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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABU DHABI

Amity Scholars PROGRAMME

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AMITY SCHOLARS

The Amity Scholars Programme rewards excellence and celebrates extraordinary potential, and our scholars benefit from outstanding enrichment opportunities. Amity International School invites talented and enthusiastic pupils to apply for scholar status in the following fields:

- Academic
- Sport
- Fine Art
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Emirati Leadership

THE HONOUR OF BEING AN AMITY SCHOLAR

'Inspiring excellence' is one of the four founding values of our community at Amity. Beyond the classroom, one of the ways we foster excellence is through our Scholarship Programme. Being named a Scholar is the beginning of a journey and a story of promise fulfilled. We give our Scholars the platform and support they require to achieve great things.

AIMS OF THE AMITY SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

- To showcase and celebrate achievement, growth and effort.
- To compete and perform at an elite level.
- To hone skills through deep practice and expert feedback.
- To build character, instil confidence and promote ethical responsibility.
- To explore passions with greater depth, breadth, and complexity.
- To give space and time for interests that students have outside of the prescribed curriculum.
- To provide opportunities for personal growth, self-actualization and intrinsic motivation.
- To extend real-world leadership experience and give space for practising resilience.
- To encourage high-level thinking skills through creativity, inventiveness and investigation.
- To build resumes, prepare for higher education, and enhance university applications.

Our academic scholars are Oxbridge and Russell group candidates who are prepped through rigorous interviews and supported through early application. They take part in local, national and international academic competitions and conferences. Our athletes perform at the elite level both at school and on external teams or individual events. Our musicians, actors, and dancers are given stages beyond the school and encouraged to develop their talents through experiences in theatres across the GCC. Our Emirati Leadership scholars are beacons in the community and role models for our younger students, they epitomize the leadership qualities of HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

APPLICATION TIMELINE AND PROCESS

External

Rolling applications. With the understanding that new families arrive in Abu Dhabi throughout the year, external applicants are processed for Scholar status through Admissions.

Internal

Scholarship Brochure with criteria published- November 2022

- Scholarship leads share the criteria and expectations for scholars in their field

Applications Open- January 2nd, 2023

- Application Forms published on the school website

Application Deadline- March 3rd, 2023

Round 1 Interviews and Auditions- March 20th- 24th, 2023

- Interview with the subject or sports lead and the Assistant Head of Teaching and Learning
- Sports auditions, music performances/ aural tests/ sightreading, drama monologues, pieces of work, and portfolios may be included as part of this interview process.
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Round 2 Meeting with Heads of School- April 17th- 21st, 2023

- Candidates have discussion with Vice Principal and Principal
- Discussion will focus on the role and expectations of a scholar, setting the stage for ambitious goal setting
- Principal makes all final decisions regarding scholar recommendation to Governing Board.

Round 3 Final Submitted to Scholarship Committee

Candidates and parents informed of outcome and scholar offer letters from Principal delivered. May 12th, 2023

Each of these scholarships are managed by subject leads in conjunction with the Director of Teaching and Learning. Scholarship criteria are set by leads and approved by the Principal and Vice Principal. Criteria encompasses high level of prior accomplishment and excellence in the field, suitable academic entry points, and expectation of further growth.

Students are expected to be in the top 70% of their year to be considered for scholarship.

***Note that any Bursary decisions are done through Admissions and are separate of the Scholarship process.**

MENTORSHIP

Each Amity Scholar is given a teacher mentor to guide them through their journey and refer them to resources and supports. Each mentor is assigned with a scholar's specialty, strengths and interests in mind. Mentors meet with scholars throughout the school year to map out their targets and goals. These targets are specific and measurable. Studies have shown the more tangible a student's long-term goals the more likely they are to achieve them.

Scholars and mentors work together to explore possibilities and draw up a specific list of programs and universities. Super-curricular activities are designed to best suit requirements for selected entry pathways. Careers advice is curated alongside larger aspirations for higher education. Scholars will have substantial targets for:

- Leadership initiatives
- Elite external competition and qualifications
- School Commitments and performances
- Minerva Enrichment or Elite Player Program for Athletic Scholars

Mentors also help care for academic progress tracking and wellbeing. It is important that our busy scholars have both challenge and balance.

MINERVA ENRICHMENT

Amity firmly believes that gifts can be developed in all pupils. Our enrichment program is one of progress through mastery. It is through deliberate practice, exposure to new ideas, novel experiences, and expert guidance that our students go beyond the confines of the classroom in their learning. Minerva Enrichment fuels our students' curiosity, creativity and aspiration. This includes:

- Enrichment Workshops- each term there is an off time-table day devoted to skill building, these workshops complement our curriculum and embed skills like oracy, artistry and inquiry.
- Marquee events and academic competitions
- Showcases of innovation- we give our students opportunities to specialise and focus on extension projects outside of the curriculum
- Speaker and lecture series
- Resume building for university applications

Amity Scholars are the leaders and role models for the enrichment program. Scholars all take part in Minerva Enrichment, and as they progress through the school are given leadership roles in its delivery.

