



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS POLICY

Bishop's Stortford College recognises each child as an individual and celebrates their successes. Some pupils may raise the standard of performance among their peers, either academically or in other areas of participation. This excellence can be acknowledged through one of three types of Bishop's Stortford College Scholarship:

1. Scholarship Award
2. Exhibition Scholarship Award
3. Honorary Scholarship Award

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships are designed to reward excellence and to celebrate exceptional talent. In recognition of this achievement, the Scholarship or Exhibition Scholarship holder is offered a reduction in the fees for a defined period of their time at the College, subject to the scholarship holder maintaining the expectations and commitments of their scholarship.

Parents are asked to indicate on their Registration Form on the Admissions Portal (OpenApply) whether they wish to apply for a scholarship. Details of the arrangements will then be made available to all who express an interest.

A Scholarship Award is typically offered at a remission of 10% to 20% of the College fees. An Exhibition Scholarship Award is typically offered at a remission of 5% of the College fees.

Honorary Scholar Award pupils receive all the benefits and accolades of being a full scholar but no fee remission.

All Scholarship Awards are made at the College Head's discretion.

Rescinding Scholarship and Exhibition Scholarship Awards

All Scholarship and Exhibition Scholarship Awards are reviewed annually. Parents will be informed that an Award may be rescinded if a pupil falls below expectations. Continued failure to meet required expectations will lead to the loss of the Award.

Scholarships available

	Academic	Music	Sport	Art	Drama	3D Design
16+ (Year 12 / Sixth Form)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13+ (Year 9 / Fourth Form)	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11+ (Year 7 / Lower Third)	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Timeframe for Scholarships for 2025 entry

Date	Details	Assessment dates
4 November 2024	Closing date for 16+ applications for sport, music, drama, art and design Scholarship Awards.	15 November – Sport 20 November – Music and Drama 20 November - Art and 3D Design
22 November 2024	Closing date for 11+ and 13+ applications for Sport, Music, and Art Scholarship Awards.	22 January – 11+ Sport 23 January – 11+ Art and Music 21 January – 13+ Music 24 January – 13+ Sport 28 January – 13+ Art
29 November 2024	Non- academic 16+ Scholarship awards announced for Sport, Music, Drama, Art, and 3D Design.	
January 2025	16+ Academic Scholarship awards discussions following mock GCSE examinations. Provisional indications sent to parents, pending GCSE results in August.	
February 2025	11+, 13+ Scholarship Awards announced for Sport, Music, and Art.	
February 2025	11+, 13+ Academic Scholarship Awards announced.	
21 August 2025	16+ Academic Scholarships confirmed following GCSE results.	

16+ Scholarships for Entry into the Sixth Form (Year 12)

Duration: Two years

Reviewed at the end of the Year 12 (Lower Sixth).

16+ Academic Scholarship Award and 16+ Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award

At the College, we are justly proud of our Academic Scholars and their achievements. Academic Scholarships are awarded to candidates who excel academically.

What is expected of an Academic Scholarship or Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award holder at 16+?

- Continue to develop academically, maintaining high levels of performance and interest in their studies.
- Serve as role models for their peers at the College.
- Rigorously engage in Academic Enrichment sessions.
- Take a prominent role in leading student run Academic Societies.
- Achieve high grades in public examinations.

Assessment for a 16+ Academic Scholarship or a 16+ Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessment will take place when candidates are in Year 11 (Upper Fifth). Candidates should be predicted to achieve an excellent set of GCSE grades, with a minimum of seven subjects at grades 9-7 (A*-A). Candidates will be required to submit their predicted GCSE grades and choose one subject to demonstrate their academic potential; this must be a subject that they intend to study at A Level.

All candidates are asked to submit a piece of academic work, for example, an essay or past examination paper, completed in Year 11 (Upper Fifth) and marked by their current teacher, which demonstrates their ability in the chosen subject. Candidates will then be invited to attend an interview with senior academic staff at the College, where their submitted work and academic interests will form the basis of discussions. Scholarship Awards are conditional upon the achievement of the required GCSE results.

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Academic Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the Academic Scholarships pathway and extra-curricular activities.
- If eligible, become a member of the College's prestigious "Ten Club".

What will a successful candidate for the 16+ Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the Academic Scholarships pathway and extra-curricular activities.
- If eligible, become a member of the College's prestigious "Ten Club".

16+ Music Scholarship Award and 16+ Music Exhibition Scholarship Award

The College is renowned for its strong tradition of music within the region.

