

Fettes College

SPORTS
SCHOLARSHIP



Scottish

Introduction

from Acting Director of Sport and Exercise



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At Fettes we cater for all our students' needs and this includes aspirational and elite athletes who might seek district or national representation. Students participate in over 30 different sports and activities during the year, including over 12 competitive team sports. Typically, up to 350 students will compete for the College during a busy fixture against our local schools in sports such as rugby, hockey, football, lacrosse, netball, cricket, tennis, athletics, basketball, badminton and squash. Currently we hold seven National age group titles in hockey, cricket, netball and lacrosse and over 20 of our students represent Scotland in hockey, rugby, cricket, basketball, lacrosse and table tennis. In this context, we expect our Sports Scholars to take an active leadership role and embrace our values to aim high and give back.

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Mr Michael Henderson-Sowerby
Acting Director of Sport and Exercise
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What makes a Sports Scholar at Fettes?

Sports Scholars should be players with an outstanding skill level and tactical understanding in their given sport. They must demonstrate a serious desire to develop their sport, to lead others, and to promote participation in sport more widely across the school community.

[Read more about Sport at Fettes](#)

Sports Scholars Programme

For students who perform exceptionally well throughout their assessment and succeed in being awarded a Sports Scholarship, this carries a value of 5% of the fees and also includes:

- Twice weekly Conditioning and Functional Movement sessions
- Invitation to attend a series of talks/sessions covering a wide range of topics we feel are critical to the development of our Sports Scholar students and small group skills development opportunities led by the Heads of Sport.
- A Sports Scholars Training kit
- For those who aspire to District and International level you will be invited to join our TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) programme which aims to give our student athletes the tools they require to balance their academic and sporting lives at Fettes.

How to apply for a Sports Scholarship

To apply for an Academic Scholarship at I3+ or at I6+ please complete this Application Form by the deadline date (see below).

- I6+ deadline to apply for a 2026 Scholarship
= 2nd November 2025
- I3+ deadline to apply for a 2026 Scholarship
= 14th January 2026
- Submit a Sports CV to the Admissions team
admissions@fettes.com by the deadline
- Late entrants are by exception and this cannot be guaranteed. To avoid disappointment please ensure you meet the deadline.

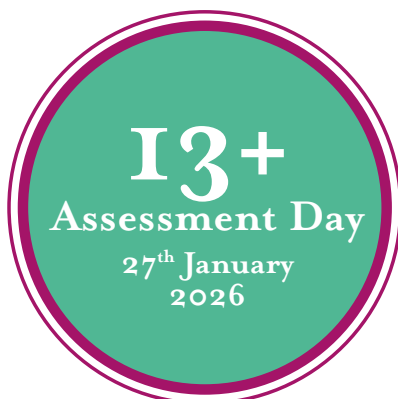
Candidates can only apply for a maximum of two Scholarships for 2026. We do not recommend applying for the combination of Sport and Music or Sport and Piping / Snare Drumming as the time commitment to fulfil a student's potential in two of these Scholarships would put an undue burden on the candidate's academic priorities.

Our Director of Sport, Mrs Becky Mill, is currently on maternity leave. In her absence, Mr Michael Henderson-Sowerby, Acting Director of Sport and Exercise, will be happy to answer any specific questions: M.Henderson-Sowerby@fettes.com

If you have any general questions, please contact a member of our Admissions Team:
admissions@fettes.com

Candidates joining Fettes at I3+ must take an Entrance Assessment in the Autumn Term.

KEY DATES





What to expect on the Assessment Day

At 13+

Candidates entering our Third Form (Year 9/S3) will first gain an offer of a place at Fettes by attending an assessment in the Autumn Term which will comprise a CAT4 test and 15-20 minute interview with a member of our Senior Management Team. Candidates will then return to Fettes for the Multi-Sports Assessment Day on Tuesday 27th January 2026.

Our 13+ Sports Scholarship Assessment will comprise up to **four** components:

1.

Provide a short Sports CV (or a teacher's report of the candidate's achievement and potential)

Sports CVs should include a list of achievements both within the candidate's current school and externally through Clubs etc. We are looking to see your current level of involvement in sport and your desire and commitment. ([See example](#)) This should be emailed to the Admissions team by 14th January 2026.

2.

Participate in assessments covering Athletic Ability, Rugby, Netball, Lacrosse, Hockey, Cricket/Racket Sports plus an additional option of Swimming. The Director of Sport is looking for overall fitness, potential, application, ambition and commitment.

3.

If a candidate wishes to be assessed in swimming, please tell the Admissions team by 14th January 2026 and bring swim wear and a towel to the Assessment Day.

4.

During the Assessment Day, attend an informal interview with a member of the Games Department where we will explore the candidate's passion for sport, talk about their Sports CV and give them the opportunity to ask questions.

At 16+

Candidates will attend our Scholarship Assessment Days on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November 2025 with the Sports Assessment taking place on 11th November.

Our 16+ Sports Scholarship Assessment will comprise up to **five** components:

1.

Provide a short Sports CV (or a teacher's report of the candidate's achievement and potential)

Sports CVs should include a list of achievements both within the candidate's current school and externally through Clubs etc. We are looking to see your current level of involvement in sport and your desire and commitment. ([See example](#)) This should be emailed to the Admissions team by 2nd November 2025.

2.

Participate in a physical assessment, where candidates will be put through a range of fitness challenges to assess their physical abilities.

This will be led by our Head of Athletic development and will include strength, agility, speed endurance, flexibility and threshold tests.

3.

Demonstrate their chosen sports alongside our current students in a team setting and/or individually.

These sessions will be led by our talented Games staff, and candidates will have the opportunity to discuss their sport with them. The Games Staff are looking for overall fitness, potential, application, ambition and commitment.

4.

If a candidate wishes to be assessed in swimming, please tell the Admissions team by 2nd November 2025 and bring swim wear and a towel to the assessment day.

5.

During the assessment day, attend a formal interview with the Director of Sport where you will have the opportunity to discuss your Sports CV and explain how sport is important to you and what role it might play in your life in the Sixth Form and beyond.



What to wear and what to bring with you

We want students to feel comfortable

We ask that students come in sports kit/track suits and bring all relevant equipment including gum shields/mouthguards, shin pads, hockey sticks, rugby boots plus swim wear and towel, if applicable. We recommend you do not wear a smart watch of any description, and do not bring a mobile phone. If you do bring these with you, we will ask you to leave them at reception. Please do bring a clear water bottle.

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Whether an enthusiastic amateur or future Olympian, Fettes has the facilities, expertise and enthusiasm to enable each and every student to achieve their sporting goals.

Mr Mark Appleson
Deputy Head (School Life)

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Please note

All Scholarships at Fettes are a mark of significant achievement and are awarded at the discretion of the Head. The maximum fee remission per student is 5%. We do not give detailed feedback on an individual's performance at our Assessment Days and the performance of each Scholarship holder is reviewed annually and is subject to satisfactory progress and behaviour.

Bursaries

Fettes is committed to broadening access to the school by offering means-tested financial support towards the payment of school fees - known as a Bursary. Bursaries can cover 100% of fees payable, depending on the financial circumstances of applicants.

Bursaries at Fettes are not connected to Scholarships. The deadline for applying for a Bursary for entry to Fettes in 2026 is Friday 31st October 2025.

[View our Guide to Bursaries, including how to apply.](#)



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If you have any questions, no matter how small,
please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Admissions Team:

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