



Mayfield

Scholarships Guide Year 7 And 9





I am delighted that you are considering joining Mayfield School. We strongly believe that every Mayfield student should be celebrated for the unique person they are and nurtured to be the very best version of themselves. We recognise our students have high ambitions and our talented, expert staff are well placed to help make those ambitions a reality. We are particularly proud of our scholars and award holders and the special talents and achievements they bring to enrich our community. It is our firm belief that all students can come to Mayfield and fly.

Deborah Bligh, Headmistress



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What is a Scholarship?

At Mayfield School we believe that talent and potential should be supported and nurtured. Scholarships are offered for entry at 11+ and 13+ and recognise a pupil's excellence in a particular discipline. A scholarship award will usually bring with it a small fee remission. More importantly we have excellent enrichment programmes in place for all of our scholars to help them to develop their talents and to thrive.

In addition to scholarships, we also offer a small number of exhibition awards; these do not bring financial benefit, but are a recognition of a student'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 (except a discount in fees).

As well as academic ability, we seek pupils who want to be part of a vibrant community to which they will contribute fully. Our scholars are required to contribute positively to the life of the School and set a good example to others.

The following scholarships are offered to all pupils joining Mayfield School in Years 7 and 9:

ACADEMIC / CREATIVE ARTS
DRAMA / MUSIC / SPORT
DANCE / RIDING



Applying for a Scholarship

Before you can apply for a scholarship, your daughter must be registered for a place at Mayfield School.

REGISTER HERE

Once your daughter has been registered you can then submit your scholarship application, making sure it arrives before the application deadline.

Candidates will be invited to attend the entrance assessments and relevant Scholarship Day (s).

WHAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DOES A SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

The majority of awards given at Mayfield School come with a small percentage reduction in the day fee, or in the case of Music scholar - free instrumental or voice tuition for Riding scholars - weekly squad sessions. All scholarships may be supplemented by a means-tested bursary.

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

Candidates can apply for a maximum of **two** scholarships.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

Awards are made from the beginning of the Autumn term, for the duration of a student's time at Mayfield School provided they continue to show continuous

effort, enthusiasm and performance, and is dependent on good conduct. Scholars will normally forfeit their award if they do not study the subject beyond GCSE. All scholarships will be reviewed annually. The School reserves the right to withdraw awards if at any point, in the opinion of the Headmistress, and after monitoring procedures, the pupil is performing significantly below expectations or in cases of serious misconduct.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

In addition to the general entry requirements, all scholarship specific requirements can be found in the following pages. Awards are made as a result of strictly-moderated open competition and assessment. Candidates will be required to sit either a written examination or practical assessment and interview.



Academic Scholarship

The curriculum at Mayfield is rooted in the convictions of our founder, Cornelia Connelly. As such, the curriculum is wide and varied and aims to provide breadth and depth of opportunity both within and beyond the classroom.

WHAT MORE DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

All academic scholars will join the prestigious Scholar's Programme run exclusively for scholars (and for other more able and talented pupils by invitation who demonstrate scholarly potential). Members benefit from a programme of support, monitoring and encouragement and are expected to participate actively at the top of their classes, not only for their own benefit, but for the academic benefit of those around them.

How are pupils assessed?

11+

All prospective 11+ pupils will be considered for an academic scholarship, based on their performance during the general entrance assessment day, other academic data (school reports and reference from current Head) and an interview with either the Headmistress or Senior Deputy Head, Deputy Head Academic or the Head of Lower School.

The academic scholarship assessment will consist of written examinations in all the below subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Reasoning (*verbal and nonverbal*)

This process will take place on one day.

**For guidance, prospective Academic Scholars will be working at Level 5 or above in the National Curriculum*

13+

Academic Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the Scholarship Assessments, other academic data (school reports and reference from current Head) and an interview with either the Headmistress or Senior Deputy Head, Deputy Head Academic or the Head of Middle School.

The academic scholarship assessment will consist of written examinations in all the below subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- One Humanities paper (*from a choice of History, Geography and Religious Studies*)
- One Language paper (*from a choice of French, Spanish and Latin*)
- Reasoning (*verbal and nonverbal*)

This process will take place over two days.

**For guidance, prospective Academic Scholars will be working at Level 7 in the National Curriculum.*

(All exam papers are created by the head of department. Sample papers are available upon request).

Creative Arts Scholarship

Creative Arts is a vital and enriching subject within the curriculum at Mayfield. We encourage our pupils to be adventurous, confident, innovative and ambitious in their creative endeavour. Students work with a wealth of media across several disciplines, exploring traditional and contemporary approaches to help them find their chosen area to create highly personal, individual and sophisticated outcomes.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

Applicants will need to show exceptional ability in drawing and painting. Successful candidates are encouraged to study Art or Ceramics to GCSE, to take an active part in other art events at the School, all under the guidance of the Head of Art, and/or Head of Ceramics.