What are we looking for in a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- Enthusiasm and an interest in music: music scholars should exude enthusiasm for all types of music, enjoy discovering new music, be keen to be involved in all areas of musical life at the College, and demonstrate good practice etiquette.
- Grade level: candidates will usually be working towards, or have achieved, Grade 8 level on their first instrument, and be working towards, or have achieved, Grade 5 level on their second instrument.
- Number of instruments: while most successful applicants also offer a second instrument and/or sing in choirs at their current school, the College places significant value on musicianship, excellence, and commitment. Therefore, candidates who are not yet quite at the level described in their first instrument, or who do not offer a second instrument but excel on their first, have received awards in the past.
- Type of instrument: the College wish to offer scholarships to those it can support best, and to that end candidates playing instruments which can support our College ensembles and choirs are likely to have greater success.
- The demeanour to be an ambassador for the College at all times.

What is expected of a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- Participate fully in the musical life of the College.
- Take a leading role in choirs, orchestras, and ensembles according to their interest and expertise.
- Be proactive and lead the development of music within the pupil body and amongst younger and Prep School musicians.
- Perform in ensembles and choral concerts, perform at least once as a soloist in an assembly and a soloists concert each year, as well as in the Water Lane recital series in term two.
- Take part in the Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician Competition in April (early term three).

Assessment for a 16+ Music Scholarship or a 16+ Music Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessments will take place in the November prior to the pupil joining the College. At the Music audition, candidates will be asked to perform one piece on their first instrument/voice and one piece on their second instrument/voice. Sight-reading and musicianship tests, appropriate to the candidate's abilities, will be given, and the audition will end with an interview with the Director of Music.

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Music Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Support and access to the partnerships we have with tertiary and conservatoire pathways
- Access to high quality instrumental tuition during a students' free study periods.
- Access to theory and accompaniment support by our resident musician and accompanist.
- Priority access to participate in regular music tours.

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Music Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Support and access to the partnerships we have with tertiary and conservatoire pathways.
- Access to high quality instrumental tuition during a students' free study periods.
- Access to theory and accompaniment support by our resident musician and accompanist.
- Priority access to participate in regular music tours.

16+ Sports Scholarship Award and 16+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship Award

Sport has a high profile at the College and forms an integral part of school life. All pupils are provided with opportunities to participate fully and at a level appropriate to both their development and ambition. College teams compete exceptionally well at local, regional, and national levels, and pupils regularly achieve county, regional, and national selection in a range of sports.

Sports Scholarships and Sports Exhibition Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate the ability to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport. Candidates should have the potential to reach, or already be playing at, the equivalent of county level.

What are we looking for in a Sports Scholar or Sports Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- A genuine love of sport.
- Capable of playing for two years in one of our first teams for their chosen sport.
- Capable of playing to at least county standard in their first-choice sport.
- Be ambitious to play sports beyond the College and to have already shown a commitment to this.
- Speed, agility, balance, coordination, and good spatial awareness.
- A sound understanding of games tactics.
- A positive attitude to training and an open-minded approach to coaching.
- The demeanour to be an ambassador for the College at all times.

What is expected of a Sports Scholarship or Sports Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- Make a contribution to the College's core sports. For boys, these are Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, and Athletics. For girls these are Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, and Athletics.
- Be fully committed to College teams throughout the academic year.
- A wholehearted commitment to the College's fixture programme and the availability for selection for all sports at all levels, especially at weekends.
- Have high standards in regard to field conduct, fair play, kit, organisation and communication.
- Respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy.
- The ability to prioritise College sport over other external sporting commitments (unless selected for the equivalent of county/regional/national level).
- Help to organise and run events of a sporting nature, as directed by the Director of Sport.
- Represent themselves at county/regional/national level in their chosen sport.
- Participate in the Performance Sports Programme.
- Participate in all House Sports events.

Assessment for a 16+ Sports Scholarship or a 16+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessments will take place in the November prior to the pupil joining the College. Candidates will be assessed in a series of physical activities, including agility, hand-eye coordination, fitness, and the ability to adapt to specific sporting situations. Candidates will be asked to submit a Sports CV outlining their achievements to date and have an interview with the Director of Sport. They may be asked to attend a relevant training session as appropriate.

For students not in the UK, a video of the performance in their chosen sport will be accepted prior to the call for a training day.

