
BEDE'S
CONSCIENTIOUS
Scholarships

# Our Vision

*Where every child finds joy in their pursuit of brilliance*

# Our Mission

*We continue to craft a more joyful education.*

*Cultivating a vibrant learning experience, motivating us to pursue our individual best.*

*Providing a festival of opportunity, enabling us to discover new passions and develop new talents.*

*Building a kind-hearted community, inspiring us to enhance the lives of others.*

# Our Values

**Be Compassionate**

*Because a caring community fosters belonging.*

We expect our community to show kindness to people of all ages, genders and ethnicities, maintaining campuses where every person feels joyful and energised.

**Be Courageous**

*Because fortune favours the brave.*

We challenge our community to stand up for what is right, providing them with a safe environment where they can take bold action in pursuit of brilliance.

**Be Curious**

*Because wisdom can be found off the beaten track.*

We encourage our community to discover unlikely passions and hidden niches, releasing them into a wealth of opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

**Be Conscientious**

*Because dedication is a spearhead of success.*

We ask our community to throw themselves wholeheartedly into every endeavour, taking responsibility for their journey and inspiring others to do the same.

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# Introduction

Scholarships are offered for entry at 13+ and 16+ and recognise a pupil's excellence in a particular discipline. At Bede's we offer scholarships in Academics, Creative Arts, Dance, Drama, Music and Sport.

A scholarship award will usually bring with it a small fee remission. More importantly scholarships are given with a commitment from us to develop and extend each scholar's talents, by providing expert tuition and coaching within a supportive culture that challenges each child to expect more of themselves.

In addition to the scholarships we offer, we also offer a number of awards; these do not bring financial benefit, but are a recognition of a young person's potential in a particular area. Recipients of such an award receive all of the benefits in school that would be given to a scholar.

In turn, our scholars are required to contribute positively to the life of the School and set a good example to others. A scholar's school commitments to the discipline in which they hold the award take precedence over commitments outside of school.

Scholarship awards are up to 10% of tuition fees (day fees).

# Scholarships, Exhibitions and Bursaries

**Scholarships and Exhibition Awards**
Each year scholarships are offered at 13+ and 16+ to recognise a pupil's excellence in a particular discipline. Scholarships carry fee reductions of up to 10% of tuition fees (day fees) Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship, however the maximum fee reduction of all scholarships will total no more than 10%, regardless of the number of awards given.

Most scholarships are awarded for the duration of the child's time at Bede's, subject to annual reviews and monitoring at key stages.

Parents can apply to have a scholarship supplemented with additional financial support by applying for a bursary.

Parents who do not require financial support may accept their child's scholarship award on an honorary basis. This allows the child to be recognised for their achievements, but the funds can be used for another deserving young person.

In addition to the scholarships we offer, we also offer a number of Exhibition awards; these do not bring financial benefit, but are a recognition of a young person's potential in a particular area. Recipients of such an award receive all of the benefits in school that would be given to a scholar.

**Bursaries**
Parents who will need additional financial support beyond the scholarship award may apply for a bursary award

The main consideration for a bursary award is demonstrating significant financial need and applications will need to provide detailed information about their household income, assets and expenses to determine their eligibility.

Bursaries are a fee reduction to a level depended on the parents' financial resources. Only in exceptional cases will combined scholarship and bursary offers amount to more than 50% of tuition (day) fees.

The value of any award made, whether it is scholarship or means-tested fee remission, must remain confidential between the parents and the School and an award might be withdrawn if this is breached.

13+
# Scholarships



# Academic Scholarships

13+

A Bede's Academic Scholarship is a celebration of the individual - a pupil who is talented in a range of subjects, but who also pursues personal academic interests beyond the confines of the examination curriculum. Independence, enthusiasm, humility and curiosity are essential qualities. Our Academic Scholars are offered a rich and varied programme of extension and support, including masterclasses, lectures, trips and opportunities to share their passions with others. These pupils are expected to take an active role in the academic life of the school.

## CRITERIA

13+ Academic Scholarship candidates should

- have consistently positive school reports (for both effort and achievement),
- be in the top sets for Mathematics, Science and English,
- enjoy academic activities outside the curriculum (such as clubs, podcasts, trips and/or wider reading) and
- be happy to share their academic passions with others.