WHAT MORE DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

In addition to fee remission, scholars will receive extra tuition and benefit from a programme of support, monitoring, and encouragement.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

The assessment will consist of:

- An observational drawing test- pupils will complete a still-life composition within 1 hour 15 (11+) to 1 hour 30 minutes (13+) using a selection of art materials.
- A brief interview with the Head of Art and/or the Head of Ceramics.
- A portfolio assessment.

PORTFOLIOS SHOULD CONTAIN:

- Drawings from direct observation showcasing ability to work in a range of media such as pencil, watercolour, paint, photography, textiles and any three-dimensional work (you can submit photographs of your three-dimensional sculptures).
- Evidence of work that has been done over a number of months. Your submission can include additional art work completed in art club, any workshops attended or work completed at home.
- Evidence of work that has been done at school with the guidance of a teacher as well as completely independent work.
- Recent/ current sketchbooks of drawings.
- Evidence of an interest in art that has developed over a number of years.



Drama Scholarship

Drama at Mayfield School offers a welcoming atmosphere where students can develop their artistic, communication and organisational skills. Apart from the practical experience of bringing text to life on stage through acting, expertise is also developed in a number of areas including lighting, sound, make-up and costume design. Drama education is the acquisition of transferable skills and techniques necessary for performing to an audience and promotes the emotional development of our girls, boosting their confidence.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

Successful candidates are encouraged to study drama at GCSE, but is not a requirement as long as they involve themselves in productions and continue to contribute fully to co-curricular and extra-curricular drama at the School.

WHAT MORE DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

In addition to the award which carries a discount in fees, candidates will benefit from a programme of support, monitoring and encouragement. The School is happy to support drama scholars who have professional engagements. If they wish to be involved in external amateur productions, this needs to be on the understanding that it is in the pupil's best interests in terms of time management and academic studies, and that it does not have a significant impact on School commitments and directed time.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

A month prior to the assessment day, a selection of monologues will be sent to all candidates.

The assessment day will consist of two parts:

1. **Performance** - candidates will perform one monologue (without script) from a prescribed list and a further piece of text provided by the School on the day.
2. **Interview** – candidates will be expected to discuss their theatrical interests and experience.
3. **Collaboration workshop (all candidates)** - 45 minute workshop that will test team building and cooperation.

Candidates of scholarship calibre will demonstrate outstanding dramatic potential and commitment and should ideally be a member of a theatre group.

Music Scholarship

Music at Mayfield offers girls many opportunities to gain confidence and creativity through expression and to develop as musicians. Performance opportunities abound, and our curriculum is designed to give a broad musical education whilst allowing for depth and rigour.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

Music Scholars are the most visible and able musicians in the School. Successful candidates are expected to study music to GCSE and are expected to contribute fully to co-curricular music at the School throughout their time. They will have many performance opportunities both as a soloist and in ensemble work with, for example, choirs, orchestras, at special Scholars' events and showcase concerts. Scholars are expected to prioritise music as an extra-curricular activity, and to participate in ensembles and events as requested by the Director of Music.

A scholarship candidate would normally be expected to offer two instruments – one of which may be singing and have gained, or be working towards **Grade IV or above on at least one of them at 11+ entry or Grade V or above on at least one of them for 13+ candidates**. The second instrument may be at beginner or intermediate level.

WHAT MORE DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

Candidates will receive free music tuition at the School on a maximum of two instruments (which can include singing). They will also benefit from a programme of support, monitoring, and encouragement. Instrumental tuition will be offered by the School's own specialist teachers and in directed academic time. Concert trips and access to masterclasses by professional musicians are also a benefit of the scholarship.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

The assessment will consist of:

- Two contrasting pieces on the first instrument (or sing two contrasting pieces). Grade IV would be expected for Year 7 entry and Grade V for Year 9 entry.
- One prepared piece on the second instrument.*
- A sight-reading test.
- Aural tests.
- An interview with the Director of Music during which candidates will be expected to discuss their musical studies and interests, including their involvement in musical groups and activities.

*Candidates are welcome to bring their own accompanist to the examination or supply the Director of Music with copies of the music in advance.



Sport Scholarship

Participation in Sport is fundamental to life at Mayfield. It instils the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle throughout the School community, and provides opportunities to build resilience, teamwork and leadership, on and off the playing field. Our major sports are: athletics, hockey, netball, cricket, swimming, tennis, football, riding and dance. Riding and Dance Scholarships are awarded in addition to Sport Scholarships – candidates applying for a Sport Scholarship may offer riding and dance as one of their chosen sports but must also offer another of the School's major sport.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

We are looking for applicants who can demonstrate exceptional talents in one of the School's core team sports. Candidates of scholarship calibre will demonstrate a high level of performance in one or more sports, together with enthusiasm, determination and a commitment to training. Successful candidates may be competing for a local club, or their county, or be a member of a development squad in their primary sport. Successful candidates will be required to represent Mayfield in at least two main sports on a regular basis.