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Sports Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Access to a strong local and regional fixture list.
- High-quality coaching through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professional coaches.
- Skill and technical development.
- Sport psychology seminars and online training.
- Sports nutrition seminars.
- Tactical and leadership seminars.
- Video analysis.
- Small group scenario training.

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Access to a strong local and regional fixture list.
- High-quality coaching through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professional coaches.
- Skill and technical development.
- Sport psychology seminars and online training.
- Sports nutrition seminars.
- Tactical and leadership seminars.
- Video analysis.

16+ Art Scholarship Award and 16+ Art Exhibition Scholarship Award

Creativity flourishes at the College; teachers in our Art Department have expertise in a host of disciplines providing expert tuition in drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, digital art, photography, ceramics and keeping up to date with contemporary practices.

Pupils applying for an Art Scholarship will be talented in and committed to at least one medium of Art and select Art at A Level (16+). Candidates must demonstrate outstanding ability in Art and a passionate interest in the subject as a whole. They will be able to demonstrate their level of achievement through artwork, a portfolio or other medium.

What are we looking for in an Art Scholarship or an Art Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- A genuine love of Art.
- Involvement in art competitions and events.
- Exceptional control over more than one material, creating art/design work that demonstrates complexity and sensitivity beyond the level expected for your year group.
- Self-direction and further engagement with the subject matter both in and outside of the classroom.
- The ability to analyse artwork and communicate ideas to an outstanding level.
- Someone who is potentially looking to pursue Art or an Art-related subject at university.
- The ability to respond constructively to feedback and direction.
- A passion and curiosity about the visual arts and regularly visit exhibitions in own time.
- The demeanour to always be an ambassador for the College.

What is expected of an Art Scholarship or an Art Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- Show significant commitment to their artwork and contribute creatively to the College's artistic life.
- Self-direction and further engagement with the subject matter both in and outside of the classroom.
- Involvement in art competitions and events.
- Takes Art as an A Level subject.
- A passion and curiosity about the visual arts and regularly visit exhibitions in own time.

Assessment for a 16+ Art Scholarship or a 16+ Art Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessments will take place in the November prior to the pupil joining the College. The assessment will consist of an interview, drawing task, and a portfolio review of current work from home or school, with the Senior School Head of Art and another member of Senior School Art staff. Candidates will be asked to submit a portfolio of six to 20 pieces in a simply presented format e.g. a PowerPoint to the Art Department for review. We will look at the candidate's potential rather than expecting highly finished work and welcome "work in progress" as part of the submission.

The portfolio should include current (completed within the last two years) examples of the candidate's independent:

- observational drawing
- use of colour media
- ideas and compositions
- written analysis of art or design work/s which inspire the candidate's own work
- brief annotations explaining each piece or collection of pieces

Applicants should consider the following guidance before photographing their work:

- take photos straight on and not at an angle
- ensure the photo and video is in focus so that all the work can be seen in the image

- use a ruler or pencil for larger pieces of work to show the scale
- have a plain background behind the work

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Art Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the partnerships we have with local development pathways.
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and use of external professional artists and practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.
- Prominence in art exhibitions and events

What will a successful candidate for a 16+ Art Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in partnerships we have with local development pathways.
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and use of external professional artists and practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.

16+ Drama Scholarship Award and 16+ Drama Exhibition Scholarship Award

Our Drama programme immerses pupils in a wealth of dramatic experience – from the classics to the best in contemporary theatre and new writing. Drama Scholarships are offered to foster and enhance the strong tradition of Drama within the whole College. Enjoyment, enthusiasm, and appreciation for Drama are paramount and should be demonstrated during the application process.

What are we looking for in a Drama Scholarship or a Drama Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- A genuine love of Drama and Production.
- The desire to learn and to broaden their horizons by watching as much live (and recorded) theatre as possible.
- A passion and curiosity about other related art forms: film, literature, music, dance and the visual arts.
- Good natural instincts as a performer.
- The ability to listen, to affect the other person and be in the moment.
- Great energy, presence, and playfulness.
- Strong collaborative skills.
- An interest in the world around them and engaging their imagination.
- The ability to respond constructively to feedback and direction.
- The demeanour to always be an ambassador for the College.
- Someone who is potentially looking to pursue Drama or a Drama-related subject at university or drama school.

What is expected of a Drama Scholarship or Drama Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- Involvement in College productions and Drama events.
- Share enthusiasm for Drama within the College community.
- Be proactive and lead the development of Drama within the pupil body.
- Take part in the main College production each year and to assist with productions for younger years.
- Take an active role in running and promoting the Drama Society during terms two and three.
- Holders of a Drama Scholarship or Drama Exhibition Scholarship will be expected to take Drama as an A Level subject.

Assessment for a 16+ Drama Scholarship or a 16+ Drama Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessments will take place in the November prior to the pupil joining the College. Candidates will be asked to perform a prepared monologue of their choosing, without script. This piece should last between two and three minutes and have been taken from a published play. Candidates will also be asked to perform some short, unseen lines and will have an interview with the Head of Drama. It is expected that candidates will have previously taken part in drama productions.

What will the successful candidate for a 16+ Drama Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the partnerships we have with local development pathways within the region.
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and visiting practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.

What will the successful candidate for a 16+ Drama Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the partnerships we have with local development pathways within the region.

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- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and visiting practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.

16+ Design Scholarship Award and 16+ Design Exhibition Scholarship Award

The A Level 3D Design course presents students with the opportunity to explore a design discipline that best suits their interests. The Year 12 (Lower Sixth) course provides students with a wide variety of new skills and builds on existing ones in preparation for independent study in Year 13 (Upper Sixth). Students can then choose to pursue projects in product design, architecture, engineering, furniture, theatre and production or jewellery and often choose themes to match their intended undergraduate course. A Level students must, therefore, be self-starters and highly independent.

Design Scholarships are offered to encourage intellectual and creative problem solving at the highest level and provide outstanding exemplars for younger pupils to aspire to.

What are we looking for in a Design Scholarship or a Design Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

- A genuine passion for design, be it Product Design, Architecture, Engineering, Furniture, Theatre and Production or Jewellery.
- A passion for, and intellectual curiosity about, the designed world around them.
- A desire to solve problems through high quality design thinking and making.
- A willingness to disrupt the status quo in design thinking – to challenge perceptions about products, materials and methodologies.
- A desire to explore and exploit design and manufacturing technology in their work.
- A desire to experiment with new materials and design methods.
- A desire to produce the highest quality 2D and 3D work.
- A willingness to develop professional level skills in design.
- An ability to collaborate with their peers, their teachers and be a critical supportive friend to encourage others.
- A desire to create their own work in their own time.
- A positive attitude to critical analysis of their own work and of historical and contemporary designers.
- The demeanour to always be an ambassador for the College and the Design and Technology department.
- Someone who is potentially looking to pursue Design or a Design related subject at university, through degree apprenticeship.

What is expected of a Design Scholarship or a Design Exhibition Scholarship holder at 16+?

Beyond the normal expectations of all A Level students, Design Scholars and Exhibitioners are expected to:

- Show significant commitment to their design work and contribute creatively to exemplar work in the department.
- Take an interest in the work of younger pupils and encourage them.
- Showcase their work in Prep School assemblies.
- Involvement in design competitions and events.
- Play a leading role in recruiting talented students to the College and the Design and Technology department through active involvement in open days and tours.
- Holders of a Design Scholarship or Design Exhibition Scholarship will be subject ambassadors.

Assessment for a 16+ Design Scholarship or a 16+ Design Exhibition Scholarship Award.

Assessments will take place in the November prior to the pupil joining the College. Candidates will be asked to:

- Demonstrate potential for achieving a Grade 8 or 9 at GCSE in Design and Technology or Art*.
- Produce a portfolio of work which will evidence their design projects and an iterative design process.

- Candidates should include evidence of GCSE Design and Technology and/or Art in their submission which should include a combination of hand-made and digital sketching/drawing, 3D outcomes (products or sculptures), testing, critical analysis and evaluation.
- Demonstrate high level presentation skills.
- Demonstrate high level making skills.
- It is recommended that candidates include evidence of non-school projects completed in their own time to demonstrate their passion. These must not be assembly kits or projects that have been set for them. We would prefer to see work where candidates can demonstrate problem solving and experimentation skills in making a product, piece of art or engineering. Coding is not appropriate by itself but producing a robotics project where software, engineering and design problems are overcome would be a good example.
- Candidates should be able to talk about their interests and ambitions.

*Applicants who have studied neither subject at GCSE are not barred from applying for a scholarship. However, they should be able to show strong evidence, perhaps through pursuit of a design/engineering/artistic hobby, of meeting all the above criteria through production of an independently produced portfolio which will showcase their skills.

What will the successful candidate for a 16+ Design Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Part of the partnerships we have with local development pathways within the region
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and use of external professionals.
- Skill and technical development.

