



Academic Scholarship Information

September 2024 admission to Sixth Form

Aims

The aim of the Sixth Form Scholarship Programme is to encourage the promotion of academic excellence at St Clare's Sixth Form.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence, or for potential to achieve outstanding results up to a maximum of 50% of the school fees only, depending on performance.

Who can apply?

The Sixth Form Scholarship Programme is intended for new pupils entering Sixth Form in September 2024. For the purposes of this Scholarship Programme only, pupils already attending St Clare's Senior School are considered **new** to the Sixth Form. However, existing pupils who meet the eligibility criteria (see page 3) will automatically be invited to apply as we already have their predicted GCSE grades. 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
Monday, 19 th February 2024	Tuesday, 27 th February 2024

Notification of Decision

When awarding Scholarships, we will consider the candidate's predicted grades, performance at interview, school reports and references. Pupils will be ranked on a sliding scale. Parents/guardians will be notified in writing as to whether or not their son/daughter has been awarded a Scholarship and, if successful, then the **indicative value*** of such a scholarship which will be confirmed on GCSE Results Day.

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 12 Academic Scholarship – Eligibility Criteria

To be **eligible** to apply for a Sixth Form Academic Scholarship, all candidates **must** be predicted a Grade 8 average at GCSE.

How to apply for a Sixth Form 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 Head of Year 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 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 including predicted GCSE grades:
- ✓ 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.

Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Day

Interview with the Head of Sixth Form and Headteacher/Deputy Head.

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

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 student 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.

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships will typically stay in place for the duration of a pupil's attendance at St Clare's Sixth Form (end of Year 13). 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

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