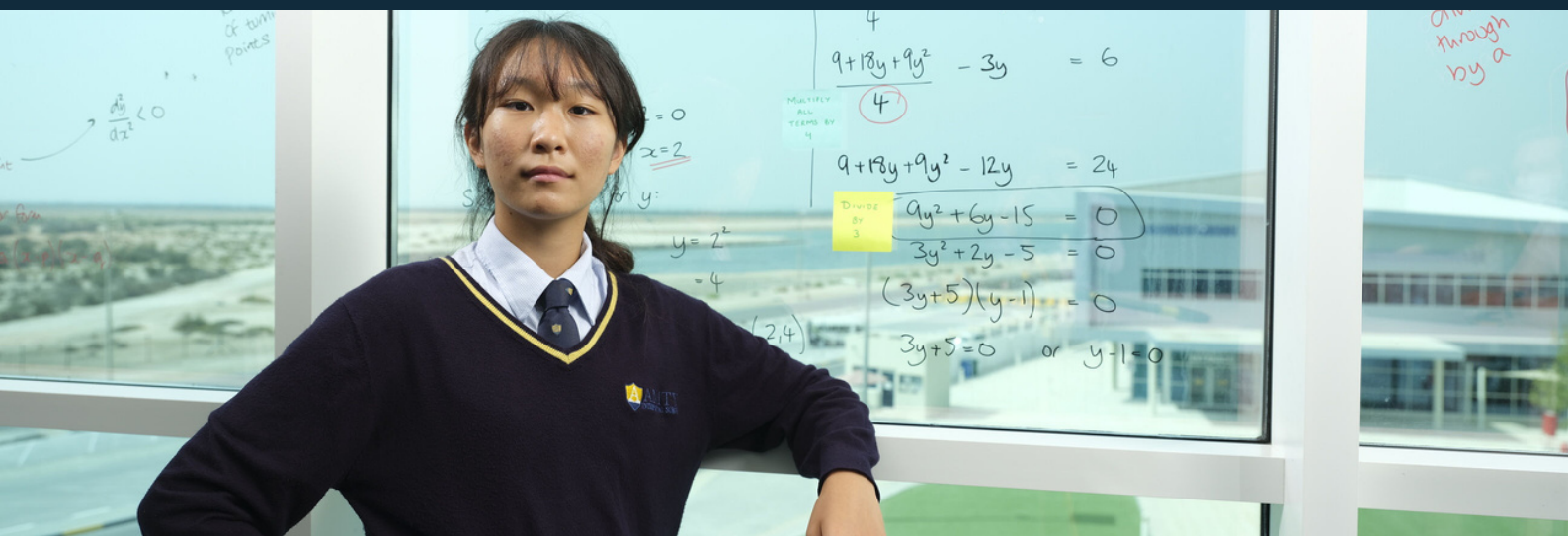
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Students who are awarded an Academic Scholarship are expected to maintain a consistently high academic standard, demonstrate initiative, and show leadership in the classroom and beyond. Over and above the high academic expectations we have of all our students, we expect Academic Scholars to:

- Achieve, or be on track to achieve, 7 A/A* at (I)GCSEs or 3 A/A* at A Level
- Excel and lead in the Minerva Enrichment Program
- Contribute an outstanding exhibition in the end of year Minerva Symposium
- Attend and hold leadership positions in academic CCAs
- Compete in academic competitions and conferences- this can range from the UK Maths Challenge, to Model UN, to the BSME Creative Writing Competition
- Be resourceful and reflective about the different ways of acquiring, analyzing and exploring knowledge
- Have an unquenchable thirst and enthusiasm for learning across the school
- Succeed in maintaining the highest possible standards in their classwork, homework and examination (internal and external) performance during their time in the school
- Demonstrate resilience and independence, as well as willingness to collaborative with others

Academic Candidates submission requirement:

- Previous year school report, (I)GCSE Results
- Award and Participation Certificates for Academic Competitions and Conferences (optional)
- Sample of independent work or extension project (optional)



SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP

An Amity Education is closer than you think...

Similar to the Academic Scholarship, the Sixth Form Scholarship is awarded to students who achieve an outstanding set of results in their (I)GCSE examinations, who have been active members of their community and who have demonstrated leadership qualities alongside their academic ability.

External Sixth Form Candidates

One of the goals of the Amity Scholarship Programme is to open up the opportunity for an elite Amity education for those who students who might otherwise not have access. Outstanding candidates for Sixth Form are identified in the regular application through our Admissions Office. We offer fee-matching and up to 100% awards.

