



SCHOLARSHIPS & EXHIBITION AWARDS

Academic, The Arts and Sport



Culford

Introduction

We are proud of our long standing tradition of offering Scholarships and Exhibitions in recognition and encouragement of pupils who show real talent and potential for excellence. Our philosophy that education should be challenging, enriching and fun is central to these awards, which reward success and achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

Culford's vibrant Scholars' and Gifted & Talented Programme provides a comprehensive calendar of events throughout the academic year. There are frequent scholars' tutorials as well as a variety of visiting speakers. Most events are open to all pupils and some also welcome parents and guests.

We encourage pupils to explore new ideas and to challenge their own thinking and that of others, in order to achieve their full potential. There is a monetary value to each award, expressed as a discount on school fees.

Applications may be made for the following Scholarships and Exhibitions*:

Academic Scholarships	11+, 13+ and 16+
Foundation Scholarships	13+ and 16+
The William Miller Science Scholarship	16+
The Professor Watson Science Scholarship	16+
Sixth Form Mathematics Scholarship	16+
Music Scholarships	11+, 13+ and 16+
Art and Design Technology Scholarships	13+ and 16+
Drama Scholarships	13+ and 16+
General and Specialist Sports Scholarships	From 13+
Swimming, Tennis and Golf Academy Scholarships	From 11+

*Academic 11+ scholarships are by invitation only and 13+ by recommendation only.

All applicants are required to complete a Registration Form in order to sit Entrance and Scholarship Examinations or Assessments and attend an interview. Scholarships are worth up to 25% and an Exhibition is worth up to 10%. The maintenance of any award is dependent on continuing scholarship standard performance and is subject to periodic review.

If financial assistance is required, you may also apply for a means-tested bursary; please seek further information from the Admissions team in the first instance.



11+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils upon entry to Lower Third (Year 7). Pupils are expected to remain at Prep School until the end of Upper Third (Year 8). Awards will be reassessed upon entry to Senior School and again upon entry to Sixth Form.

Requirements

Candidates are required to:

- Sit the School Academic Scholarship examinations
- Sit verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests
- Attend an interview with either the Prep School Head or Prep Deputy Head (Academic)
- Provide a current school reference to include current subject and effort grades

13+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils upon entry to Fourth Form (Year 9). Pupils are expected to stay at Culford Senior School until the completion of GCSEs. Awards are tenable until the end of Upper Fifth (Year 11) and will be reassessed upon entry to Sixth Form dependent on the pupil's continuing scholarship standard performance.

Requirements

Candidates are required to:

- Sit Academic Scholarship examinations including verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests
- Attend an interview with the Headmaster or Deputy Head
- Provide a current school reference to include current subject and effort grades and recommendation from their current School Head



16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils entering the Sixth Form (Year 12).

Application

Candidates are invited to apply based on their predicted performance in GCSE examinations or equivalent. Applicants should normally expect to achieve at least 9 grades at level 7 or above, including English and Mathematics. Applicants should receive level 8 or 9 in the subject to be studied at Sixth Form.

Requirements

Candidates will be required to:

- Sit an examination in two selected subjects to be studied at Sixth Form
- Complete standard verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests
- Attend an interview with the Headmaster or Deputy Head
- Provide a current school reference to include current subject, effort and GCSE predicted grades

In recognition of outstanding potential and performance specifically in sciences and mathematics, 16+ Academic Scholarship applicants may be awarded the highly prestigious Sixth Form Mathematics, Professor Watson or William Miller Science Scholarships. To be considered, applicants should provide a current school reference to include current subject and effort grades and recommendation from their School Head.

The Foundation Scholarship

The strongest Academic Scholarship candidates at 13+ and 16+ will be considered for the Foundation Scholarship. Successful candidates will demonstrate strong Oxbridge level credentials. The value of the scholarship is up to 50% and is offered at the discretion of the Headmaster.

Headmaster's Jubilee (All Rounder Award)



11+, 13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils upon entry to Lower Third (Year 7), Fourth Form (Year 9) and Lower Sixth (Year 12) who are likely to contribute exceptionally to the overall life of the School. Awards will be reassessed upon entry to each School. The number of awards given each year is not fixed and awards are available to both day and boarding pupils.

If a pupil wishes to apply for an individual scholarship, he or she is welcome to submit an application for a Headmaster's Jubilee Scholarship. Applicants should complete the Jubilee Scholarship section included in the individual scholarship application form and seek endorsement from their current School Head.

There is a stand-alone Headmaster's Jubilee Scholarship form to be completed by applicants who have chosen not to apply for an individual scholarship.



**"My experience at
Culford gave me the
confidence to do
extraordinary things."**

Larrisa Clark
Old Culfordian

Headmaster's Jubilee (All Rounder Award)

Requirements

A pupil who is in receipt of a Headmaster's Jubilee Scholarship is required to work hard, contribute positively to the life of the School, be a credit to the School and set a good example to other pupils. Successful candidates will have extra-curricular and academic strengths and are likely to be very close to the level expected of individual subject scholars in more than one area. Preference will be given to applicants willing to board and bursary assistance may be available to support this.

