



Fettes College

ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIP



Introduction

from Deputy Head (Academic)



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At Fettes we seek to provide exceptional teaching that will inspire a lifelong love of learning in all our students. Becoming an Academic Scholar is therefore about more than just achieving impressive academic results; it is about demonstrating academic potential, intellectual ambition and curiosity well beyond the curriculum, as well as a desire to lead the learning of others in our community. The opportunities that then come with Academic Scholarship allow our most able students to enhance their knowledge and understanding of their chosen discipline, to develop their talents and to shine. They will leave us prepared for making the most of their competitive university applications and also for becoming academic leaders beyond life at school.

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Ms Anushka Chakravarty
Deputy Head (Academic)
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What makes an Academic Scholar at Fettes?

Academic Scholars should have a track record of high attainment or have demonstrated remarkable progress and academic potential in their current setting.

Read more about our super-curricular opportunities

The Academic Scholarship Programme

Students awarded an Academic Scholarship will receive a 5% reduction on their fees. In addition, they benefit from an extensive academic enrichment programme, including:

- Paramecium – Fettes' own academic discussion group for Academic Scholars, which meets 4-5 times per term. Students hear from visiting speakers and lead their own academic discussions on a range of interdisciplinary topics.
- Lectures and talks
- Subject-specific academic societies
- Olympiads
- Regional, national and global competitions
- Essay competitions
- Debating societies
- University trips and visits
- I-2-I support to embrace opportunities through our academic enrichment programme.

How to apply for an Academic 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
- 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.

Our Deputy Head (Academic) will be happy to hear from you and answer any specific questions:
A.Chakravarty@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.

This 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 Scholarship Assessment Days on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th January 2026. It is possible for some students to stay overnight during the assessments, if this would be of interest, please contact admissions@fettes.com.

Candidates joining Fettes at 13+ must take an Entrance Assessment in the Autumn Term.

Our 13+ Academic Scholarship Assessment Days will comprise **four** components:

1

Written examinations in the following subjects are 45 minutes each, except for Science, which is 90 minutes

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- French/Spanish
- Religious and Moral Studies
- Optional Latin and/or Greek*

* Students who have not studied Latin or Greek, and who do not take this paper, will not be disadvantaged in any way.

To prepare, 13+ past papers can be accessed via the following link: [Past Papers for 13+](#)

2

An oral examination in French or Spanish

Students who have not studied French or Spanish, may have the option of taking the written exam and oral in another Modern Foreign Language – please contact admissions@fettes.com to discuss further.

3

A group activity / workshop

Where students will be assessed on their academic interest, engagement and ability to work with others. No preparation is required.

4

A 15-20 minute interview

With a member of our Senior Management Team, focused on the student's aspirations and interests in and outside the classroom.

At 16+

Assessments for Academic Scholarships in Sixth Form will be held on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November 2025.

The Assessment Days will comprise up to **four** components:

1.

Written Examinations in 3 subjects (45 minutes each) of their choice from:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- French*
- Geography
- German*
- History
- Latin
- Mandarin*
- Mathematics (this is a compulsory paper if you intend to study the IB or select Mathematics at A Level)
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Spanish*

* Non-native speakers only

To prepare, 16+ past papers can be accessed via the following link: [Past Papers for 16+](#)

2.

In addition, for students whose first language is not English there will be an English as an Additional Language paper (30 mins)

3.

A 15-20 minute Languages Interview

For any student who selects a Language Paper (e.g. French, German, Mandarin or Spanish)

4.

A 15-20 minute interview

With a member of our Senior Management Team, focused on the student's aspirations, academic interests and approaches to learning.



What to wear and what to bring with you

We want students to feel comfortable

Please wear your school uniform or alternatively smart comfortable clothing. If taking a Sports Assessment, games kit is absolutely fine.

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 these at reception. Please do bring a clear water bottle and clear pencil case.

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As a scholar, I am challenged and given opportunities outside of the school curriculum to further expand my knowledge and skills, such as Paramecium and the critical essay writing competition. Through opportunities such as these, I can recognise how far I have come since Third Form, as I have been taught how to challenge and use my knowledge to the best of my ability.

Kinvara G
Academic Scholar

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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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