

2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

This booklet is intended to provide a summary of the various scholarships and performance awards which are available at Bede's Prep School, and to act as a guide for prospective parents and candidates. Details of criteria for each award and an application form can be found in this booklet.

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SCHOLARSHIPS — AN INTRODUCTION

Bede's scholars embody the values and purpose of the Prep School. They are pupils who excel academically or in their chosen field of drama, art, music, dance or sport. They are pupils who recognise that being a scholar carries responsibilities of leadership and role-modelling and are enthusiastic about the opportunities available at Bede's. Scholarships and performance awards are made with a commitment from Bede's Prep School to develop and extend the award holder's talents by providing expert tuition and coaching within a supportive culture that challenges each child to expect more of themselves. Being a scholar is a public acknowledgement of a young person's outstanding ability or talent and is viewed as prestigious within our school community.

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- All candidates are judged on their apparent merits and the school reserves the right not to make an award if there are no candidates judged to be of sufficient merit.
- All awards are tenable until the end of Year 8 and are reviewed annually.
- Candidates may apply for a maximum of two awards.
- Pupils already at the school who are judged to be potential scholars will be invited to enter the scholarship process in consultation with their parents. If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact prep.admissions@bedes.org
- The school reserves the right to withdraw any award if, in the opinion of the Headmaster,
 - the pupil is performing academically below expectation
 - the pupil is not presenting as a role model in the school community
 - the pupil is failing to meet the terms of their scholarship
 - the pupil's conduct falls below the standard expected
 - the pupil's actions detract from another pupils' learning.
- Awards are made on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to the Headmaster.
- Bede's Prep School scholarships are not transferable to Bede's Senior School. Scholarship assessments take place in Year 8 for entry into the Senior School at Year 9.

IMPORTANT DATES

The application deadline for all awards is Monday 14 December 2020

Scholarship assessment week takes place from 18 to 22 January 2021, as follows:

Academic	18 January 2021
Art	19 January 2021
Sport (Years 3-6)	20 January 2021
Performing Arts	21 January 2021
Drama	21 January 2021
Music	21 January 2021
Sport (Years 7-8)	22 January 2021

Exact timings for the day will be confirmed by letter ahead of the assessment days.

FEE REMISSION AND BURSARIES

The aim of The St Bede's School Trust is that, where possible, fee concessions are means-tested.

- Scholarships (and performance awards) may carry a small non means-tested concession, usually set at 10% and no greater than 20%.
- A family may wish to apply for a means-tested bursary to 'top up' such a concession. Bursaries are based on a family's individual financial circumstances and subject to sufficient funds being available.
- An award and a bursary combined will not exceed 40% of fee remission.
- Those applying for means-tested scholarships who are unsuccessful in achieving an award, are not commonly awarded bursaries.
- The value of any concession made shall remain confidential between the family and the school and an award might be withdrawn if this confidentiality is breached.
- Any discount offered as a scholarship or bursary is applied to the tuition element of fees only (ie the 'day' fee). Boarding supplements and all other extras remain payable in full.

The scholarship application form asks parents to indicate if they will be applying for a means-tested concession. An application form for bursarial assistance can be obtained from the Admissions team, prep.admissions@bedes.org and should be completed and returned to the Bursar by the scholarship application deadline.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1** A candidate for scholarship (or performance award) must first meet the admission criteria for entry, be awarded and have accepted a place at Bede's Prep School. The admissions process requires registration, assessment and an interview; a place is confirmed only when the deposit has been received. Full details about the admissions process and a registration form can be obtained from the admissions team prep.admissions@bedes.org
- 2** To be considered for an award, a scholarship candidate must:
 - meet the criteria for the award as set out in the 2021 scholarship prospectus
 - complete the application process by the deadline
 - attend the scholarship assessment as required
- 3** Candidates will be informed in writing within two weeks of attending the scholarship assessment whether they have been successful and will have two weeks to accept the award.
- 4** Unsuccessful scholarship candidates who do not wish to proceed with a place at Bede's Prep School, will have their deposit refunded in full, provided that they give a minimum of one term's notice. Papers are appropriate for boys and girls from state or independent Schools.

AWARDS

Bede's Prep School offers a range of performance awards for entry into Years 4 to 6 and scholarships for entry into Years 7 and 8 in specialist subjects including art, drama, music, performing arts, sport and also in academics.

In addition, there are performance awards for entry into year 3 in sport and academics.

Where a candidate scores highly in two scholarship applications eg sport and academic, the Headmaster may offer them a combined 'all-rounder' award.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates sit age-appropriate assessments, suitable for state and independently educated applicants, and attend an interview with the Headmaster.