For external applicants who do not follow the British Curriculum GCSE programme, a range of other assessment data and evidence will be considered. We accept rolling applications for external candidates throughout the year.

Internal Continuation Scholars

Amity students who receive 7 A/A* at (I)GCSE are automatically given Academic Scholar status. There is no application needed. Scholar status is awarded in August following release of public examination results.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARS DRAMA

We look for students who stand out on stage, they will be who are particularly talented in the field of Drama. Drama Scholars have a genuine passion in their discipline and across the Performing Arts in general. They thrive on participation and collaboration with like-minded peers and are role models within the school. There students the highest standards, performing regularly in assemblies, attend internal and external workshops and complete research about inspirational practitioners.

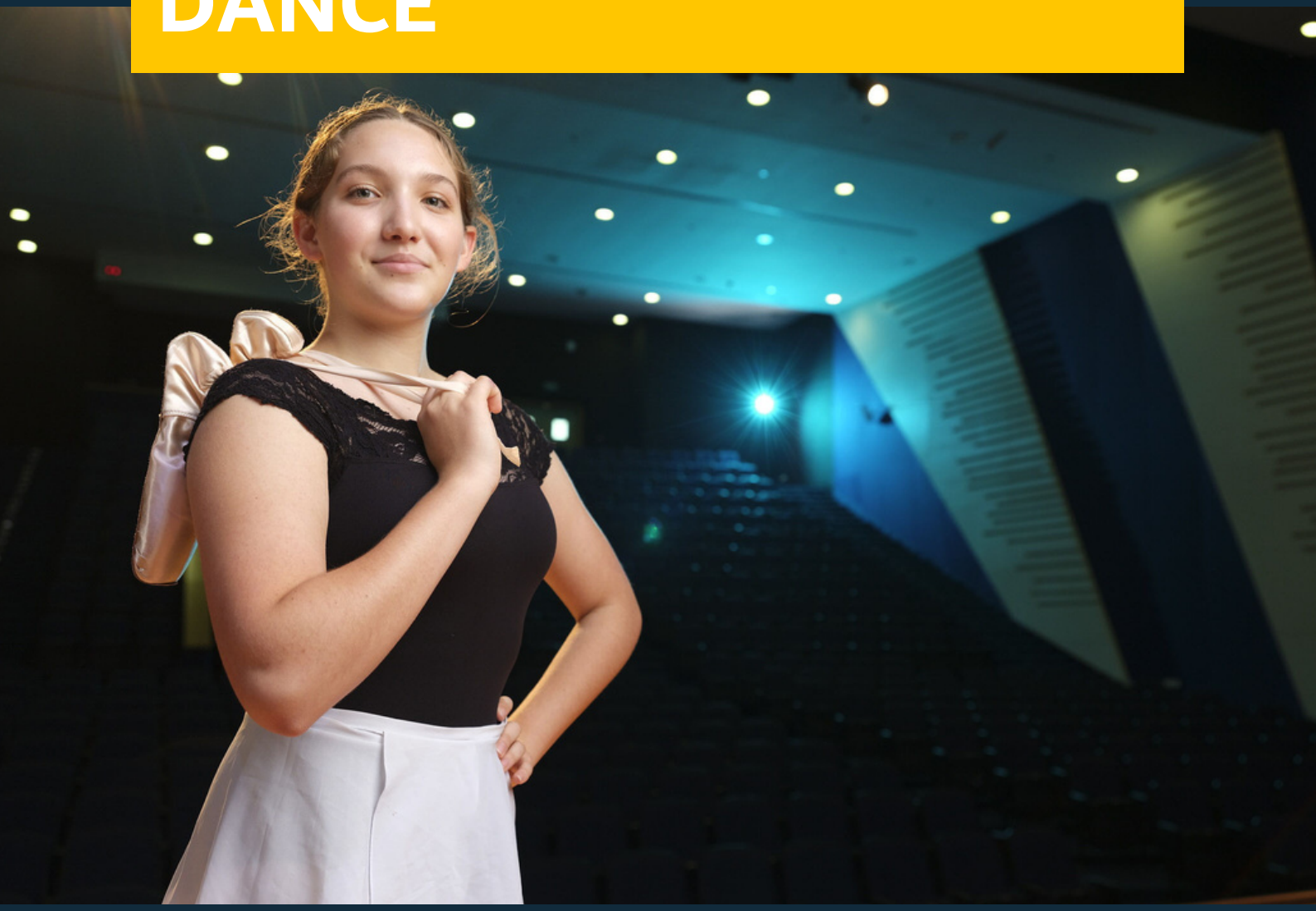
Performing Arts Scholars enjoy a range of opportunities and the Schools holds high expectations of them as role models:

- Performing Arts Drama Scholars audition for a number of School productions each year
- They will take Trinity College, London Speech and Drama examination sessions as a solo, duo or group
- They are expected to be excellent ambassadors for Drama and Performing Arts around the school, taking an active part in the House Drama competition and other school events, such as assemblies
- They will be invited on theatre trips and other events in order to broaden their practical and theoretical knowledge of the subject.