What will the successful candidate for a 16+ Design Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the partnerships we have with local development pathways within the region.
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professionals.
- Skill and technical development.

13+ Scholarships for Entry into Year 9 (Fourth Form)

Duration: Three years
Reviewed annually.

13+ Academic Scholarship Award and 13+ Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award

At the College, we are justly proud of our Academic Scholars and their achievements. Academic Scholarships are awarded to candidates who excel academically.

What is expected of an Academic Scholarship or an Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award holder at 13+?

- Continue to develop academically, maintaining high levels of performance and interest in their studies.
- Serve as role models for their peers at the College.
- Participate in Academic Enrichment sessions.

Assessment

Entry assessment test results at 13+ will be reviewed and pupils who score highly in the initial entry tests will be considered for an academic scholarship. As part of our entry testing process, in addition to Maths, English, verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills we also assess pupils' critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills as these are fundamental attributes of a scholar. We are looking for pupils who can demonstrate higher order thinking and reasoning skills utilising their knowledge to find solutions and present ideas. Pre-testers applying at 11+ for a place at 13+ may also be considered for an academic scholarship based on their entry assessment results. Current pupils transferring from the Prep School to the Senior School will be considered on internal assessments and where their academic profile in school matches the required standards.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the Academic Scholarships pathway and extra-curricular activities.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the Academic Scholarships pathway and extra-curricular activities.

13+ Music Scholarship Award and 13+ Music Exhibition Scholarship Award

Bishop's Stortford College is renowned for its strong tradition of music within the region.

What are we looking for in a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition holder at 13+?

- Enthusiasm and an interest in music: music scholars should exude enthusiasm for all types of music, enjoy discovering new music, be keen to be involved in all areas of musical life at the college, and demonstrate continuing progress.
- Grade level: candidates will usually be working towards, or have achieved, Grade 6 level on their first instrument, and be working towards, or have achieved, Grade 2 level on their second instrument.
- Number of instruments: while most successful applicants also offer a second instrument and/or sing in choirs at their current school, the department places significant value on musicianship, excellence and commitment, and therefore candidates who are not yet quite at the level described in their first instrument, or who do not offer a second instrument but excel on their first have received awards in the past.
- Type of instrument: the College will wish to offer scholarships to those it can support best, and to that end candidates playing instruments which can support our College ensembles and choirs are likely to have greater success.
- A positive attitude to practise.
- The demeanour to be an ambassador for the College at all times.

What is expected of a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition Scholarship holder at 13+?

- Participate fully in the musical life of the College.
- Take a leading role in choirs, orchestras, and ensembles according to their interest and expertise.
- Be proactive and lead the development of music within the student body and amongst younger and Prep School musicians.
- Perform in ensembles and choral concerts, perform at least once as a soloist in an assembly and a soloists concert each year, as well as in the Water Lane recital series in term two.
- Take part in the Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician Competition in April (early term three).
- Holders of a Music Scholarship or a Music Exhibition Scholarship will be expected to take Music as a GCSE subject.

Assessment for a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition Scholarship Award at 13+

Assessments will take place in the January /February prior to the pupil joining the College. At the music audition, candidates will be asked to perform one piece on their first instrument/voice and one piece in their second instrument/voice. Sight-reading and musicianship tests, appropriate to the candidate's abilities, will be given, and the audition will end with an interview with the Director of Music.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Music Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Support and access to the partnerships we have with external organisations, summer courses and pathways to excellence.
- Access to high quality instrumental tuition during a students' free study periods.
- Access to theory and accompaniment support by our resident musician and accompanist.
- Priority access to participate in regular music tours.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Music Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.

- Support and access to the partnerships we have with external organisations, summer courses, and pathways to excellence.
- Access to high quality instrumental tuition during a students' free study periods.
- Access to theory and accompaniment support by our resident musician and accompanist
- Priority access to participate in regular music tours.

13+ Sports Scholarship Award and 13+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship Award

Sport has a high profile at the College, and physical education and sport form an integral part of school life. All pupils are provided with opportunities to participate fully and at a level appropriate to both their development and ambition. College teams compete exceptionally well at local, regional, and national levels, and pupils regularly achieve county, regional, and national selection in a range of sports.

Sports Scholarships and Sports Exhibition Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate the ability to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport. Candidates should have the potential to reach, or already be playing at, the equivalent of county level.

What are we looking for in a 13+ Sports Scholar or a 13+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship holder?