The assessments are designed to establish academic potential and past papers are not available.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Monday 18 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates should bring a transparent pencil case or bag containing a pencil, rubber and ruler, plus a water bottle and a snack for the break.
- Candidates should wear their current school uniform.
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged.

The assessments include:

- Computer-based mathematics test
- Computer-based English test
- English writing composition – writing to describe, narrate, persuade, explain or inform
- A science practical test for pupils in Year 7 and 8

ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to submit a portfolio of their work, complete practical tests on the day and attend an interview with the Headmaster. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Tuesday 19 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates should bring a water bottle and a snack for the break.
- All materials required on the day will be supplied by the school, and candidates are welcome to bring their own equipment.
- Candidates should wear their current school uniform.
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged.

The practical assessments include:

- An observational drawing
- A three-dimensional structure
- A discussion with the Head of Art about their portfolio and interest in art

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PORTFOLIO

The portfolio must be delivered to the school two weeks in advance of the assessment day to allow the Head of Art time to review the work.

It should include a selection of work which demonstrates a variety of skills and reflects the ideas, interests and abilities of the candidate. This may include drawings, paintings, collage, printing, photography or 3D work.

We are interested in refinement in the drawing, but also like to see evidence of sketches, ideas, collected images, postcards and notebooks which offer a sense of the candidate's own particular visual creativity. In progress or unfinished drawings may also be shown. We encourage interesting sketchbooks rather than neat, mounted and 'over presented' work.

If they have visited a gallery or have a favourite artist, we would welcome any drawings or notes in their sketchbook about this.

The Head of Art, Ms Rachael Armitage is happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 734222.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to perform at least two pieces per instrument/voice, sing a piece of music (even if not entering as a voice candidate), perform practical tests on the day and attend an interview with the Headmaster. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

Successful candidates mostly offer a major instrument plus a secondary instrument or voice.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Thursday 21 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition on that day and should allow one hour, unless otherwise advised.
- Candidates should bring their own instruments with them (except for piano and drums) and any music needed for the audition, plus a water bottle.
- Candidates should wear their current school uniform.
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged.
- Candidates should be well prepared and have practised their pieces with their teacher in advance.

The auditions require candidates to:

- Perform a sight-reading test
- Perform aural tests
- Sing a vocal piece (all candidates)
- Perform two instrumental pieces per instrument/voice
- Discuss their performance experiences and enjoyment of music with the Director of Music

The Director of Music and Performing Arts Co-ordinator, Mr Alex Farley, is happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 734222.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to perform a prepared dramatic piece, an improvised dramatic piece and attend an interview with the Headmaster. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The audition will take place on **Thursday 21 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition on that day and should allow one hour, unless otherwise advised.
- Candidates should bring a copy of their prepared text plus a water bottle.
- Candidates should wear loose, comfortable clothing.
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged.
- Candidates should be well prepared and have learnt and rehearsed their prepared piece with their drama teacher in advance.

The auditions require candidates to:

- Perform a two-minute audition piece (not Shakespeare)
- Perform an improvised piece with the Head of Drama (provided on the day)
- Bring any props with them that they feel may help with their prepared piece
- Discuss with the Head of Drama the candidate's performance experiences, theatre groups, workshops and productions in which they have been involved. Evidence of participation is essential with programmes, reviews and photographs

The Head of Drama, Mrs Laura Burdekin, will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 734222.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DANCE ELEMENT

GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATES REGARDING PERFORMING ARTS APPLICATIONS

A Performing Arts scholarship comprises of two of the following three disciplines: drama, music and dance. Candidates are required to choose which two disciplines they will audition in, and follow the guidance provided for music and drama scholarships as listed above, and for dance as listed below.

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to perform a prepared dance piece, an improvised solo and attend an interview with the Headmaster. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Thursday 21 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition on that day and should allow one hour, unless otherwise advised.
- Candidates should bring a digital copy of their accompanying music to the audition, plus a water bottle.
- Candidates should wear appropriate dancewear for the audition (but should not bring a special costume for the prepared piece); they may bring props for their prepared piece
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged

The auditions require candidates to:

- Perform a two-minute solo dance of their choice, either their own variation or choreographed by their dance teacher which showcases their talent in any of the following dance types: ballet, contemporary, creative dance, musical theatre, street dance, jazz, modern, tap, character
- Participate in a one-hour specialist dance lesson (ballet and jazz) with other dancers from the school and then perform a solo dance of their choice
- Discuss with the Head of Dance the candidate's own dance experiences and any musical theatre, ballets and other dance theatre visited. A portfolio of exam certificates is welcome but not essential as we are looking for dance potential

Mr Alex Farley, Director of Music and Performing Arts Co-ordinator, will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 734222.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Bede's offers Individual and Team awards for sport. An Individual Award is only given for our three core sports - cricket, hockey or football. Applications from those who have significant achievements in our competitive sports - netball, tennis, swimming and basketball - will be considered for a Team Award and will be asked to trial in their chosen sport and one of our core and competitive sports. These are awarded to candidates who are not quite of scholarship standard and gives pupils access to the scholarship development pathway. These do not carry any financial reward.

