



Scholarships Policy and Procedures

Please also refer to '**Bursaries Policy and Procedures**' and the current version of the School's '**Scholarships Booklet**'

Policy Statement:

As a charity, Cranford School is committed to seeking out and rewarding gifted pupils with Bursaries and Scholarships so that the largest number of talented pupils can benefit from a Cranford School education. In particular, it aims as far possible to focus its support on pupils for whom the chance of a Cranford School education would be a transformative, life-changing prospect.

If your child would benefit from the educational experience which Cranford School is able to offer, but your family is not in a position to cover the full fees, you may be eligible for a Bursary or Scholarship. Bursaries are available to any pupil throughout the School and Scholarships are awarded on entry to Year 7 and Year 12.

Scholarships enable us to recognise and celebrate gifted and talented pupils, so they are awarded purely on academic, sporting, or artistic, or musical merit, as measured in a competitive entrance exam, and take no account of family income or resource.

The present policy permits the Headmaster to award the following to any existing pupil or to a pupil who is new to the school :

Year 7 entry

- **Headmaster's Scholarship:** Awarded to a pupil or pupils who may be an existing pupil or new to the School and who has demonstrated excellence in academic, sporting, musical, artistic and/or dramatic excellence in their school career to date or who shows exceptional potential on the Scholarship and Assessment Day in one of these areas. Please note, pupils need to be available on the Scholarship and Assessment Day in order to be considered for a Scholarship in one of these disciplines.
- **The Laurence Scholarship:** Awarded to the top performing pupil(s) in the entrance assessment.

A small number of Exhibition awards are also made in Art, Music, Drama and Sport for Year 7 entry. These are also of small monetary value or equivalent and are primarily offered as a recognition of excellence.

Year 12 entry

- **Academic Scholarship:** Awarded to pupils who demonstrate excellence on the Assessment Day. Scholarship assessment comprises a common core verbal and non-verbal reasoning paper plus a subject-specific paper of the student's choice.

These Scholarships are subject to change and are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster. The value of Scholarships varies, but generally they are small and are more about the honour of the award than the amount given. A Scholarship may however be supplemented by a Bursary up to the value of full fees at the discretion of the Headmaster. All Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster.

Procedure:

- Parents are invited to indicate their wish for their child to apply for a Scholarship at the point of application on the Sixth Form Application Form and Senior Entry Form (Year 7 entry).
- Individual interviews with the Headmaster or another member of SLT, take place for all pupils applying for a Scholarship during the Autumn Term.
- The Sixth Form and Senior Assessment Days are usually held in the Autumn Term. All pupils will complete the entrance examination and data collected within the entrance examination will be considered to inform the award of all Scholarships.
- The School reserves the right to select candidates for exhibition consideration in Music, Sport, Art, and Drama, even if they have not made a formal application.
- The School will inform all Scholarship and Bursary candidates of the outcome of their application following the completion of the Assessment Day. This information will be sent to parents alongside their offer of a place at the School.

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