## EXPECTATION

13+ Academic Scholars are expected to

- perform at a consistently high academic standard (in terms of both grades and engagement),
- regularly participate in subject masterclasses,
- regularly attend Pyemont Lectures and 42 Club talks,
- enter competitions and prizes, both internally and externally,
- participate in trips (to universities and other institutions) and
- support other Academic Scholars, including on interview days.

## ASSESSMENT

Candidates are interviewed over two days at Bede's Senior School. The process includes examinations in Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities and an optional Languages paper.

**What do the papers involve?**

**English (1 hour)**

The English scholarship paper will require pupils to write a single essay of literary analysis in response to previously unstudied texts. Candidates will choose to write their essay on a poem or a prose extract, both of which are provided. Bede's is not prescriptive and will look for insight, flair and a developed critical response regardless of which approach a pupil may take.

**Mathematics (1 hour)**

The Mathematics paper will include some questions on basic techniques, alongside more challenging questions. The paper is non-calculator. Candidates can practise for this paper by using harder questions from the CE syllabus.

**Science (1 hour)**

The examination will contain Biology, Chemistry and Physics sections..

**Humanities Paper (1 hour)**

There are three options here: Religion and Philosophy, Geography or History. These papers will be drawn from a range of contemporary humanities issues.

**Languages Paper (1 hour)**

Pupils choose one language - French, German, Spanish or Latin. The paper features a range of short answer reading questions and a longer continuous writing section.

## INTERVIEW

Candidates will be interviewed by Senior Academic Leaders. They will be asked to present on an academic topic of their choice. Candidates will also be asked broader questions on their academic aptitudes.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Alongside the entrance papers and interviews, 13+ candidates will participate in masterclasses and collaborative activities. Applicants may also be asked to take a digital baseline test which includes vocabulary, numeracy and non-verbal reasoning.

# *Sport Scholarships*

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The Scholars' Development Pathway is an opportunity open to all sports scholars and offers detailed workshops in their specific sport(s). The programme is led by our expert team of coaches and utilises their contacts, offering guest lectures and hands-on-workshops.

Successful scholars are automatically selected for the relevant Sport Academy. This usually allows them to choose their sport as part of the curriculum timetable and they will receive two hours additional bespoke coaching over a fortnight in small group sessions and one hour, every two weeks, Strength and Conditioning training. This is in addition to the main activity training sessions which run all week throughout the year, all of which have a comprehensive fixture list.

Sport Exhibitions. Bede's also offers Exhibitions in our core pathway and core sports. These are awarded to candidates who are not quite of scholarship standard, however they are offered access to elements of the Scholars' Development Pathway and academies (where applicable)

## CRITERIA

Bede's offers Individual and Team Awards for Sport. An Individual Award is only given for our four core pathway sports – Cricket, Hockey, Football and Tennis. Applications from those who have significant achievements in our core sports, basketball, netball or 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.

## EXPECTATION

Candidates should have achieved a high standard of performance in one of our core pathway sports and would usually be of County or National level. Applications from those who have significant achievements in our core sports will be considered, but only in conjunction with ability in one of the core pathway sports.
In addition, candidates should have a committed and dedicated approach to sport and a genuine aptitude to achieve along with a good standard of personal health and fitness.

## ASSESSMENT

All applications are accepted only on review by the Heads of Sport

- Assessment Day trials in chosen sport(s)
- Personal fitness
- References where appropriate


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# *Drama Scholarships*

13+

The Bede's Drama Department is a thriving place to be for any pupil with the enthusiasm and courage to take part in our busy calender of production and performance opportunities. The Drama Scholarship Programme includes exclusive opportunities to work with specialist professional practitioners; to join an extensive number of theatre visits; to participate in a Scholars' Play; and to interact with industry experts gaining insight into a potential career in the Performing Arts. There are wide ranging opportunities to develop as designers, directors and stage managers too and scholars will have close mentoring from our Director of Performing Arts, to ensure their life within Bede's is a fulfilling one.

## CRITERIA

Candidates must display evidence of a personal interest in Drama and Theatre inside and outside the confines of the classroom and their passion and enthusiasm should be clearly expressed.

## EXPECTATION

We are expecting to see an exceptional contribution to current school drama and/or active participation in a local youth theatre programme.

Drama Scholars would be expected to choose Drama as a curriculum subject in year 9 and as a GCSE subject in the fifth form, and lead the way through their scholarly approach. Although we would encourage our Drama Scholars to explore a number of co-curricular activities, our scholars must choose one Drama activity each term (a production may take up two activities)

## ASSESSMENT

The Audition Day consists of a workshop involving team games, physical theatre and a devising activity and exploration of text extracts and characterisation.

