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SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES





Scholarships

Ampleforth College offers Academic, Music and Basil Hume scholarships at 13+ and Academic and Music scholarships at 16+. All scholarships are honorary. Scholarships can also be awarded at any stage of the candidate's school career. All scholarships are subject to annual review and may be removed.

Application procedure & conditions for all scholarships

All candidates must be registered for entry to Ampleforth College.

The appropriate application form must have been completed and the application fee paid by the appropriate closing date. The dates of our scholarships and the closing dates for entry can be obtained by visiting the College website www.college.ampleforth.org.uk or by contacting the Admissions Department on 01439 766863.

13+ candidates should have reached their twelfth birthday and not have passed their fourteenth birthday on 1 September following the examination. 16+ candidates should have reached their fifteenth birthday and not have passed their seventeenth on the 1 September following the exam.

In assessing the candidates, account is taken of their age, family circumstances and their educational opportunities to date. The number of scholarships given each year is variable and conditional on candidates reaching a sufficiently high standard.

Parents are asked to notify the acceptance of the scholarship in writing.

Normally scholarships are tenable for the whole of a student's school career, but a scholarship may be suspended or withdrawn at any time if work or conduct ceases to be

satisfactory. All scholarships are subject to on-going review of progress and there is an annual report to parents.

In cases of financial need, a bursary may be granted subject to completion of a statement of parental income. All bursary awards may be subject to periodic review.

Scholars have their own tie to indicate their status.



The Academic Scholarship Examination at 13+

Candidates for the 13+ academic scholarship will sit the Common Academic Scholarship Exams usually at the end of February. Full details of the syllabuses and specimen papers can be obtained from the Independent School Examinations Board website (www.iseb.co.uk).

Papers are set in English, Mathematics, Science (Chemistry, Biology & Physics), Latin, Greek, French (Oral, Listening, Reading & Writing), History, Geography and Religious Studies. Although there is no set examination in Art or Design and Technology, candidates are encouraged to offer portfolios of work done in these areas. A good portfolio may help but cannot harm the chances of an award.

In addition to the written papers, candidates should expect to be interviewed by a small panel. Such interviews, informal in nature, tend to last approximately 20 minutes and no advance preparation is required or expected. It gives everyone the opportunity to ask a few questions.

A debating and critical thinking exercise is also set and candidates are required to complete a VRQ test.

Applications for the Common Academic Scholarship are made through the candidate's preparatory school. Candidates who do not attend a school that prepares for the Common Scholarship should contact the Director of Admissions at Ampleforth College. If a candidate is already a student here at Ampleforth, applications should be made via parental contact with The Director of Admissions, although the house tutor will be central to the process.

An individual report on a candidate's performance in the examination is sent to the candidate's preparatory school shortly after the examination.

The Academic Scholarship Examination at 16+

Candidates at 16+ will sit Ampleforth's own Sixth Form Scholarship Examination, usually on the third Friday of November, at Ampleforth College. A set of specimen papers is available from the Director of Admissions.

Papers are set, upon request, in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Design and Technology, History, Geography and Christian Theology. When completing the Scholarship Examination registration form candidates are asked to indicate which three papers they would like to offer. However, this does not bind them to take those subjects and they are free to choose others on the day of the examination. In addition there is a General Paper which is compulsory for all candidates. All papers are of 45 minutes duration.

In addition to the written papers candidates will be interviewed by a small panel. These interviews are informal and will last around 20 minutes; no advance preparation is expected or required and candidates will have the opportunity to ask questions..

Applications for the Sixth Form Scholarship Examination are made via parental contact with the Director of Admissions.

A short report on their performance in the examination is sent to the candidate and their current school.



Scholarship Programme

We have developed a challenging and stimulating programme for our scholars. We draw on the expertise of our staff to encourage debate, lateral thinking and intellectual curiosity. Activities will be from across the full spectrum of academic subjects, with content not constrained by public examination considerations.

We run a number of such events each term. A typical programme might include “A study of the Iconography of the Last Judgement”, “Feeding the Planet in the 21st century: was Malthus right after all?” and “What are Human Rights? – The origin and contemporary use of them”.

In the Sixth Form, Scholars are encouraged to attend some, or all, of the various intellectual societies which are part of the school's extra-curricular programme. A selection of these includes the Philosophy Society, Forum, the Astronomy Society, and the Senior Debating Society. Sixth Form scholars are also encouraged to take part in the scholarship programme by delivering lectures to the middle school scholars.

Additionally, Sixth Form Scholars are encouraged, where appropriate, to consider Oxbridge application as a suitable target. Extra lessons are provided by academic departments and guidance given on further reading and research beyond the A level syllabus.

The Head of Academic Scholars

The Head of Academic Scholars works closely with the Head of Middle School, Head of Sixth Form and the Director of Studies to oversee the Scholarship Programme within the school as well as monitor the progress of all of the academic scholars in conjunction with their housemaster or housemistress and tutor.



