



October 2021

Dear Year 8 Parents

13+ Scholarships at Notre Dame

I am delighted to advise that Notre Dame is continuing to offer 13+ Scholarships for students commencing Year 9 in September 2022. Applications are welcome from all internal Year 8 students, as well as external candidates.

Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships are available, and Scholars receive a fee discount of 10% for Years 9, 10 and 11.

If your daughter would like to apply for a Scholarship, please complete the **13+ Scholarship Registration Form** before the registration deadline for external candidates of **Friday 7th January 2022**.

I am attaching an **Information Sheet** for each Scholarship giving:

- The date of the Scholarship Assessment
- The closing date for the submission of any pre-assessment material
- Assessment Requirements
- Contact details should you require further information.

Key Dates are as below:

- Friday 7th January 2022 - Closing Date for 13+ Scholarship applications for external candidates
- Friday 7th January 2022 - final date for submission of music accompaniment scores
- Friday 14 January 2022 - final date for Art, Drama and Sports Scholarship submissions
- Wednesday 26th January 2022 - am - Music Scholarship Auditions
- Tuesday 25th January 2022 - pm - Sport Scholarship Assessments
- Thursday 3rd February 2022 - 9am to noon - Academic Scholarship Examination
- Thursday 27th January 2022 - 2.10pm to 4.10pm - Drama Scholarship Auditions
- Wednesday 2nd February 2022 - 2.10pm to 4.10pm - Art Scholarship Assessments

Please note that students who already hold an 11+ scholarship in a given subject do not need to apply for a 13+ scholarship as 11+ scholarships extend to the end of Year 11. Such students are welcome to apply for a scholarship in another subject although a further fee discount will not be offered. That is, students are able to hold more than one scholarship in name, but the scholarship fee discount can be applied only once. Beyond Year 11, Sixth Form Scholarships are available, the assessments for which are taken in November of Year 11.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sarah Badger BSc (Hons), PGCE
Assistant Head, Curriculum



13+ Academic Scholarship

Information for Candidates

Each candidate will sit three examinations:

1. Mathematics
2. English Reading Comprehension and Writing Task
3. Non-Verbal Reasoning

These examinations will take place during the school day on:

Thursday 3rd February 2022 – 9.00am to noon

If you require further information, please contact Ms Sarah Badger at sbadger@notredame.co.uk



13+ ART SCHOLARSHIP

Information for Candidates

Notre Dame's Art Department is seeking scholars who have strong observational drawing skills, a creative flair and a genuine passion for the visual arts. In order to demonstrate this we would like each candidate to undertake a practical assessment, which will take place during the school day on **Wednesday 2nd February 2022**.

Candidates are also asked to submit a sketchbook or a portfolio of work that they have completed unaided. It is expected that you use work you have made at school as well as at home within your submission. This could include some of the following:

1. Drawings from direct observation, (not from pictures), some that are shaded and some using line only. They can be completed with a variety of materials such as; pencils, charcoal, fine-liner or colour pencils.
2. Your copies of paintings that you admire, using any materials which you feel are suitable. You can also include any other painting you have completed, or other artwork such as illustrations or designs.

Please make sure that any work submitted is clearly labelled. Submissions should be sent to Ms Basra, Head of Art, by **Friday 14th January 2022**. These will be returned to the candidate at the end of the practical assessment.

Assessments will take place on:

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 – 2:10pm to 4:10pm.

During the practical assessment you will be required to produce an observational drawing for one hour. You will also have one hour to respond to a piece of art work in colour. This will be explained in full on the day. All materials and subject matter will be provided.

*If you require further information, please contact Ms Basra, Head of Art at:
kbasra@notredame.co.uk*



13+ DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

Information for Candidates

Each candidate should submit the following, all clearly labelled, to Miss Graham, Head of Drama, by **Friday 14th January 2022**:

1. A list of drama activities and productions in which the candidate has participated.
2. Any LAMDA / Guildhall / Festival comments sheets, if applicable.
3. A short review (no more than 500 words) of a live or digital/online/streamed theatre production they have seen. This will form the basis for an informal discussion.

Candidates will also be asked to undertake a short audition, which will take place during the school day on:

Thursday 27th January 2022 – 2.10pm to 4.10pm

For the audition, the candidate will need to have prepared a short character monologue of no more than two minutes in length and be prepared to participate in a Drama Workshop.

Please Note:

The audition process is informal and relaxed as we want the candidates to enjoy the audition and perform at their best.

If you require further information, please contact Miss Christina Graham at cgraham@notredame.co.uk.



13+ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Information for Candidates

Auditions will take place at Notre Dame on:

the morning of Wednesday 26th January 2022.

Candidates will be notified of the time of their audition.

Each candidate should be prepared to:

1. Perform two contrasting solo pieces on her FIRST instrument
2. If more than one instrument, perform a solo on her SECOND instrument/voice
3. Undertake some simple ear tests
4. Sight-read (where applicable)
5. Candidates with suitable singing experience may choose to demonstrate their vocal ability.
6. Provide information as to her level of skill (grade exams, for example) and involvement in music in or out of school
7. Provide information as to the level of theory being studied if applicable
8. Provide information about her ability to compose or interest in composition if applicable

Students who require accompaniment will be asked **to submit scores for accompaniment to the Admissions Office by Friday 7th January 2022.** Students may provide their own accompanist if preferred.

If the candidate is not a vocalist, please advise if she sings in her school choir or in a choir outside school.

The voices of all instrumental candidates will be tested for tuning, quality, range and voice type using simple warm-up exercises.

As part of the audition, the Head of Music will speak to the candidate about her general interests and her involvement in school life and outside school, such as hobbies and clubs.

Those holding the award will be expected to make a strong contribution to the musical life of the school and will be encouraged to follow the Music course to GCSE. All Music scholars with suitable voices will be expected to complement their instrumental studies and participation in school orchestra with membership of one or both of the school choirs and other smaller ensembles as directed by the Head of Music.

Please Note:

The audition process is informal and relaxed as we want the candidates to enjoy the audition and perform at their best.

*If you require further information, please contact Mr Hodgson, Head of Music, at:
ahodgson@notredame.co.uk*



13+ SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Information for Candidates

Sports Scholarships are awarded to students with a proven high level of sporting ability and potential. Candidates are expected to offer at least one sport to a high standard. Candidates must also demonstrate flair for acquiring new skills as well as a passion and commitment to sport in general.

It is expected that Sports Scholars will contribute to the sporting life of the school and engage with the Sports Scholars Programme.

Each candidate should submit a written record of her sporting achievements to Miss Paul, Director of Sport, by **Friday 14th January 2022** along with photocopies of awards and certificates and photos of any cups or medals being received. Please do not submit original certificates, awards, cups, medals, or DVD's.

The written record could include:

1. How long the candidate has been participating in her chosen sport or sports
2. School/Club/County or National participation
3. Courses attended, awards gained (along with awarding body/level/year achieved)
4. Details of positions of responsibility (eg captain)
5. Candidate's aspirations
6. Candidate's other interests, sporting or otherwise, in and out of school
7. Any other relevant information to support the Candidate's application

Assessments will take place on:

the afternoon of Tuesday 25th January 2022

The scholarship assessment for internal candidates will include a 15 minute interview, which will be arranged individually with each candidate, as well as evidence from the portfolio and an analysis of the candidate's performance and participation over the last twelve months in their sport or sports.

*If you require further information, please contact Miss Paul, Director of Sport at:
fpaul@notredame.co.uk*