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Scholarships are awarded on merit to the highest achievers in competitive examinations, assessments and observations. Candidates who win awards have an outstanding ability and the School supports each pupil to nurture their talent. Scholars are expected to make a major contribution to the school and an extensive programme is in place to both support and challenge them. We offer Scholarships in Academic, Music, Drama, Art and Sport disciplines.

All shortlisted Scholarship applicants will be interviewed by the Headteacher, Mrs. Robinson. We ask that they bring an object of interest and a piece of academic work they are especially proud of to the interview. Academic Scholarships are awarded to candidates who achieve the highest score in the tests and demonstrate a love of learning and breadth of knowledge in their chosen subject during the interview process.

Each candidate can apply for a maximum of two Scholarships but may only hold one scholarship award at any one time. This will ensure they are able to concentrate and specialise in their area of talent. This does not preclude them from participating in other areas of school life, however, the additional expectations of a scholar require them to manage their time wisely to ensure effort and attainments are maintained.

All awards are reviewed annually, Scholars are expected to assess their own contribution in their specialism ahead of a meeting with the Head of Department.

The outcome of this review will be communicated to the Headteacher who will determine if the Scholarship is to be continued.

Applicants are asked to submit a hand-written letter to the Headteacher Mrs Claire Robinson of not more than 200 words outlining why they feel they should be considered for a scholarship.

# YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS TIMELINE



# ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

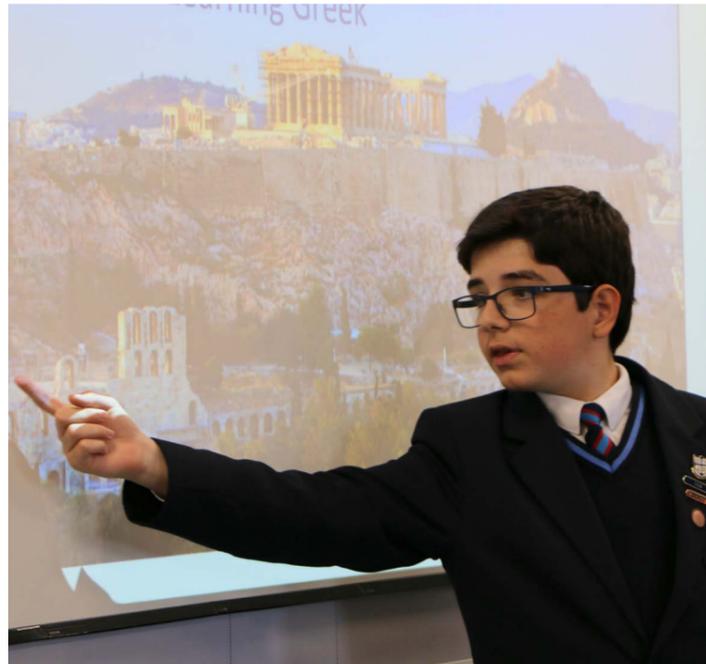
At Holme Grange School, we are committed to personalised learning that provides our pupils with confidence as an independent learner and the skills and determination to succeed as they move onto the next stages of their educational journey. The opportunities available to our students are quite unique and all our pupils make outstanding progress. Their leadership skills are nurtured as we equip them successfully to meet the challenges of the 21st century learner.

Academic Scholars participate in academic enrichment activities, courses and visits on a regular basis. They exhibit the core values of self-discipline and a love for learning. They focus on broadening their knowledge and skills essential to succeed in academia, and they are fortunate enough to have access to the personal and professional attention that their talents deserve.

Our academic scholars are given the opportunity to give presentations, lead discussions and deliver assemblies to the whole School.

## THE ASSESSMENT

- Candidates will sit a one-hour computer-based assessment in Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning and Mathematics. This is the same assessment that all external applicants for Year 7 are required to sit.
- Candidates will complete an English Writing task.
- Candidates will attend an interview with the Headteacher where they are asked to bring an object of interest and a piece of work they are particularly proud of.



# ART SCHOLARSHIP

The Holme Grange Art Department is buzzing with creativity, inviting scholars to believe that anything is possible in Art. Our Art Scholars will be coached in how to exploit the potential of media and techniques to cultivate mastery in visual art. They will also be introduced to the work of inspiring artists, designers and crafts practitioners to fuel their own passion.

