



## Scholarships and Assisted Places at 13+ for entry into Year 9 in 2012

Scholarships are financial or honorary awards that are given on a competitive basis. Scholarships that carry a financial award are given without regard to the ability of the family to pay the fees. The type, number and level of awards may vary from year to year and may not exceed 50% of the day fee. All awards are open to current Year 6 pupils at Ashford Friars Prep School and external candidates on a competitive basis.

Means-tested Assisted Places are available for those with low family income/assets; the number of Assisted Places is limited to the equivalent of two places each year. The level of assistance will vary according to need on a scale devised by UCST. The maximum assistance available is 85% of the day fee. If you would like to apply for an Assisted Place you will need to complete a statement of income and assets. Please contact the Senior School office to obtain a copy for completion. It is best to be explicit about your financial circumstances at an early stage as this assists us in investigating what might be possible.

It is possible to be offered both a Scholarship and Assisted Place up to a maximum combined award to 85% of the day fee. Where you are likely to need both a Scholarship and an Assisted Place to make acceptance of a place at the school financially possible you should complete an Assisted Place application at the same time as applying for a scholarship. It is best to be explicit about your financial circumstances at an early stage.

Awards are made for the duration of a pupil's senior school career including Sixth Form subject to satisfactory progress and conduct, and they are reviewed annually.

### Timetable of Key Dates for 13+ Entry in 2012

Friday 6 January 2012	Deadline for applications to sit the entrance tests
Friday 6 January 2012	Deadline for applications for scholarships
Friday 13 January 2012	Written tests for all candidates including scholarships

Following the written tests, successful scholarship candidates are invited back for final assessments

25-27 January 2012	Assessments for selected candidates only
Wednesday 22 February 2012	Offer letters sent to successful candidates
Wednesday 7 March 2012	Deadline for acceptance of scholarships and places

**Candidates may apply to be assessed for a maximum of two awards only. Please seek advice from your child's current school as to their level of ability and readiness to sit a competitive test.**

Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head and where performance in the assessments merits it, candidates may be offered an All-rounder Award (up to the value of 10% of the day fee). All candidates will automatically be considered for an All-rounder Award.

For September 2012 entry into the Senior School the following scholarships are available.

### 1. Academic Scholarships (major/minor awards normally up to the value of 30/10% of the day fee)

Awarded on the basis of written tests in English, Mathematics, Science and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) plus an assessment interview.

Academic scholars are normally expected to be within the top 20% of the national ability range. As a guide this means that they should have achieved Level 5 in all Key Stage 2 SATs or currently achieve 125+ in an NVR Test.

Assessment: awards are made on the basis of performance in the written papers and assessment interview only and are competitive i.e. candidates taking the papers at the same time compete for the scholarships available.

## **2. Art & Design Scholarships** (normally up to the value of 10% of the day fee)

Awarded on the basis of written tests in English, Mathematics, Science and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) plus a practical assessment. The assessment will be the main factor on which Art awards are based.

We are looking for pupils who meet the normal academic requirements of the school (not those expected of academic scholars) but who also demonstrate outstanding ability in art, through creativity, imagination, manipulative skills and strong powers of observation. Art Scholars would be expected to study Art and/or Design Technology for one of their GCSE options.

Assessment: Candidates wishing to be considered for an Art & Design Scholarship will need to spend a half day in the Art & Design Departments when they will be asked to do some observational drawing and to talk about their favourite artist. On the assessment day, they should bring a portfolio of work done both at school and on their own initiative during the last year.

## **3. Music Scholarships** (normally up to the value of 10% of the day fee)

Awarded on the basis of written tests in English, Mathematics, Science and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) plus a practical assessment. The practical assessment will be the main factor on which Music awards are based.

We are looking for pupils who meet the normal academic requirements of the school (not those expected of academic scholars) and to be good ambassadors for Music. They should participate fully in the musical life of the school, involving themselves in choirs, orchestras and chamber ensembles according to their interests and expertise. They should be prepared to commit to attending both the rehearsals and performances. At 13+ we are looking for good foundations and a genuine enthusiasm for music. Orchestral players, and especially students who play string and brass instruments, are particularly encouraged to audition. Musicality and a desire to perform are more important than graded examinations taken.

Assessment: All candidates are required to play two contrasting pieces on the instruments they are offering. They are also encouraged to sing a short piece if appropriate. Sight reading and aural tests appropriate to the candidate's ability will also be given.

Parents who have any queries about the audition or their child's suitability for a music award are encouraged to contact the Director of Music, Mr Allan Clay ([claya@ashfordschool.co.uk](mailto:claya@ashfordschool.co.uk)) to arrange an informal conversation or meeting.

## **4. Sports Scholarships** (normally up to the value of 10% of the day fee):

Awarded on the basis of written tests in English, Mathematics, Science and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) plus a practical assessment. The practical assessment will be the main factor on which Sports awards are based.

We are looking for pupils who meet the normal academic requirements of the school (not those expected of academic scholars) but who also demonstrate sporting ability or potential, determination and enthusiasm. They will also respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills. Sports Scholars should have high levels of talent in at least two areas. Preference will be given to those involved in the School's major games – rugby, cricket, athletics/cross-country, tennis, netball, swimming, and hockey – but all candidates of talent will be considered. Scholars are expected to participate fully in the sporting life of the school including weekend and evening fixtures when selected.

Assessment: Selected candidates will be invited to attend a sport and physical fitness assessment. The candidates will compete in structured drills and small-sided games to see if they have a range of abilities and are able to adapt their skills to changing circumstances and to assess their fitness, speed, agility and co-ordination. Each candidate will also be interviewed individually about their sporting interests, motivation, achievements and ambitions.