

## Academic Scholarship Information

### September 2024 admission to Year 7

#### Aims

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

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence, or for potential to achieve outstanding results.

#### Who can apply?

The Year 7 Scholarship Programme is intended for new pupils entering Senior School in September 2024. 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 to sit the Academic Scholarship exams as we have their test scores. Enquiries from external pupils in both the state maintained and independent school sectors are also welcomed.

#### Application Deadline?

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

Application Deadline	Scholarship Day
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### Notification of Decision

When awarding Scholarships, we will consider the candidate's Scholarship test scores, performance at interview, reports and references. Pupils will be ranked on a sliding scale. Parents/guardians will be notified in writing as to whether or not their child has been awarded a Scholarship and, if successful, then the value of such a scholarship.

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.



## 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 30% of standardised assessments sat between June 2021 and June 2023; and
- ✓ be in the top sets for all subjects and regularly in the top 5% of the highest performing pupils in their year group.

## How to apply for a Year 7 Academic Scholarship

Parents of external pupils must provide evidence that their child meets the eligibility criteria but if in doubt, they should check with their child's class teacher or their Headteacher who will be able to advise.

- ✓ **Pupil** to complete the Application Form;
- ✓ Covering letter to accompany the Scholarship application which must include the following information:
- ✓ School reports 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 including standardised test scores;
- ✓ 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

One-day assessment on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** when candidates will sit tests to assess their capabilities in English, mathematics and non-verbal reasoning. The same tests will be taken by all candidates.

Pupils will sit a 1 ¼ hour reading comprehension paper, a 45 minute creative writing paper, a 45 minute non-calculator test in mathematics and a 20 minute NVR test. Pupils will also have a short interview with the Deputy Head(s) and/or Assistant Head(s).

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## What is expected of all Academic 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:

- ✓ Achieve outstanding results.
- ✓ Significantly contribute to the academic life of the School.
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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.

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

## Conditions of Academic 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 and terms and conditions of the Scholarship 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.

Senior Academic Scholarships will typically stay in place for the duration of a pupil's attendance at St Clare's Senior School (end of Year 11). 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.

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)

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