Art Scholars are expected to lead art activities as well as entering their own work into art exhibitions and competitions, both in-house and externally. They will benefit from attending artist led workshops and visits to exhibitions, which will inform their own practice. The Art Department also offers extra-curricular activities through after-school activities where art scholars can further develop their skills (where they will be given priority places).

Applicants must demonstrate enthusiasm and curiosity for the subject which should be evident in their application. We are looking for candidates to display an enquiring creative mind and show the ability to use their initiative. Candidates must show an interest in the world of Art by being able to talk about works of art they have seen when visiting galleries and exhibitions.

## THE ASSESSMENT

- Candidates must bring a portfolio including a minimum of three pieces completed over the last 18 months. One piece should include work inspired by an artist's creation.
- Candidates will sit a 45-minute drawing exam and a 15-minute imaginative task for which no preparation is necessary.
- Candidates will be expected to discuss their work and passion for Art in an Interview with the Head of Art.
- Candidates will attend an interview with the Headteacher where they are asked to bring an object of interest and a piece of work they are particularly proud of.



# MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Holme Grange Music Scholarships are offered to talented musicians who will contribute significantly to the musical life of the School. Candidates must display a passion for Music and demonstrate a willingness to expand their knowledge of different instruments and genres of Music. Music scholars are expected to participate fully in choirs, orchestras, chamber ensembles and rock bands according to their instrumental specialism and expertise.

We are looking for both potential and achievement and a genuine enthusiasm for Music. Candidates must present two instruments and should be performing at Grade 3 standard in one.

Our Music facilities are outstanding and our Music Scholars will have access to a fully equipped Music Tech Room, Recording Studio and a broad range of musical instruments.

## THE ASSESSMENT

- Candidates invited to audition are required to play two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one on their second instrument. They are also encouraged to sing a short piece, unless voice is already one of their instruments.
- Candidates will be asked to complete a sight-reading and aural test appropriate to the candidate's grade.
- Candidates will be asked to perform one or two scales.
- Candidates will attend an interview with the Headteacher where they are asked to bring an object of interest and a piece of work they are particularly proud of.



# DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates must display enthusiasm, passion and a love of performing arts which should be evident in their application. Our Drama Scholars form the heart of the Drama Department and are fully involved in everything the Department has to offer.

The department stages a number of productions throughout the year in addition to entering individual students and groups in performance, debating and public speaking competitions.

Successful candidates will need to demonstrate their ability to respond to direction, as well as show a good understanding of the texts that they have chosen.

## THE ASSESSMENT

- Candidates must be prepared to perform, from memory, two contrasting monologues, although they will be asked to perform only one. Each piece must last no longer than two minutes.
- Candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Drama about their involvement in Drama and Performing Arts both in and out of school. The interview will include questions on interests in the theatre in general and any productions the candidate may have seen.
- The candidate should bring a CV and a portfolio of work that they have been involved in. This can include LAMDA/Trinity College certificates (or similar), as well as details of productions that they have seen. If they attend any drama clubs or lessons outside school, they may wish to bring a reference from their teacher.
- Candidates will attend an interview with the Headteacher where they are asked to bring an object of interest and a piece of work they are particularly proud of.



# SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates are expected to show talent, flair and potential across a range of sports and be prepared to represent the school in competitive fixtures and tournaments. Candidates should be at County standard or equivalent in their chosen sport.

Sport Scholars are ambassadors for Sport within the Holme Grange Community. They will be asked to lead training sessions and provide support to the Sport Department at fixtures, tournaments, Sport-related after-school activities, Sports Days and the Annual Sports Awards Ceremony.

Pupils will be assessed on a number of fitness elements and asked to perform skills from three competitive sports. Candidates can support their application with a portfolio of supporting evidence which could include references from Sports Coaches, certificates of achievements and medals.

## THE ASSESSMENT

- Candidates will be invited to School for Assessment and Observation.
- Candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Boys' or Girls' Sport.
- Assessment will include tests of stamina, speed, flexibility, agility, strength and co-ordination.
- Candidates will attend an interview with the Headteacher where they are asked to bring an object of interest and a piece of work they are particularly proud of.



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