

2025 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 performing arts 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 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 Head of Prep School,
 - 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 **Friday 13 December 2024**

Scholarship assessment week takes place from 20 to 25 January 2025, as follows:

Art	Monday 20 January 2025
Academic	Tuesday 21 January 2025
Performing Arts	Thursday 23 January 2025
Dance	Thursday 23 January 2025
Drama	Thursday 23 January 2025
Music	Thursday 23 January 2025
Sport	Saturday 25 January 2025

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 may carry a small non means-tested concession, of between 5% and 20%, awarded on an individual basis.
- 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 50% 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 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 as part of Taster Days; a place is confirmed only when the deposit has been received. Full details about the admissions process can be obtained from the Admissions Team via prep.admissions@bede.org
- 2** To be considered for an award, a scholarship candidate must:
 - meet the criteria for the award as set out in the 2025 scholarship prospectus
 - complete the application process by the deadline
 - attend the scholarship assessment as required
- 3** Papers are appropriate for boys and girls from state or independent Schools.
- 4** 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.
- 5** 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.

AWARDS

Bede's Prep School offers a range of scholarships for entry into Years 4 to 8 in specialist subjects including Art, Drama, Music, Dance, Performing arts, Sport and also in Academics.

In addition, there are scholarships for entry into Year 3 in Sport and Academics.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

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

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 **Tuesday 21 January 2025** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates should bring a transparent pencil case or bag containing a pencil, rubber and ruler, plus a water bottle.
- Candidates should wear their current school uniform.
- Interviews with the Head of Prep School may take place 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 short presentation (2-3 minutes)
- Computer-based Science test (Year 7 and 8 applicants only)

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 Head of Prep School. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Monday 20 January 2025** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates should bring a water bottle.
- 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 Head of Prep School may take place 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), take part in a music workshop, perform practical tests on the day and attend an interview with the Head of Prep School. 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 23 January 2025** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition which will detail the specific timings.
- 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 Head of Prep School may take place 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
- Learn a song alongside other candidates
- Perform two instrumental pieces per instrument/voice
- Discuss their performance experiences and enjoyment of music with the Director of Music
- Learn some body percussion and percussion pieces alongside other candidates

The Head of Faculty, Performing and Creative Arts, Mr Alex Farley, will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 356866.

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 Head of Prep School. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The audition will take place on **Thursday 23 January 2025** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition which will detail the specific timings.
- Candidates should bring a copy of their prepared text plus a water bottle.
- Candidates should wear loose, comfortable clothing.
- Interviews with the Head of Prep School may take place 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 highly recommended 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.

DANCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATES REGARDING DANCE APPLICATIONS

Candidates are required to take part in a specialist dance lesson, perform a solo dance, participate in a discussion with the Head of Dance and attend an interview with the Head of Prep School.

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to take part in a Ballet and Modern class, perform a prepared dance 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 23 January 2025** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition which will detail the specific timings.
- Candidates should bring a digital copy or a CD 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. Hair should be in a bun.
- Interviews with the Head of Prep School may take place that day or on another date, as arranged.

The auditions require candidates to:

- Participate in a one-hour specialist dance lesson (Ballet and Modern) with other candidates and dancers from the school
- Perform a solo dance (maximum of two minutes) of their choice which showcases their talent in any of the following dance types: ballet, contemporary, creative dance, musical theatre, street dance, jazz, modern, tap, character
- 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

Miss Kendall, Head of Dance (maternity cover), will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 734222.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATES REGARDING PERFORMING ARTS APPLICATIONS

A Performing Arts scholarship comprises of two of the following three disciplines: Drama, Music and Dance. Candidates must choose which disciplines they will audition in and follow the guidelines for those disciplines.

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates must prepare the listed 'criteria for candidates' for their chosen disciplines. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Thursday 23 January 2025** at Bede's Prep School.
- Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition which will detail the specific timings.
- Candidates offering Music should bring their instruments (except for piano and drums) and any music they need for the audition, including accompaniments.
- Candidates offering Drama should bring a copy of their prepared text.
- Candidates offering Dance should bring a digital copy of their accompanying music.
- Candidates should wear appropriate clothing for their audition (but should not bring a special costume for dance). This should be something they can move comfortably in.
- Interviews with the Head of Prep School may take place that day or on another date, as arranged.
- All candidates should bring a water bottle.

The auditions require candidates to:

- Take part in a Drama workshop with other candidates
- Participate in a Dance workshop with other candidates
- Learn some body percussion and percussion pieces alongside other candidates
- Learn a song alongside other candidates
- Complete the audition requirements for each chosen discipline offered

The Head of Faculty, Performing and Creative Arts, Mr Alex Farley, will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the school on 01323 356866.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Bede's offers Individual and Team awards for sport. An Individual Award is only given for our four core pathway sports - Cricket, Football, Hockey and Tennis. Applications from those who have significant achievements in our core sports - Netball and Swimming - will be considered for a Team Award and will be asked to trial in their chosen sport and one of our core pathway sports.

In addition, Exhibition Awards 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.

CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates should have achieved a similar standard of performance, at county or national level, in one of the school's core pathway sports - Cricket, Football, Hockey or Tennis.

Candidates who have achieved a similar standard of performance in Netball or Swimming, 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 sports trials and attend an interview with the Head of Prep School. A reference from the candidate's current school is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DAY

- The assessments will take place on **Saturday 25 January 2025** 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, Astro trainers (for football and hockey), 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 Head of Prep School will take place 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, will be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at the School on 01323 356571 or via david.byrne@bedes.org.

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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 2025)

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

Parent 1 - telephone number and email address

Parent 2 - telephone number and email address

Results will be emailed to both parents unless indicated here: Parent 1 Parent 2

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(s)

Academic

Art

Drama

Music:

- first instrument:

- second instrument:

Dance

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 must be completed by the candidate's Head Teacher. This reference should outline the candidate's suitability for the award(s) they have applied for.

Further references must be provided if included in the criteria for the specific award. Specialist teachers and/or coaches of the candidate should supply a report which outlines the candidate's experience, achievements, attitude and suitability for the award.

Completed references and reports should be returned by email 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 13 December 2024.