Sport scholars are expected to show leadership and to make an active and full contribution to the sporting life of the School, not only through their individual performance as a member of school teams but also as role models in their attitude and behaviour as sportswomen.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

Successful candidates are awarded a general sport scholarship. They will engage in a development and mentoring programme designed to maximise the potential of the successful candidate.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

Candidates should state their choice of sport(s) to be assessed in priority order on the application form, **up to a maximum of two**. The assessment consists of:

- An athletics-based warm-up to include fitness testing and games understanding.

- Demonstrating their key skills and competence in two of our major sports.
- Participation in a discussion of students sporting interests, commitment and ambition with the Director of Sport.

If a candidate is unable to be assessed on the day for certain reasons (eg injury, illness), the School will try as far as possible to reschedule the assessment.





Riding Scholarship

Mayfield is home to one of the finest school equestrian facilities in the UK, and we pride ourselves in supporting girls to achieve their equestrian goals alongside their academic ambitions. For some girls that will mean competing at an elite level, drawing on our years of experience and success at the very top level, while for others it means developing a passion for horses that lives on past their days at the School.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

Mayfield offers a limited number of Riding Scholarships to candidates who are able to demonstrate exceptional skills in riding. Scholarship recipients will be expected to make a significant contribution to the equestrian life of the School, including competing for the School team and attending training sessions when required.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

The Riding Scholarship does not offer a reduction in the school fees, but instead offers financial benefits against the cost of riding lessons and squad fees.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

To be considered for a Riding Scholarship, candidates **must bring their own horse** and show:

- At 11+ an understanding of rhythm and balance around a set of show jumps at 70cm in training and competition.
- At 13+ an understanding of how to work a horse into an outline on the flat as well as an ability to jump a course at 90cm.
- They will also participate in a short interview with the Director of Riding (candidates can bring any pictures, awards etc to share during the interview).

An individual date for assessment will be agreed with each candidate, arranged directly with the Director of Riding.

Riders who do not wish to jump are expected to be working at elementary level for dressage.

Dance Scholarship

Dance at Mayfield concentrates on achieving strong basic technical skills. The foundation of all Dance is ballet; each dance lesson has an element of classical movement, developing strength, balance and an understanding of how to use one's body effectively. Throughout the Dance programme pupils study a variety of Jazz Dance techniques from mainstream Modern Jazz to the isolation technique of Matt Mattox. The study of Contemporary Dance technique complements both Classical and Jazz movement.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

We are looking for applicants who:

- Demonstrate a talent and passion for dance.
- Have a good range of movement, strength and flexibility.
- Have excellent musicality and sense of performance.
- Are prepared to endure a rigorous programme of intense dance training.
- Are open to exploring and developing their dance skills.

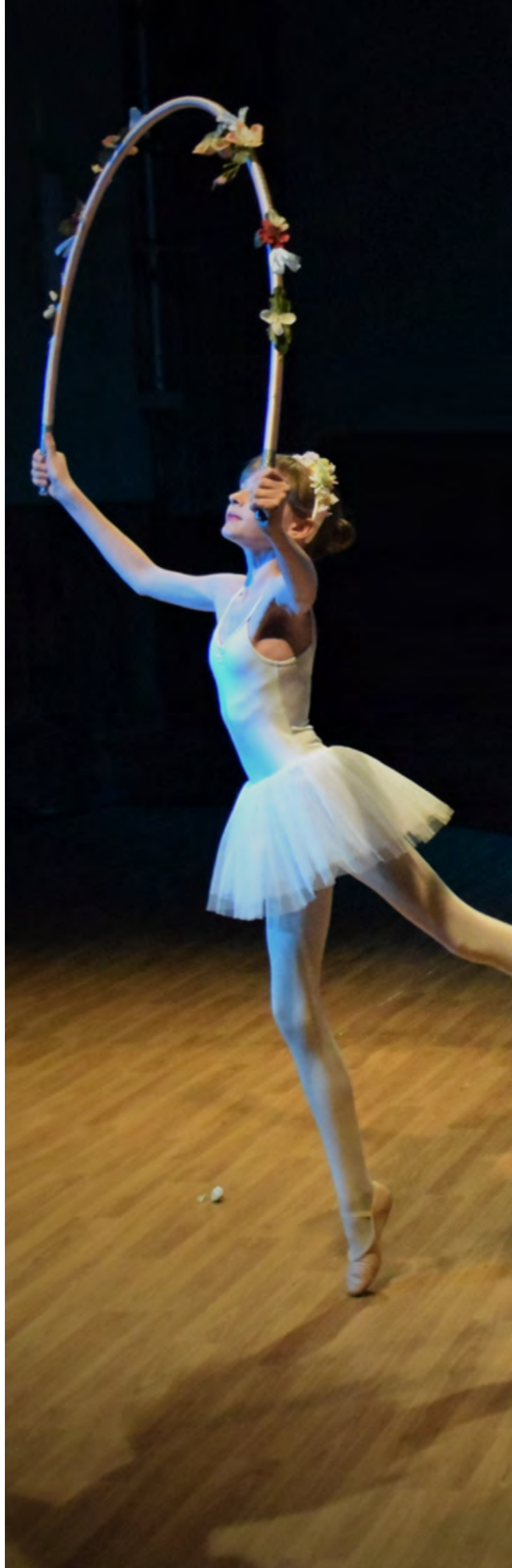
WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

