website and agree to abide by the rules of these documents.

Signed:

Date:

This form must be submitted with the child's covering letter and all the other supporting documents. There is no fixed format for the covering letter. All paperwork must be submitted to the Head's PA.

## Bursaries

All scholarship awards can be supplemented by a bursary, subject to means testing. Further details can be obtained from the Bursar Nikki Slowey - [n.slowey@walhampton.com](mailto:n.slowey@walhampton.com)



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