- A genuine love of sport.
- Capable of playing for three years in one of our first teams for their chosen sport.
- Capable of playing to at least county standard in their first-choice sport.
- Speed, agility, balance, coordination, and good spatial awareness.
- A sound understanding of games tactics.
- A positive attitude to training and an open-minded approach to coaching.
- The demeanour to be an ambassador for the College at all times.

What is expected of a Sports Scholarship or Sports Exhibition Scholarship holder at 13+?

- Make a contribution to the College's core sports. For boys, these are Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, and Athletics. For girls these are Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, and Athletics.
- Be fully committed to College teams throughout the academic year.
- A wholehearted commitment to the College's fixture programme and the availability for selection for all sports at all levels, especially at weekends.
- Have high standards in regard to field conduct, fair play, kit, organisation and communication.
- Respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy.
- The ability to prioritise College Sport over other external sporting commitments (unless selected for the equivalent of county/regional/national level).
- Support the sporting life of the College by helping to organise and run events of a sporting nature, as directed by the Director of Sport.
- Represent themselves at county/regional/national level in their chosen sport.
- Participate in the Performance Sports Programme.
- Participate in all House Sports events.

Assessment for a 13+ Sports Scholarship or 13+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessments will take place in the January/February prior to the pupil joining the College. Candidates will be assessed in a series of physical activities, including agility, hand-eye coordination, fitness and the ability to adapt to specific sporting situations. Candidates will be asked to submit a Sports CV outlining their achievements to date and have an interview with the Director of Sport. They may be asked to attend a relevant training session as appropriate.

For students not in the UK, a video of the performance in their chosen sport will be accepted prior to the call for a training day.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Sports Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Access to a strong local and regional fixture list.
- High-quality coaching through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professional coaches.
- Skill and technical development.
- Sport psychology seminars and online training.
- Sports nutrition seminars.
- Tactical and leadership seminars.
- Video analysis.
- Small group scenario training.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Sports Exhibition Scholar Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Access to a strong local and regional fixture list.
- High-quality coaching through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professional coaches.
- Skill and technical development.
- Sport psychology seminars and online training.
- Sports nutrition seminars.
- Tactical and leadership seminars.
- Video analysis.

13+ Art Scholarship Award and Art Exhibition Scholarship Award

Creativity flourishes at the College; teachers in our Art Department have expertise in a host of disciplines providing expert tuition in drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, digital art, photography ceramics and keeping up to date with contemporary practices.

Candidates must demonstrate outstanding ability in Art and a passionate interest in the subject.

What are we looking for in an Art Scholarship or an Art Exhibition Scholarship holder at 13+?

- A genuine love of Art.
- Exceptional control over more than one material, creating art/design work that demonstrates complexity and sensitivity beyond the level expected for your year group.
- Self-direction and further engagement with the subject matter both in and outside of the classroom.
- The ability to analyse artwork and communicate ideas to an outstanding level.
- The demeanour to always be an ambassador for the College.
- Someone who is potentially looking to pursue Art or an Art-related subject (e.g. Architecture, Design, etc.) at university.

What is expected of an Art Scholarship or an Art Exhibition Scholarship holder at 13+?

- Show significant commitment to their artwork and contribute creatively to the College's artistic life.
- Involvement in art competitions and events.
- Holders of an Art Scholarship or Art Exhibition Scholarship will be expected to take Art as a GCSE subject.

Assessment for a 13+ Art scholarship or a 13+ Art Exhibition Scholarship Award

Assessments will take place in the January/February prior to the pupil joining the College. Candidates will be required to bring a portfolio of work from home or school demonstrating their artistic abilities. They will then be invited to discuss their portfolio with the Head of Art, alongside completing a short assignment on the day of an Art Assessment.

Candidates will be asked to submit a portfolio of six to 20 pieces in a simply presented format, e.g., a PowerPoint, to the Art Department for review. We will look at the candidate's potential rather than expecting highly finished work and welcome "work in progress" as part of the submission.

The portfolio should include current (completed within the last two years) examples of the candidate's independence:

- observational drawing
- use of colour media
- ideas and compositions
- written analysis of art or design work/s which inspire the candidate's own work
- brief annotations explaining each piece or collection of pieces

Applicants should consider the following guidance before photographing their work:

- take photos straight on and not at an angle
- ensure the photo and video are in focus so that all the work can be seen in the image
- use a ruler or pencil for larger pieces of work to show the scale
- have a plain background behind the work

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Art Scholarship award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in partnerships we have with local development pathways.
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and a use of external professional artists and practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.
- Prominence in art exhibitions and events.