Music Scholarships

It is anticipated that candidates for awards will have achieved a minimum standard of Grade V at 13 and Grade VIII at 16 on their principal instrument, but at both levels it is musical potential we seek rather than present ability. Reports will normally be required from the candidate's present Headteacher and any other competent musical authority.

A high standard of choral music is a distinctive feature of musical life at Ampleforth. Successful candidates will be allowed to specialise in music throughout their school career as appropriate. The Director of Music is always happy to see parents of prospective candidates in advance of the examinations to discuss and assess the current level of achievement.

Music Scholars will lead busy lives. In addition to their instrumental and singing lessons and private practice, they will usually take part in a variety of instrumental activities and complement their instrumental studies with membership of the Schola Cantorum or Schola Puellarum. On entry to the school careful attention will be paid to the scholar's work load and, in order that appropriate progress is made, some reduction in academic study, sport or other area will be arranged in consultation with parents. The amount of this reduction will depend on the overall musical commitments of the scholar. This will particularly be the case if a music scholar is also an academic scholar. Scholars will take part in concerts, both at Ampleforth and beyond and will also be expected to take part in tours outside term time.

It is a condition of accepting a Music Scholarship at Ampleforth College that all music lessons have to be internal and under the control of the Director of Music.

The Music Scholarship Audition

Candidates attend auditions during January.

The assessment at 13+ will consist of all or some of the following:

- The performance of two contrasted pieces on the first instrument
- The performance of one piece on the second instrument
- The performance of one piece for voice (optional)
- Scales and arpeggios on both instruments
- Sight reading on both instruments
- Ear tests
- Viva voce questions on general musical matters.

The assessment at 16+ will consist of all or some of the following:

- The performance of two contrasted pieces on the first instrument
- The performance of one piece on the second instrument
- The performance of one piece for voice (optional if it is not the 1st or 2nd instrument)
- Scales and arpeggios on both instruments
- Sight reading on both instruments
- Ear tests
- Viva voce questions on general musical matters.

The Head of Music Scholars

The Head of Music Scholars works closely with the Director of Music to monitor the progress of all of the Music Scholars in conjunction with their Housemaster or Housemistress and Tutor.

Basil Hume Scholarships

The Basil Hume Scholarship seeks to recognise and reward remarkable individuals for their outstanding contributions to school life.

The Basil Hume Scholarships are awarded for excellence in art, the theatre or sport for 13+ entrants. Those candidates who can demonstrate exceptional ability in one area will receive a Basil Hume Scholarship for Excellence and those who can demonstrate outstanding ability in two areas can be considered for a Basil Hume All-Rounder Scholarship. Up to ten awards will be made each year.

The Basil Hume Scholarship Assessment

The selection process will take place at Ampleforth in the February prior to entry. The process will take two days and will include an overnight stay.

There are two parts to the selection process.

1) Compulsory Section

All candidates will:

- a) Be interviewed by a selection panel
- b) Undertake a number of activities to test initiative, leadership and teamwork

2) Optional Sections

Each candidate must demonstrate a high level of achievement in one or two of the following areas:

- a) Sport
- b) Theatre
- c) Art
- d) Music
- e) Other

d) and e) can only be offered in addition to one of a), b) and c) as part of the All-Rounder.

In addition a reference is required from the candidate's current Headteacher. A report on their performance during the assessment days is sent to the candidate's school.

The Basil Hume Scholarships Programme

All Basil Hume Scholars in the school participate in a range of organised activities from termly year-group meetings to inter-year group team-building days. There is an annual Basil Hume Scholarship Review and an annual Scholars' Celebration.

All Basil Hume Scholars are encouraged to commit to relevant activities in addition to those which are a compulsory requirement of the scholarship.

Additionally, they are encouraged to aspire to leadership roles and positions of responsibility within the school. With this in mind, Basil Hume Scholars are encouraged to mentor the new scholars each year.

The Head of Basil Hume Scholars

The Head of Basil Hume Scholars oversees and coordinates the Basil Hume Scholars' commitments and contributions, and liaises with relevant Heads of Departments, Housemasters and Housemistresses and Tutors to ensure that the Scholars have a balanced and manageable programme and that they are making sufficient progress. Targets are set and reviewed every term.

Bursary Support

Bursary support is available to parents in financial need. It is possible for the right candidate to receive a bursary for up to 100% fee remission. All bursary awards are means tested and require a financial statement from parents, which is treated in the strictest confidence. The necessary form can be obtained from the Admissions Office. Where a bursary applicant is also a scholarship applicant, an intention to apply for a bursary must be indicated on the scholarship application form and the completed bursary application form should be returned to the Director of Admissions by the closing date for the relevant scholarship (See "Application procedure & conditions for all scholarships"). The closing date for non scholarship applicants is 31st December in the year before joining the school.

There are also a number of independent trusts and funds to which parents can apply for financial assistance. Details can be obtained from the Admissions Office.



If you would like to discuss scholarships and/or bursaries, please contact:

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