SPORTS PERFORMANCE AWARD

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates should have achieved a high standard of performance at county or national level*, in at least one of the school's core sports - cricket, hockey or football.

Candidates who have achieved a high standard of performance in netball, swimming and tennis may be considered, but only in conjunction with the ability to perform at a high standard in at least one of the school's core sports.

**While we understand that there may not be county or national teams for those in younger year groups, we would be looking for an equivalent standard.*

Candidates are required to participate in an afternoon of sports trials and attend an interview with the Headmaster. A reference from the candidate's current school is require

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Wednesday 20 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates should bring with them the right equipment for their chosen sports including cricket kit, tennis racket, football boots, hockey stick or swimming kit, plus a water bottle and a snack for the break.
- Candidates should wear appropriate sportswear to include a tracksuit, shorts and trainers with footwear appropriate for the sports hall, and different footwear for outdoor activities.
- Candidates must provide references from their current coaches in their application.
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged.

The assessments include:

- A fitness test
- A trial in the candidate's first sport
- A trial in the candidate's second sport

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CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates should have achieved a high standard of performance, at county or national level, in one of the school's core sports - cricket, hockey or football.

Candidates who have achieved a high standard of performance in netball, swimming and tennis, may be considered but only in conjunction with the ability to perform at a high standard in at least one of the school's core sports.

Candidates are required to participate in an afternoon of sports trials and attend an interview with the Headmaster. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Friday 22 January 2021** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates should wear appropriate sportswear to include a tracksuit, shorts and trainers with footwear appropriate for the sports hall, and different footwear for outdoor activities.
- Candidates should bring with them the right equipment for their chosen sports including cricket kit, tennis racket, football boots, hockey stick or swimming kit, plus a water bottle and a snack for the break.
- Candidates must provide references from their current coaches in their application.
- Interviews with the Headmaster may take place later that day or on another date, as arranged.

The assessments include:

- A fitness test
- A trial in the candidate's first choice of sport
- A trial in the candidate's second choice of sport

The Director of Sport, Mr David Byrne and the Head of Prep School Games, Ms Gemma Towner, will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the School on 01323 734222.

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SCHOLARSHIP AND PERFORMANCE AWARD APPLICATION FORM

COMPLETE THE FORM IN FULL AND PROVIDE A RECENT PASSPORT PHOTO OF THE CANDIDATE

Candidate's Surname

Forename

Boy Girl

Date of Birth

Year of entry applied for (eg 2021)

Year group applied for (eg year 7)

Day Place **Boarding Place**

Please tick if appropriate:

We wish to apply for a means-tested bursary (forms will be sent to you accordingly)

Parents full names

Candidate's main address and postcode

Father's telephone number and email address

Mother's telephone number and email address

Results will be emailed to both parents unless indicated here: **Mother** **Father**

Current School:

email address & telephone number

Name of Head

Scholarship or Performance Award field:

Candidates should only apply for two scholarships *if* they can demonstrate outstanding talent in both areas

Please indicate the candidate's chosen field

Academic

Art

Drama

Music:

- first instrument:

- second instrument:

Performing Arts (please circle)

- first discipline - dance, drama, music

- second discipline - dance, drama, music

Sport:

- first sport

- second sport

Evidence

Please submit any supporting evidence relevant to the candidate's application, along with this form.

Evidence may include:

– certificates, awards and medals

– competition results

– press clippings

– theatre or concert programmes

– photographs of achievements

– personal best times

References

A confidential reference form must be completed by the candidate's Head Teacher and returned by email to prep.admissions@bedes.org

Further references must be provided if included in the criteria for the specific award. These should also be emailed to prep.admissions@bedes.org

Signature of Parent

Date

The completed form should be emailed to prep.admissions@bedes.org
by the published closing date 14 December 2020

SCHOLARSHIP OR PERFORMANCE AWARD CANDIDATE CONFIDENTIAL HEAD TEACHER REFERENCE FORM

To be completed by the Head Teacher of the candidate's school

Name of Candidate:

Please supply a report which outlines the candidate's suitability for this award

Head Teacher signature:

Date:

SCHOLARSHIP OR PERFORMANCE AWARD CANDIDATE CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

To be completed by the specialist teacher or coach of the candidate

Name of Candidate:

Please supply a report which outlines the candidate's experience, achievements, attitude and suitability for the award

Coach/Specialist Teacher signature:

Date:

