

New Protocols for Basil Hume Scholarships

All Basil Hume scholarships awarded in the year 2010-2011 and thereafter will be subject to annual review.

We expect, based on experience, that the majority of those awarded the status of scholar, will fulfil the requirements for the retention of their scholarships and that the process of review will help them to live up to and make the most of the status they have received. The expectations and requirements for the retention of Basil Hume scholarships are outlined below.

To retain scholarship status, Basil Hume scholars must be prepared to review their performance in the summer term. This review should include an audit of the journeys they have made in their sporting, dramatic, artistic, musical or other extra-curricular undertakings. The relevant Heads of Departments (eg Gamesmaster, Head of Girls' Games, Head of Art, Theatre Director etc) should be happy with the scholar's performance and effort throughout the year in order for the scholarship to be retained.

We recommend that Basil Hume scholars should write Prize Essays in the first and second years.

Although a Basil Hume Scholarship is awarded for Excellence or Outstanding Contribution to a particular area or areas, Basil Hume scholars are expected to be good role models. If scholars fail to achieve an effort average of 4.0 more than once in an academic year, they could lose scholarship status. Headmaster's detentions and class exclusions or any other serious breach of school discipline could lead to the removal of their status.

A Head of Scholars will be appointed annually for each year group, and two will be appointed in the Upper Sixth.

The annual award of scholarships will be at the discretion of the Headmaster, who will be guided by the criteria mentioned above. Should an existing scholar not be reappointed, they will, of course be able to regain the status if the expectations and requirements are met in the subsequent year.