What will the successful candidate for a 13+ Art Exhibition Scholarship award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in partnerships we have with local development pathways.
- High-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and use of external professional artists and practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.

11+ Scholarships for entry into Year 7 (Lower Third)

Duration: Two years
Reviewed annually.

11+ Academic Scholarship Award and Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award

At the College, we are justly proud of our Academic Scholars and their achievements. Academic Scholarships are awarded to candidates who excel academically.

Academic scholarships last for two years, until transition to the Senior School.

What is expected of an Academic Scholarship or Academic Exhibition holder at 11+?

- Continue to develop academically, maintaining high levels of performance and interest in studies.
- Serve as role models for their peers at the College.
- Participate in Academic Enrichment sessions.
- Participation in academic competitions as directed by the Deputy Head Academic.

Assessment

Entry assessment test results at 11+ will be reviewed and pupils who score highly in the initial entry tests will be considered for an academic scholarship. As part of our entry testing process, in addition to Maths, English, verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills we also assess pupils' critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills as these are fundamental attributes of a scholar. We are looking for pupils who can demonstrate higher order thinking and reasoning skills utilising their knowledge to find solutions and present ideas. Current pupils transferring from Year 6 (Form 2) into Year 7 (Lower Third) will be considered on internal assessments and where their academic profile in school matches the required standards.

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Academic Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 10% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the Academic Scholarships pathway and extra-curricular activities.

What will the successful candidate for 11+ Academic Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Participation in the Academic Scholarships pathway and extra-curricular activities.

11+ Music Scholarship Award and Music Exhibition Scholarship Award

Bishop's Stortford College is renowned for its strong tradition of music within the region.

What are we looking for in a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition holder at 11+?

- Enthusiasm and an interest in music: music scholars should exude enthusiasm for all types of music, enjoy discovering new music, be keen to be involved in all areas of musical life at the college, and demonstrate continuing progress.
- Grade level: candidates will usually be working towards, or have achieved, Grade 4 level on their first instrument, and be working towards, or have achieved, Grade 1 level on their second instrument.
- Number of instruments: while most successful applicants also offer a second instrument and/or sing in choirs at their current school, the department places significant value on musicianship, excellence and commitment, and therefore candidates who are not yet quite at the level described in their first instrument, or who do not offer a second instrument but excel on their first have received awards in the past.
- Type of instrument: the College will wish to offer scholarships to those it can support best, and to that end candidates playing instruments which can support our College ensembles and choirs are likely to have greater success.
- A positive attitude to practise.
- The demeanour to be an ambassador for the College at all times.

What is expected of a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition Scholarship holder at 11+?

- Participate fully in the musical life of the College.
- Take a leading role in choirs, orchestras, and ensembles according to their interest and expertise.
- Be proactive and lead the development of music within the student body and amongst younger and prep school musicians.
- Perform in ensembles and choral concerts, perform at least once as a soloist in an assembly and a soloists concert each year.
- Take part in the Bishop's Stortford Rotary Young Musician Competition in April (early term three).
- Demonstrate an outstanding and positive example in curricular music lessons.
- Demonstrate outstanding commitment to ensembles and to practice and continued development.

Assessment for a Music Scholarship or Music Exhibition Scholarship Award at 11+

Assessments will take place in January/February prior to the student joining the College. At the Music audition, candidates will be asked to perform one piece on their first instrument/voice and one piece in their second instrument/voice (if applicable). Sight-reading and musicianship tests, appropriate to the candidate's abilities, will be given, and the audition will end with an interview with the Director of Music.

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Music Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Support and access to the partnerships we have with external organisations, summer courses and pathways to excellence.
- Access to high quality instrumental tuition during a pupils' free study periods.
- Access to theory and accompaniment support by our resident musician and accompanist.
- Priority access to participate in regular music tours.

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Music Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.

- Support and access to the partnerships we have with external organisations, summer courses and pathways to excellence.
- Access to high quality instrumental tuition during a pupils' free study periods.
- Access to theory and accompaniment support by our resident musician and accompanist.
- Priority access to participate in regular music tours.

11+ Sports Scholarships and Sports Exhibition Scholarships

Sport has a high profile at the College and forms an integral part of school life. All pupils are provided with opportunities to participate fully and at a level appropriate to both their development and ambition. College teams compete exceptionally well at local, regional, and national levels, and pupils regularly achieve county, regional, and national selection in a range of sports.

