The Prebendal School Scholarships

The Prebendal School is pleased to offer a range of scholarships to pupils entering the prep school (or those already at the school). We award a number of Academic, Art, Music and Sports Scholarships each year for entry into Year 7 and Music Scholarships for pupils entering Year 3.

The School has an excellent reputation for helping children successfully gain entry into the Senior School of their choice and many of these children enter with scholarships. Last year approximately 70% of our Year 8 children received Scholarships to their next school. In order to maintain and enhance this impressive record, we offer scholarships for outstanding children who excel academically, or have a particular talent in Music, Sport, Art or Drama.

The following scholarships are available:

1. Music Scholarships for children entering Year 3, may be supplemented by the offer of free music tuition with a school approved music teacher.
2. Two Academic Scholarships for entry into Year 7. These range in value up to a maximum of 10% of day fees.
3. Two Art Scholarships for entry into Year 7. These range in value up to a maximum of 10% of day fees.
4. Two Sports Scholarships for entry into Year 7. These range in value up to a maximum of 10% of day fees.

Please note:

1. A candidate may enter for more than one type of award, but no candidate may benefit from more than one award, except in an honorary capacity. The value of all Entrance Scholarships may be augmented according to the parental circumstances.
2. All awards are at the discretion of the Head Master and no correspondence will be entered into as to the outcome of the scholarships.
3. Scholars’ performance will be reviewed annually. If a Scholar is not showing appropriate effort, enthusiasm and performance the school will consider withdrawing the Scholarship.
4. For Scholarships that are open to both internal and external candidates Scholarships will be awarded to the performance on the day.
5. The school’s decision is final and will not enter into any discussion as to the awarding or not of a Scholarship.

Entering for a Scholarship

1. To enter for a Scholarship parents should read the appropriate information that will indicate the criteria and level of performance / attitude the school is looking for and a brief outline of how performance and aptitude will be assessed.
2. The appropriate form should then be completed and submitted to the school office by the closing date.

**Dates for Scholarships for entry / implementation September 2018**

**Music Scholarships for Entry into Yr 3 and Yr 7**
- Closing date for entries: Friday 23rd February
- Audition date: Thursday 1st March

**Academic Scholarships for Entry into Yr 7**
- Closing date for entries: Friday 23rd February
- Audition date: Thursday 1st March

**Art Scholarships for Entry into Yr 7**
- Closing date for entries: Friday 23rd February
- Audition date: Thursday 1st March
Sports Scholarships

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Audition date:  Thursday 1st March

Music Scholarships for Pupils Entering Year 3 and Year 7

Scholarships are awarded annually to boys and girls aged between 7 and 10 years at the point of entry. Successful candidates will demonstrate an enthusiastic and lively approach to their music making, as well as exhibiting clear potential for future development.

The size and number of awards varies annually; major awards of up to 10% fee remission (day) plus free musical tuition on one instrument are available. The instrument will be specified in the offer letter.

It is a condition of all music awards that Prebendal scholars play a full part in the musical life of the school. Instrumental lessons should be taken in school, using one of the department’s approved instrumental teachers. Scholars will normally be required to sing in either the School Choir or Chamber Choir. It is expected that these requirements will be met throughout the lifetime of any such award.

The audition

The audition process, which will take place on Thursday 1st March 2018, is designed to be a relaxed and enjoyable experience for all candidates. Whilst there are common requirements, additional tests will be appropriate to the candidates’ current playing standard.

The following areas will be assessed:

- Pieces – one on each of the instruments offered. Please ensure that piano parts are brought for all accompanied pieces.
- Aural perception – tests will be based on singing, pulse and identifying changes in pitch or rhythm.
- Sight-reading – on the principal instrument only, in an appropriate key and ability level.
- Singing – all candidates should, if possible, prepare a short song or verse of a hymn.
- Additionally, Year 6 and 7 candidates will be asked a few questions about their piece(s) to allow them to show their knowledge of the repertoire.

Candidates may request a meeting or a preliminary audition with the Director of Music, in order to prepare or seek advice ahead of the formal audition.

The school has a national reputation for both the breadth and quality of its music and educates the cathedral choristers. The music department includes a full-time Director of Music, and an Assistant Director of Music.

We look forward to receiving your completed application form (enclosed), which should be returned to Mr Matt Jelf, the Director of Music, as soon as possible.
Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.
Telephone: 01243 772222 Email: mjelf@prebendalschool.org.uk

Academic Scholarships
Pupils entering from age 7 to 10 will be set a reasoning test. They will be given a familiarisation session beforehand. They will also have a short interview with the Head Master.

Pupils for entry into Year 7 will sit papers in Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics designed specifically for 11+ age group. They will also have an interview with the Head Master.

Art Scholarships for Entry into Year 7
Art Scholarship candidates for entry into Year 7 will attend a practical art session in a relaxed atmosphere and be assessed on their all-round ability, enthusiasm and motivation. They should bring with them a small folder of artwork they have enjoyed creating, including any sketchbooks and unaided work made spontaneously for pleasure at home, together with any available school artwork. We will be pleased to see any art and craft work that displays the candidate’s independent approach, enjoyment and progression and do not expect to see highly prepared and presented examples.

Sports Scholarships for Entry into Year 7
Two sports scholarships are available for pupils entering Year 7, to boys and girls of outstanding sporting ability and achievement.

Successful candidates would be expected to have demonstrated a high level of general sporting aptitude, and should excel in at least one of Prebendal’s main sports, i.e. Football, Hockey, Cricket, Rugby, Cross-country, Athletics or Netball.

Other sports which we participate in, for example Tennis or Swimming will also be considered on a discretionary basis, and may also be used to strengthen an overall application.

Candidates will be required to submit a full sporting C.V. including teams and squads they have played in, specifying where they have reached District, County, Regional or National level. A typical candidate would generally be expected to have reached one of these levels, or equivalent where these are not applicable.

They will be expected to play a significant role in the sporting life of the school, demonstrating good sportsmanship as well as good ability, acting as a role model in their position in teams and individually.