Later in the day candidates perform a monologue that can be either contemporary or classical and strictly no more than two minutes in length.

All candidates are invited to sing if they wish to and they should bring a sound track on a device or sing acapella. The song should be one verse and one chorus only.

## INTERVIEW

Post audition, each candidate will be interviewed by the Director of Performing Arts and Head of Academic Drama.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Whilst some candidates may choose to bring a portfolio with them for review at interview, this is not considered a significant part of the selection process.

Candidates are encouraged to wear comfortable, loose clothing and trainers for audition.

We are looking for strong all rounders for the Performing Arts Scholarship, with strengths in at least two performing areas but you may audition for music, dance and drama. The audition requirements for each specialist area are the same.

# *Legat Dance Scholarships*

13+

The Legat Dance Academy is designed for talented dancers who are looking for intensive vocational dance training alongside a high quality academic programme. Dance classes in the core subjects of ballet, contemporary, jazz and tap are run during the school's co-curricular programme with a strong pupil focus on creativity and mentoring.

Our faculty of professional dancers and teachers lead the course with many guest workshops with industry professionals and leading colleges held throughout the year. Our alumni dancers have successfully secured places at leading conservatoires and colleges, and have gone on to become professional dancers and creative leaders.

Numerous performances are held throughout the year with opportunities for every Legat dancer and we are very proud of the individual support and mentoring we give our pupils.

## CRITERIA

Candidates should demonstrate a talent and passion for dance. They should have a good range of movement, strength and flexibility with clear musicality and sense of performance. Dancers must be prepared to endure a rigorous programme of intense dance training with an openness to explore and develop their dance skills. Our 13+ dancers should be at grade 4 or above in ballet.

## EXPECTATION

We expect our dancer scholars to represent the school at all events. They will be presentable, articulate and they will thrive in their academic subjects as well as in the dance studio. Our dance scholars must lead by example in a positive and encouraging manner.

## ASSESSMENT

Dancers will take part in a short ballet class, contemporary class and jazz class aimed at free work. They will be individually asked to prepare and perform a short solo in the genre of their choosing which will enable them to showcase their abilities before taking part in an interview with the dance faculty.





# *Music Scholarships*

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Music at Bede's is one of the jewels in the crown: being a music scholar means that you are an ambassador for the school's music and are involved in a plethora of musical activities every term. Bedians make music every day in so many different contexts; they have the chance to perform in major concerts, such as our eponymous Cabaret concert, in front of audiences ranging from 400-plus to more intimate occasions such as lunchtime Chapel Concerts. A number of ensembles, choirs and bands offer opportunities for the whole spectrum of music making: classical, jazz, folk, barbershop, rock and popular music.

## CRITERIA

Successful 13+ candidates should be approaching Grade 5, but potential is just as vital. Music scholars will be those who show a genuine interest in their musical instrument or voice and are willing to make a purposeful contribution to musical life at Bede's.

## GRADE

The standard of the candidates' main instrument should be approaching Grade 5, but potential is just as vital. The most successful candidates will be those that are preparing music to a high performance standard.

## EXPECTATION

Applicants should be able to demonstrate musical ability approaching Grade 5 (13+) on between 1-2 instruments, which can include voice. The most successful applicants are those that demonstrate a real passion and commitment to music-making. Graded performance exams do not have to have been taken, but are an advantage.

## ASSESSMENT

Candidates should prepare two pieces of music to perform on the day on one or more instruments, which can include voice. Sight-reading will be asked on the instrument of the candidate's choice and will be followed by some general musical and aural questions from the Director of Music and members of the music department team.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Successful candidates receive free, weekly tuition during term time in their first instrument, and possibly a further instrument, on a case by case basis.

# *Creative Arts Scholarships*

13+

The Bede's Creative Arts Faculty is an Art School within a School and includes Fine Art. Graphic Communication, Photography, Ceramics, Media and Design & technology. Over a third of all our Sixth Form Creative Arts pupils go on to study and thrive in the creative industries in a variety of areas including Architecture, Media Production, Fashion Design, Animation, Product Design, Photography and sculpture. The faculty is an area where creative pupils can fulfil their potential, visit galleries and museums, experience speakers from industry and produce work to the highest standards.