In addition to the award which carries a discount in fees, candidates will benefit from a programme of support, monitoring and encouragement.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

Candidates will be required to:

- Perform two solo pieces (lasting no more than 2 minutes each) demonstrating different genres of music and choreography.
- Participate in a discussion about their dance performance and experience to date and their dance-related interests with members of the faculty.





Year 7 – The Jubilee Award

The Jubilee Award is awarded to girls who are committed to living their lives as ambassadors of the Catholic Faith, both in school, and in their local parishes and communities. Applicants to the Award must be practicing Catholics from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR APPLICANTS?

We are looking for applicants who will:

- Contribute regularly to the liturgical life of the school (i.e. as an altar server, lector, cantor, sacristan).
- Be actively involved in volunteering and outreach opportunities in the school.
- Maintain a relationship, where practical, with their home parish or faith community.
- Participate regularly in the prayer life of the school.
- Maintain acceptable grades at all times.
- Always behave as an ambassador of the Catholic Faith- acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly throughout their Mayfield career.

WHAT MORE DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

The recipient of the Award will receive a 20% discount on school fees and this may be supplemented with a means-tested bursary.

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

Candidates are required to:

- Show proof of a spirit of service in their faith community (i.e. Primary School or Parish Church).
- Provide a letter of recommendation from their local Parish Priest.
- Demonstrate strong academic potential.



**“This is what the Lord
asks of you, and only
this: to act justly, to love
tenderly, and to walk
humbly with your God.”**

Micah 6:8

Scholarship Assessment Dates

The closing date for scholarships is 31st October 2025.

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 7 2026 ENTRY	
Application & Scholarship Deadline	31st October 2025
Entrance Assessments <i>Note all candidates taking our entrance exams are automatically considered for an academic scholarship</i>	12th & 13th November 2025
Offers of a place (including academic scholarships)	Made by 19th December 2025
Creative & Sport Scholarship Assessments	17th January 2026
Creative & Sport Scholarship Offers	Made by 6th February January 2026
Acceptance Deadline	6th March 2026

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 9 2026 ENTRY	
Application & Scholarship Deadline	31st October 2025
Entrance Assessments	12th & 13th November 2025
Academic Scholarship Assessments	12th & 13th November 2025
Offers of a place (including academic scholarships)	Made by 19th December 2025
Creative & Sport Scholarship Assessments	17th January 2026
Creative & Sport Scholarship Offers	Made by 6th February 2026
Acceptance Deadline	6th March 2026

Expectations of a Scholar

All our scholars represent academic leadership, intellectual curiosity, determination, and play a vital role in fulfilling the School's aspirations for all our pupils: helping every child unlock their individual potential and

inspire their own extraordinary educational pathway. Our scholars embody our School values and should demonstrate exemplary behaviour and effort by acting as role models for their peers and juniors.

Means-tested Bursaries

Bursaries are separate from scholarships. Mayfield's bursaries are designed to assist prospective parents who for financial reasons might otherwise be unable to send their daughter to the School. Bursaries are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+ points of entry into the school and are means-tested. Prospective pupils should be registered with the School before an application for a bursary is made, and the deadline for submitting an interest in a bursary is September 31st 2025.

Bursary Administration Limited are employed to analyse the financial position of families applying for a bursary. **Bursaries are not eligible to parents applying from overseas.*

In addition to the School's Bursary Scheme, there are a number of educational and charitable trusts which provide assistance with tuition fees. Mayfield encourages parents to apply for support where it is

felt a good case can be made for assistance. Further information on how to pursue such assistance may be obtained from the Educational Trusts' Forum <http://educational-grants.org/>

Parents who have registered their daughter and believe they may have a case for the award of a Bursary should contact registrar@mayfieldgirls.org for more information.

Contact Details

Scholarship applications can only be submitted online. For more information or for advice on the best options and combinations for individual candidates, please contact registrar@mayfieldgirls.org in advance of the application deadline.



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