Candidates will be required to:

- Submit an application form
- Demonstrate academic ability achieved to date, providing a recent school report showing effort and attainment
- Attend an assessment day and an interview with the Headmaster and/or Deputy Head, or Prep School Head
- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School Entrance or Scholarship Examinations
- Provide outstanding references from their current School Head endorsing the application

Candidates are expected to show academic ability and stamina in order to balance the demands of the broad curriculum maintaining academic excellence. Applicants are required to identify and detail two areas of strength from the following areas of school life:

Drama

Applicants must be fully involved in the dramatic life of the School and will have a major role in school productions. This will be either on stage or backstage in technical support.

Music

Applicants must be fully committed to the musical life of Culford and be working towards public exams in at least one instrument (which includes the voice). At 11+, candidates should be approaching Grade 3, at 13+, Grade 5 and at 16+, Grade 7 in at least one instrument.

Design Tech

Applicants are required to present examples of work, which demonstrate creative skill and achievement must outline evidence of research, design specification, evidence of manufacture and evaluation of the outcome against the design specification.

Art

Applicants are required to present a portfolio of work to demonstrate creative skill and achievement, and commitment to the creative life of the School. The work may include sketchbook drawing and evidence of artistic interest (e.g. gallery visits).

Sport

Applicants must be fully involved in the sporting life of Culford, with 'A' team representation in at least two competitive school sports. In addition, candidates should show sporting ambition beyond school, through club and/or county representation.



11+, 13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils upon entry to Lower Third (Year 7), Fourth Form (Year 9) and Lower Sixth (Year 12).

Application

Candidates are invited to apply on the basis of their instrumental or vocal ability and will be assessed upon their achievement level to date, and future potential. Applicants are expected to make a full and active contribution to the musical life of the School, participating in the orchestra, choirs, bands and any other musical groups within the School according to their specialisation.

Applicants are expected to play two instruments (the voice is classed an instrument). At 11+ candidates are expected to play one instrument to at least Grade 3 and be working towards this grade in a second instrument; at 13+ two instruments should be offered at Grade 5 or above; at 16+ one instrument should be offered at Grade 7 and candidates are expected to be approaching this grade in a second instrument.

Music Scholars are expected to study academic music throughout their school career. If a Music Scholar chooses to drop the subject they may be required to resign the scholarship, unless the Director of Music is content that their leadership of extra-curricular music meets the terms of the scholarship.

Requirements

Candidates will be required to:

- Submit an application form to be endorsed by their current School Head
- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School entrance examinations
- Attend an interview and audition with the Director of Music

13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

Awards are available to pupils upon entry to Fourth Form and Lower Sixth (Years 9 and 12).

Application

Candidates are invited to apply on the basis of their involvement in theatrical productions and will be assessed upon both their achievement and potential. Applicants are expected to make a full and active contribution to the dramatic life of the School, taking a leading role in theatrical productions and have a genuine interest in theatre and theatre work.

Drama Scholars are expected to study drama at GCSE and/or A Level. If a Drama Scholar chooses to drop the subject they may be required to resign the scholarship, unless the Director of Drama is content that their leadership of extra-curricular drama meets the terms of the scholarship.

Requirements

Candidates will be required to:

- Submit an application form to be endorsed by their current School Head
- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School entrance examinations
- Attend an interview and audition with the Director of Drama



13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils upon entry to Fourth Form or Lower Sixth (Years 9 and 12).

Application

Candidates are invited to apply for the scholarship based on their achievement and potential. Applicants should have the potential to study art to A Level and beyond, achieving level 8 or 9 at GCSE and A or A* at A level.

Art Scholars are expected to study art throughout their school career. If an Art Scholar chooses to withdraw from studying art, they will be required to resign the scholarship.

Requirements

Candidates will be required to:

- Submit an application form to be endorsed by their current School Head
- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School entrance examinations
- Submit a portfolio of art work for discussion and assessment by the Head of Art
- Complete a practical assessment and written exam as set by the Head of Art



**“Art gives you freedom.
Having a great
environment to work is
really important.”**

Jono Le Grice
Old Culfordian

13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to pupils upon entry to Fourth Form or Lower Sixth (Years 9 and 12).

Application

Candidates are invited to apply for the scholarship based on their achievement and potential. Applicants should have the potential to study Design Technology (DT) to A Level and beyond, achieving top examination grades at GCSE and A Level.

DT Scholars are expected to study the subject throughout their school career. If a DT Scholar chooses to withdraw, her or she will be required to resign the scholarship.

Requirements

Candidates will be required to:

- Submit an application form to be endorsed by their current School Head
- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School entrance examinations
- Submit a portfolio of DT work for discussion and assessment by the Head of DT
- Complete a practical assessment as set by the Head of DT

Arkwright Scholarships (16+)

The School supports the Arkwright Scholarship which is a national scheme open to those schools who achieve the necessary standards in design technology. Applications are made during the final GCSE year and candidates are encouraged to apply if they expect to achieve A grades at GCSE in mathematics, sciences, English and design technology. A financial reward is made to the pupil and the school also receives an award for the purchase of design technology equipment. Visit www.arkwright.org.uk for more information.