## CRITERIA

Pupils are expected to show a range of skills demonstrated through their portfolio. We are interested in the work they produce at school but we are particularly interested in the work pupils produce independently. We are keen to see pupils' examples of drawing from life that demonstrate traditional artistic skills and we are also keen to see areas the pupils have experimented in other mediums. Most of all a genuine passion and love of art is needed so they can be an example to others.

## EXPECTATION

All Art Scholars attend a weekly Scholar's Activity Programme and each term they have a scholar's trip to a gallery or art event. The Scholar's Activity allows scholars of all years to work together and is an opportunity for the younger pupils to be inspired by the older years. In addition, scholars are encouraged to produce work beyond their level that can be displayed around the school and be an example to other pupils within the Department and beyond. Pupils are also encouraged to enter national competitions and write website articles during the academic year.

## ASSESSMENT

Applicants attend a scholars day made up of a drawing test, a portfolio presentation and workshops that help them gain a sense of The Bede's Creative Arts Faculty. The drawing test is a 2 hour still life drawing done on A2 in Pencil and forms part of the assessment along with the interview.

## INTERVIEW

Pupils have a portfolio presentation with the Head of Faculty and another member of the creative arts faculty. These are informal relaxed interviews where we want to gain a sense of the pupils abilities and passion for creative subjects.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scholars lead by example and this can be through the quality of their work, their passion and their involvement in the faculty. Different scholars provide different skills and we welcome a range of applicants.











16+

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## CRITERIA

Sixth Form Academic Scholarship candidates should

- be predicted a minimum of five GCSEs at Grades 8-9, with all predictions at Grade 7 or above.
- have academic passions beyond the curriculum,
- be planning to take at least two A-level subjects that are recognised as being conventionally academic and
- have their sights set on applying to Oxbridge or other Russell Group universities.

## EXPECTATION

Sixth Form Academic Scholars are expected to

- perform at a consistently high academic standard (in terms of both grades and engagement),
- frequently join (and, when suitable, deliver) subject masterclasses,
- be involved in the Oxbridge Programme, Medics Programme, or a similar bespoke university coaching programme,
- regularly attend Pyemont Lectures and 42 Club talks,
- participate in university trips and
- support other Academic Scholars, including on interview days.

## ASSESSMENT

Candidates are invited to a two day selection process at Bede's Senior School.

There are two entrance papers - pupils choose from English, Mathematics, Science, Languages or Humanities.

Applicants may also be asked to take a digital baseline test which includes vocabulary, numeracy and non-verbal reasoning.

**Entrance papers**

**English (90 minutes)**
In the English paper, pupils will complete two 45 minute tasks. The first task is an analytical essay based on either a previously unseen poem, or an unseen passage of prose. Pupils will be offered a choice. The second task calls for a piece of opinion/ persuasive writing with a single question to respond to.

**Mathematics (90 minutes)**
The Mathematics paper will be a challenging mix of topics including Surds, Quadratic Equations / Inequalities / Simultaneous Equations, Straight Line Graphs, Functions, Proof and Index Laws.

**Science (90 minutes)**
Science papers will present a choice of completing questions in two of the three science subjects (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Papers will consist of questions which will tes: problem solving,data interpretation, data analysis and general scientific knowledge to the top of the requirements at
GCSE level.

## INTERVIEW

Candidates will be interviewed by Senior Academic Leaders and Subject Leaders. They will be asked to present on an area of interest and answer broader academic questions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The interview days will also include team tasks and masterclasses.

# *Sport Scholarships*

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## CRITERIA

Candidates must display evidence of a personal, active interest in Drama and Theatre inside and outside the confines of the classroom. Passion will be easily evidenced through their current and historical involvement in Drama related activity and success.

## EXPECTATION

We are expecting to see an exceptional contribution to current school drama and/or active participation in a local youth theatre programme, as well as strong reports and/or predictions in GCSE Drama and English.

It is expected that any Drama Scholars' ambition is to seek out participation in Drama activities at Bede's, over and above other opportunities, and will evidence commitment to the subject via subject choices at A level/BTEC and co-curricular participation.

## ASSESSMENT

The Audition Day consists of two practical workshops with current Sixth Form pupils. This will involve a combination of text work, physical theatre work and/or practitioner study.

Later in the day candidates will perform two contrasting monologues - one classical (pre-1950) and one contemporary (post-1980). Each piece should be a minimum of two minutes and a strict maximum of three minutes in duration.

