



## Scholarship Information for Year 7 Entry September 2021

This booklet contains an overview of our Year 7 Scholarship programme. If you have any further questions please contact the school's Admissions Registrar, Mrs Holly Fowlkes on her direct line (01656) 789966 or email her at [holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk](mailto:holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk)

### Aims

The aim of the Year 7 Scholarship Programme is to encourage the promotion of academic and sporting excellence at St Clare's School.

*To offer up to a maximum of 50% off school fees*

Scholarships are awarded for excellence in one or more fields of the life of the School, or for potential to achieve outstanding results. Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence, or for potential to achieve outstanding results up to a maximum of 50% depending on performance. Scholarships apply to school fees only.

### Who can apply?

The Year 7 Scholarship Programme is intended for new pupils entering Senior School in September 2022. For the purposes of this Scholarship Programme only, pupils already attending St Clare's Prep School are considered **new** to the Senior School. However, existing pupils who meet the eligibility criteria (see page 3) will automatically be invited to apply for an academic scholarship.

Applications from external pupils in both the state maintained and independent school sectors are welcomed.

### When is the Application Deadline?

The deadline to make an application for a Scholarship is shown below:

Application Deadline	Scholarship Day
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021

### Bursary Assistance

Scholarships are not awarded in order to give financial assistance to parents who could not otherwise afford to send their child to St Clare's School. Parents in this position are welcome to apply for means tested bursary assistance via our Business Manager, Mrs Nicola McGinley.



## **What is expected of all Scholars?**

The following expectations form part of the conditions of the award. As well as the expectations stated below there are also expectations specific to the type of scholarship awarded. These are included within that specific scholarship section. All Scholars are expected to:

- ✓ Continue to meet the highest standard within the Scholarship field for his/her particular age.
- ✓ Keep the Headteacher informed of their achievements and progress outside of School.
- ✓ Maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- ✓ Be a role model to younger pupils and an ambassador for the School.
- ✓ Represent St. Clare's and provide a service to the School as deemed appropriate by the Headteacher. Additional tasks and responsibilities are at the Headteacher's discretion.
- ✓ Commit to School events

Scholars have an annual review to discuss and assess their contribution to the School.

## **What is expected of an Academic Scholar?**

Those awarded Academic Scholarships are expected to:

- ✓ Achieve outstanding results.
- ✓ Significantly contribute to the academic life of the School.
- ✓ Participate in extra-curricular academic societies, including peer-group teaching programmes, debate teams, public speaking competitions, any relevant School, National and International Competitions (as deemed necessary by the Headteacher).
- ✓ Attend educational visits when invited.

## **What is expected of a Sports Scholar?**

Those awarded Sports Scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the sporting life of the school, for example by attending practices and being available for team selection.



## Year 7 Academic Scholarship – Eligibility Criteria

To be **eligible** to apply for a Year 7 Academic Scholarship, all candidates **must** be performing at the following levels or equivalent:

- ✓ Standardised score of 130+ in at least one of the Year 6 national standardized tests;
- ✓ to be in the top sets for all subjects and regularly in the top 5% of the highest performing pupils in their year group;
- ✓ achieving Level 6 in legacy National Curriculum by the end of Year 6.

## How to apply for a Year 7 Academic Scholarship

**To avoid disappointment, please check that your child meets the eligibility criteria and if in doubt, please check with your child's class teacher or their Headteacher who will be able to advise you.**

- ✓ Please complete the Application Form;
- ✓ Please write a covering letter to accompany the Scholarship application which must include the following information:
  - ✓ School reports 2019/2020 and 2020/2021
  - ✓ For reference purposes, the name of the applicant's current Headteacher and current Head of Year. References will be contacted prior to the assessment day.

## Year 7 Academic Scholarship Day

There will be a one-day assessment on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November where candidates will be required to sit tests which will assess their capabilities in English, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning. The same tests will be taken by all students. References will be obtained from current Head of Year and current Headteacher.

Pupils will sit a 2-hour English test, a 1 hour Mathematics test and a non-verbal reasoning test, followed by a short interview with the Deputy Head and/or Assistant Heads.

When awarding scholarships, we will consider the candidate's scholarship test scores, performance at interview, reports and references.



## Sports Scholarship

In respect of applications for a Sports Scholarship, if the sport is a mainstream sport played at St Clare's, candidates should be playing at approximately District level (if applicable). If the chosen sport is not currently a mainstream sport at the school, applicants must be performing at approximately national level to be considered. In the event that there is no district or regional squad for the appropriate age group, applicants should submit evidence of exceptional performance in their chosen sport.

The application form for all Sports Scholarship applications should provide the following information:

- Which local team(s) the candidate plays for.
- Which district or national squads the candidate plays with on a regular basis.
- How long the candidate has been playing at district or national level.
- Copies of certificates and references from sports coaches.

## How to apply for a Year 7 Sports Scholarship

Pupils who are interested can request a Sports Scholarship Application form from our Admissions Registrar, Mrs Holly Fowlkes, which is to be submitted along with a portfolio of evidence of their sporting achievements. All candidates for Sports Scholarships will also be interviewed by the Headteacher. If appropriate, arrangements will be made to observe the candidate in action. **Whilst we are interested to receive applications from all talented young sportsmen and women, we look favourably on applicants with potential in our School's focus sports of rugby, football, cricket, netball and athletics/cross country.**

## Notification of Decision

All parents/guardians are notified in writing as to whether their child has been successful in their application. Due to the popularity of Scholarships, acceptance is time limited to 7 days so unallocated Scholarships can be offered to other worthy pupils.

If, in any given year, it is deemed that the minimum standards of excellence for awarding a Scholarship have not been attained by an applicant, any or all of the Scholarships available in that year may remain dormant.



## Conditions of all Scholarships

- An Award is granted at the sole discretion of St Clare's School and the Headteacher.
- The pupil who is the subject of the Award is required to work hard, to contribute positively to the life of the School, to be a credit to the School and to set a good example to other pupils. The pupil must adhere to the School's required standards of conduct and progress. These are the **Purposes of the Award** and **Expectations of a Scholar**.
- The parents are required to support and encourage the pupil to achieve the **Purposes of the Award** and treat members of the School Community reasonably and to uphold the aims and the good name of the School. Parents are required to comply with the School's Terms and Conditions.
- The Value, Terms and Conditions of the Award shall remain Confidential between the parents, the pupil and the School.
- The School may terminate the award by written notice sent to the parents with immediate effect if one of more of the following conditions has not been fulfilled:
  - The pupil has not complied with the obligations set out in the Purpose of the Award. There has been no significant improvement following consultation with the parents and, or pupil and has therefore been issued with a written warning.
  - The parents/guardians have not complied with the obligations set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Award and, or the Confidentiality Agreement.
  - The parents do not keep the Value, Terms and Conditions of the award confidential.
  - The parents withdraw the pupil from the School without providing a full term's written notice.

Scholarships will typically stay in place for the duration of a pupil's attendance at St Clare's School. However, it is important to note that once awarded, Scholarships are conditional upon the recipient continuing to contribute fully to school life and maintaining high standards of performance. The School reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship during its currency if a pupil fails to maintain the standard of excellence which justified the initial award, or for any other significant reason, such as, for example, a major disciplinary offence being committed by the pupil.

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