Sports Scholarships and Sports Exhibition Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate the ability to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport. Candidates should have the potential to reach, or already be playing at, the equivalent of county level.

What are we looking for in a 11+ Sports Scholar or a 11+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship holder?

- A genuine love of sport.
- Capable of playing for two years in one of our first teams for their chosen sport.
- Capable of playing to at least county standard in their first-choice sport.
- Speed, agility, balance, coordination, and good spatial awareness.
- A sound understanding of games tactics.
- A positive attitude to training and an open-minded approach to coaching.
- The demeanour to be an ambassador for the College at all times.

What is expected of a Sports Scholarship or Sports Exhibition Scholarship holder at 11+?

- Make a contribution to the College's core sports. For boys, these are Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, and Athletics. For girls these are Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Swimming, Tennis, and Athletics.
- Be fully committed to College teams throughout the academic year.
- A wholehearted commitment to the College's fixture programme and the availability for selection for all sports at all levels, especially at weekends.
- Have high standards in regard to field conduct, fair play, kit, organisation and communication.
- Respond well to guidance, work well in a team and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy.
- The ability to prioritise College Sport over other external sporting commitments (unless selected for the equivalent of county/regional/national level).
- Support the sporting life of the College by helping to organise and run events of a sporting nature, as directed by the Director of Sport.
- Represent themselves at county/regional/national level in their chosen sport.
- Participate in the Performance Sports Programme.

Assessment for a 11+ Sports Scholarship or a 11+ Sports Exhibition Scholarship Awards

Assessments will take place in January/February prior to the pupil joining the College. Candidates will be assessed in a series of physical activities, including agility, hand-eye coordination, fitness and the ability to adapt to specific sporting situations. Candidates will be asked to submit a Sports CV outlining their achievements to date and have an interview with the Director of Sport. They may be asked to attend a relevant training session as appropriate.

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Sports Scholarship Award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Access to a strong local and regional fixture list.
- High-quality coaching through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professional coaches.

- Skill and technical development.
- Sport psychology seminars and online training.
- Sports nutrition seminars.
- Tactical and leadership seminars.
- Video analysis.
- Small group scenario training.

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Sports Exhibition Scholar Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Access to a strong local and regional fixture list.
- High-quality coaching through a combination of staffing expertise and the use of external professional coaches.
- Skill and technical development.
- Sport psychology seminars and online training.
- Sports nutrition seminars.
- Tactical and leadership seminars.
- Video analysis.

11+ Art Scholarship Award and Art Exhibition Scholarship Award

Creativity flourishes at the College; teachers in our Art Department have expertise in a host of disciplines providing expert tuition in drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, digital art, photography ceramics and keeping up to date with contemporary practices.

Candidates must demonstrate outstanding ability in Art and a passionate interest in the subject as a whole.

What are we looking for in an Art Scholarship or Art Exhibition Scholarship holder at 11+?

- A genuine love of Art.
- Exceptional technical skill in more than one medium creating art/design work that demonstrates advanced complexity and sensitivity beyond the level expected for your year group.
- Self-direction and curiosity both inside and outside of the classroom.
- The ability to discuss artwork confidently offering opinions and ideas.
- The demeanour to always be an ambassador for the College.

What is expected of an Art Scholarship or Art Exhibition Scholarship holder at 11+?

- Show significant commitment to art and contribute creatively to the College's artistic life.
- Involvement in art competitions and events.

Assessment for an 11+ Art Scholarship or an 11+ Art Exhibition Scholarship Award

Candidates will be required to send in five pieces of age-appropriate artwork by a given deadline, which demonstrates their artistic abilities. The successful candidates will then be invited to discuss their portfolio with the Head of Prep School Art and complete a timed still life drawing. The portfolio will consist of their five pieces originally submitted and any other work they would like to show.

We will look at the candidate's potential rather than expecting highly finished work.

The portfolio should include current (completed within the last two years) examples of the candidate's independent

- observational drawing
- use of colour media
- ideas and compositions

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Art Scholarship award receive?

- Up to 20% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Extra weekly high-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and use of external professional artists and practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.
- Prominence in art exhibitions and events.

What will the successful candidate for a 11+ Art Exhibition Scholarship Award receive?

- 5% fee remission, which is reviewed annually.
- Extra weekly high-quality tuition through a combination of staffing expertise and use of external professional artists and practitioners.
- Skill and technical development.