All candidates are invited to sing if they wish to and they should bring a sound track or sing acapella.

## INTERVIEW

Post audition, each candidate will be interviewed by the Director of Performing Arts and Head of Academic Drama.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Whilst some candidates may choose to bring a portfolio with them for review at interview, this is not considered a significant part of the selection process.

Candidates are encouraged to wear comfortable, loose clothing and trainers for audition.

We are looking for strong all rounders for the Performing Arts Scholarship, with strengths in at least two performing areas but you may audition for music, dance and drama. The audition requirements for each specialist area are the same.

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Numerous performances are held throughout the year with opportunities for every Legat dancer and we are very proud of the individual support and mentoring we give our pupils.

## CRITERIA

Candidates should demonstrate a talent and passion for dance. They should have an excellent range of movement, strength and flexibility with a high standard of musicality and sense of performance. Dancers must be prepared to endure a rigorous programme of intense dance training with an openness to explore and develop their dance skills.

Our 16+ dancers should be at grade 6 or above in ballet.

## EXPECTATION

Our 16+ dance scholars are expected to represent the school at all events. They will be encouraged to speak with parents at Open Days as well as be a mentor to the younger dancers. They must be presentable, articulate and encouraging to all within the dance company.

## ASSESSMENT

Dancers will take part in a short ballet class, contemporary class and jazz class. They will be individually asked to prepare and perform a solo in the genre of their choosing to demonstrate their capabilities and performance skills before taking part in an interview with members of the dance faculty.





# *Music Scholarships*

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## CRITERIA

Successful 16+ scholarship candidates should be taking GCSE Music (although this is not essential) and definitely be intending to take A-Level or BTEC Music Performance in the sixth form. They will be willing to make a purposeful contribution to musical life at Bede's in the sixth form and take on leadership roles as appropriate.

## GRADE

Prospective candidates should be working at approximately grade 6-8 standard, but potential is just as important. A second instrument (including voice) would be an advantage, but not essential. The most successful candidates will be those that are preparing music to a very high performance standard.

## EXPECTATION

Applicants should be able to demonstrate musical ability approaching Grade 7 on either one or two instruments, which can include voice. The most successful applicants are those that demonstrate a real passion and commitment to music-making. Graded performance exams do not have to have been taken, but are an advantage.

## ASSESSMENT

Candidates should prepare two pieces of music to perform on the day on one or more instruments, which can include voice. Sight-reading will be asked on the instrument of the candidate's choice and will be followed by some general musical and aural questions from the Director of Music and members of the music department team.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Successful candidates receive free, weekly tuition during term time in their first instrument, and possibly a further instrument, on a case by case basis.

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## CRITERIA

Pupils are expected to show a range of skills demonstrated through their portfolio. We are interested in the work they produce at school but we are particularly interested in the work pupils produce independently. We are keen to see pupils' examples of drawing from life that demonstrate traditional artistic skills and we are also keen to see areas the pupils have experimented in other mediums. Most of all a genuine passion and love of art is needed so they can be an example to others.

## EXPECTATION

The Sixth form allows pupils to fully focus on their 3 chosen subjects and allows Art Scholars to immerse themselves in the discipline. I will use one of our current Lower Sixth scholar as an example to highlight the ways she has been challenged.

In Lower Sixth, although most pupils do not get access to their own space until the Upper Sixth, they are offered a space so they can start to work on more ambitious work. This encourages pupils to work on a larger scale and both paintings are in addition to the A level course.

In addition, Lower Sixth scholars start the life drawing programme during the Activity programme. Life drawing is a central exercise that challenges the pupils to look and depict the three-dimensional world in two dimensions. It develops their skills while helping to build up their portfolio.

## ASSESSMENT

Applicants attend a scholars day made up of a drawing test, a portfolio presentation and workshops that help them gain a sense of The Bede's Creative Arts Faculty. The drawing test is a 2 hour still life drawing done on A2 in Pencil and forms part of the assessment along with the interview.

## INTERVIEW

Pupils have a portfolio presentation with the Head of Faculty and another member of the creative arts faculty. These are informal relaxed interviews where we want to gain a sense of the pupils abilities and passion for creative subjects.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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# Transformational Scholarships

# *Transformational Scholarships*

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A transformational Scholarship provides full support for children for the entire duration of their time at Bede's and is available specifically to children who meet the criteria stipulated by the Bede's Development Foundation. The Foundation aims that through this type of Scholarship, children who have faced extreme adversity are given the opportunity to flourish within an environment which they would otherwise not be able to access. Unlike a scholarship, a Transformational Scholarship is a means-tested award where the overriding criteria is the family's financial circumstances.

