

Basil Hume Design & Technology Assessment

Basil Hume Scholars who have Design and Technology as one of their strands are expected to take part in at least one of the regular extracurricular activities and would normally be expected to study GCSE Design and Technology.

Portfolio: Prospective Scholars should prepare a small portfolio of work that highlights their creativity and technical understanding. This should focus on quality rather than quantity (between 5 and 10 items are expected) and can include sketches of designs and photos of products that they have made. Smaller products could be brought to interview and computer aided design work is welcomed.

Design Challenge: Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their sketching and card modelling skills, creativity and technical understanding in a short assessment. Candidates will be provided with an unusual design problem and will be expected to sketch and model a few possible solutions using the materials available.

Interview: Candidates will be interviewed for around 15 minutes about their technical design interests and aspirations using their portfolio as a starting point.

Assessment: The ideal candidate for a Design and Technology BH award will demonstrate creativity in drawing and making, enthusiasm for technical details and the potential to show initiative in project based work. Current scholars normally have at least one project on the go that is not part of the standard curriculum.

What we offer: Scholars will have priority to the Sunley Centre facilities during activity time and private study periods. Projects may incur a cost although we would expect BH scholars to apply for Arkwright Scholarship funding for their Sixth Form studies. Advice, training and contacts in the engineering and product design fields are offered.