13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to current or new pupils who show outstanding sporting ability, talent and potential in two selected sports. Candidates should already be achieving at county standard in two sports.

Applicants may highlight at least two of the following school games as their sport:

- Tennis
- Swimming
- Hockey
- Netball
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Athletics

For players of exceptional talent, sports outside the major games of the school may be considered.

Application

Candidates are required to:

- Achieve satisfactory performance in the School's entrance examinations
- Complete the General Sports Scholarship application form detailing: honours, awards and achievements; current county, regional or national teams, targets and intended goals plus any other supporting information

Selection

Candidates will be invited for an assessment day, which involves tests in agility, coordination and stamina. Candidates will also be interviewed and undergo a skills and fitness test. New pupils entering the Senior School may be assessed for this award throughout the academic year, subject to funding and availability.

13+ and 16+ Scholarships

Availability

These awards are available to current or new pupils who show outstanding sporting ability, talent and potential. Candidates should already be achieving at regional squad level in their chosen major sport, and must also offer a second sport to a good first team standard.

Sports scholarships are available in:

- Rugby Specialist
- Hockey Specialist
- Cricket Specialist
- Swimming Specialist

Application

Candidates are required to:

- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School entrance examinations
- Complete the relevant application form detailing: honours, awards and achievements; current school, club, county, regional, national and development teams; targets and intended goals; plus any other supporting information.

This information must be endorsed by the applicant's current school Head and the Head of Sport; and by the coach of a regional squad.

Sports Scholars are expected to participate in the sport for which their scholarship has been awarded throughout the duration of their Culford education. If a Specialist Sports Scholar chooses to withdraw from participation in school teams he or she will be required to resign the scholarship.

Selection

Candidates will be invited for an assessment day which tests agility, coordination and stamina. Candidates will also be interviewed and undergo a skills and fitness test.

Scholarships from 11+

Availability

These awards are available to pupils from the age of 11 years. Applicants are required to show outstanding sporting ability and potential in the early specialisation sports of:

- Swimming
- Tennis
- Golf

Candidates should already be achieving at county or development squad level in either of the above.

Application

Candidates are required to:

- Achieve a satisfactory performance in the School entrance examinations
- Attend an individual or group assessment with coaches
- Complete an application form detailing: honours, awards and achievements; county, regional and national teams and associated rankings; targets and intended goals; plus any other supporting information.

This information must be endorsed by the applicant's current School Head, the current Head of Sport or a current specialist coach.

High Performance Scholars are expected to participate in the sport for which their scholarship has been awarded throughout the duration of their Culford education. If a scholar chooses to withdraw from participation he or she will be required to resign the scholarship.

Additionally, applicants may be assessed for swimming, tennis and golf scholarships at any point during the academic year, subject to funding and availability, where particular talent and potential is identified.

General Terms and Conditions

Financial specifications

Scholarships are awarded as a percentage discount credited against the pupil's tuition fees. Pupils in receipt of a bursary, the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), or any other discount, may be awarded an honorary award which confers Scholar's privileges but has no financial value.

Applicants may apply for up to two scholarships but in the event of being awarded multiple scholarships, only one will be monetary; the other will be honorary.

Obligations of the pupil

Pupils in receipt of scholarships are required to contribute significantly to the subject areas under which they were granted their awards. They are also required to work hard, contribute positively to the life of the School, set a good example to other pupils and, in general, be a credit to Culford. Failure to meet these obligations may lead to the loss of a scholarship or a reduction in its financial value. Academic Scholars are required to maintain academic excellence throughout all stages of their education and during school examinations. Failure to do so may result in the reduction or loss of a full academic award.

Obligations of the parents

Parents of Scholars are expected to support and encourage their children to uphold their obligations. Parents are required to understand children who: choose to give up academic study of music, art, or drama if their scholarship is in one of those subjects; who do not represent the school as a Sports Scholar; or who fail to show the academic application and leadership worthy of an Academic Scholar, may lose that scholarship. Parents of scholars are expected to pay the balance of their children's school accounts by the first day of term.

Withdrawal of a Scholarship

Scholarships may be withdrawn by written notice if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, acting in good faith, pupils or parents have not complied with the obligations set out above. Prior to the withdrawal of scholarships, the Headmaster will warn pupils and parents of his intent and give them a reasonable period to rectify the situation. Withdrawal of financial awards usually takes effect from the start of the following term, but, if necessary, withdrawal of participation on the relevant scholarship programme shall be immediate. Awards may be withdrawn by written notice if accounts remain unpaid 28 days after a written reminder has been sent to parents.

Fees in lieu of notice

The benefits payable under a scholarship do not apply to any term for which the School requires payment of fees in lieu of notice, nor to the final term of a pupil's career at Culford if they leave before the end of the Sixth Form without the School's consent.

Standard Terms and Conditions

The Conditions of a Scholarship takes precedence over any of the School's standard terms and conditions. In all other respects the standard terms and conditions as amended from time to time, shall apply and these conditions of a scholarship shall be interpreted in accordance with them.

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