All applicants applying for a Transformational Scholarship must comply with the pre-conditions set out in the Trust's Admissions Policy as is required by all pupils being admitted to the School. Applicants must also complete the Admissions process, with the Foundation making its decisions on who should be awarded Scholarships in accordance with its own criteria set out. Currently, the Foundation only provides one type of transformational Scholarship. This is for pupils entering the Trust in the Lower Sixth and covers the entirety of their two years in the Sixth Form. These transformational Scholarships are in addition to the Scholarships and scholarships awarded by the Trust.

A transformational Scholarship offers 110% financial support, including:

- Registration fees
- Acceptance deposit
- Tuition Fees
- Compulsory Sports Kit
- School Bus Transport
- Meals
- Curriculum-based compulsory trips
- One optional activity per term (e.g. sailing, LAMDA, music lessons etc.)
- Public examination fees (e.g. A Levels and BTECs)
- Equipment necessary for academic study
- Additional learning enhancement lessons and any associated assessments

We have specific criteria regarding the awarding of Scholarships, some based on a financial level, and other requirements focused on character, so that we can ensure that our decision can make the maximum impact. Pupils eligible for this programme must meet the following criteria:

The pre-conditions for admission are that:

- The applicant is of the appropriate age and sufficient maturity.
- The applicant enjoys satisfactory general health.
- The present school reports good attitudes and conduct on the part of the parents and applicant.
- The applicant's learning difficulties and other special needs (if any) can, in the opinion of the Head, be managed within the School's normal provision or can be met by the School making such reasonable adjustments as may be required.

How do we assess applicants for transformational Scholarships?

- The pupil lives in the local area.
- The pupil and their siblings have studied solely in a state school setting.
- The primary caregivers of the pupil making the application should be eligible for or claiming universal credit.
- The primary caregivers of the pupil and the pupil themselves can demonstrate that they would benefit from and fully take part in the wide range of both academic and co-curricular opportunities available at Bede's and fully support the School's ethos.

*Bede's will undertake full means testing which will include a home visit by a representative from Scholarship Administration limited.*









# Application

# How to Apply

## Application

Before you can apply for a scholarship, your child must have been through our admissions process and been offered a place at Bede's Senior School.

Once your child has been offered a place at Bede's, you can then submit your scholarship application, making sure it arrives before the application deadline (see key dates)

Applicants can apply for a scholarship in two disciplines only. If an award is made in two areas, only one can be accepted, although we will occasionally make joint awards.

Application forms for the Year 9 and Year 12 scholarships are available from the website at www.bedes.org/scholarships

## 16+ Internal Candidates

Scholarship applications for Sixth Form are welcomed from those pupils currently in the Upper Fifth. Internal candidates should use the same application form ticking the Internal Candidate box.

The criteria for scholarship award, stated under each discipline heading, also applies to internal candidates. Internal candidates will be expected to take part in the full scholarship day(s) alongside external candidates.

## Our Terms and Conditions

All scholarship 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 a sufficient standard. Although general feedback may be given on a candidate's performance, we do not release individual marks or papers.

The value of any award – scholarship or means-tested - must remain strictly confidential between parents and the school. Pupils should not be told the value of the award.

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.

Bede's Scholarships are tenable throughout a pupil's school career - subject to his or her continued contribution within the area in which the award has been made and role-modelling within the school. However, scholarships are reviewed annually and the School reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, the pupil is performing below expectation or if the recipient's conduct at school falls below the standard expected, in accordance with the School's terms and conditions.

## Contact Details

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# *Key Dates 2025/26*

## 13+

**Application deadline - 9 January 2026**

Sport - 16 January 2026
Academic - 19 and 20 January 2026
Dance - 21 January 2026
Drama - 21 January 2026
Music - 22 January 2026
Creative Arts - 22 January 2026

**Results - Mid February 2026**

## 16+

**Application deadline - 24 October 2025**

Academic - 10 and 11 November 2025
Dance - 12 November 2025
Drama - 12 November 2025
Music - 13 November 2025
Creative Arts - 13 November 2025
Sport - 14 November 2025

**Results - Early December**

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