Performance Element for Drama Candidates:

Select a monologue of your own choice and prepare for an audition, performance should be 2-3 minutes.

DANCE



Students who are particularly talented in, or display potential in, the field of dance are encouraged to apply for a Performing Arts Scholarship. Performing Arts Scholars with Dance as a specialism will have access to a range of opportunities to watch, learn and to perform:

- Scholars have the opportunity to take a leading role in the annual Dance show
- Be given the opportunity to choreograph pieces and showcase them on stage
- They will be expected to promote Dance and Performing Arts in school around the school, in assemblies, CCAs and whole-school events
- To gain a deeper understanding of Dance, they will be invited to watch and participate in workshops and performances throughout the year

Performance Element for Dance Candidates:
Perform a 4–5-minute dance in style of your choice.

MUSIC SCHOLARS

There are exciting opportunities for Music Scholars to play a leading role in this vital aspect of the life of the school. Scholars will perform in a series of formal and informal concerts, both as members of musical groups and as soloists. Music Scholars are expected to practice regularly, participate in appropriate groups and ensembles and attend rehearsals. Music scholars are expected to take advantage of additional qualifications, like Berklee's Performance Artistry and Leadership Certificate Programme.

We also encourage our scholars to compose original work and present this as part of the Minerva Symposium.

- The Music Department is well-resourced and facilities are excellent:
- A purpose-built, acoustically-engineered suite, backed on to a 540 seat auditorium
- Two large classrooms, equipped with Yamaha keyboards, a range of percussion, recorders, orchestral xylophones, classroom xylophones, ukuleles, and a Yamaha digital piano
- A third teaching room equipped with 17 Apple Mac Machines running Sibelius and GarageBand software for composition modules
- Zoom recorders are available for recording scholar and external examination performances
- A fourth teaching room for Secondary music: 'the live room', with acoustic drum kits, electric drum kits, electric guitars, bass guitars, acoustic guitars, violins, a viola, a cello and amplification. This is a large ensemble space and utilized as a practice room
- There are student practice rooms with an acoustic piano and/or keyboard, acoustic or electric drum kit.

Music Criteria and Assessment

- Current Years 4-6: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 4-5 on main instrument
- Current Years 7-9: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 5-6 on main instrument
- Current Years 10-11: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 6-7 on main instrument
- Current Sixth Form: Equivalent to ABRSM/Trinity Grade 8+ on main instrument

Audition Element for Music Candidates:

Performance on their first and/or instrument(s) and sight-reading on their main instrument. Candidates should offer two contrasting pieces if offering one instrument, or one piece on each instrument if offering two instruments.

SPORT SCHOLARS

Sports scholars at Amity compete and succeed at the highest level of competition regionally, and nationally. Sports scholarships are considered for pupils who compete to a high level in one or more of our focus sports; football, netball, cricket, rugby, swimming, triathlon or tennis. Sports scholars will gain automatic entry into our Elite Player Pathway (EPP) which provides sportsmen and women with a holistic programme to support their sporting and academic aspirations. A sports scholar will display the highest level of commitment towards Amity's Co-Curricular Sports programme and act as a role model for peers and younger pupils alike.

Amity International School has a growing wealth of sports facilities that sets it apart from other schools, so there are plentiful opportunities for students to develop both personal fitness and their chosen sports.

Our sports facilities include a full-size football pitch, two tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court, a fully-fitted sailing and water sports academy, sprung floor dance studio and internal gym facilities, 400m running track, a large indoor sports hall and a junior and 50m Olympic Swimming Pool.
Development of our Athletic Scholars include:

- Elite Player Pathway program
- Guidance from a strong team of talented, committed staff and professional coaches.
- Opportunities provided through our close links with a variety of sports and dance providers.
- The opportunity to play sport regularly, both as team members and as individuals.
- Programme for their chosen sport(s). As members of this programme, students benefit from targeted strength and conditioning training. They will be mentored as they work on progressive technical and tactical development targets for their chosen sport(s).
- Talented students are encouraged to represent their sport at city and national levels where possible.

Elite Player Pathway

The Elite Player Pathway is an innovative programme aimed at supporting our elite athletes. Itis based around the four-corner Long Term Athlete Development Plan (LTAD). At the heart of the programme is the notion of individual development within a team environment, supported by principles of long-term athlete development

THE FOUR CORNER MODEL FOR LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

	DOING	THINKING
SKILLS	Technical Practice Group Play Mechanics Skill Development	Psychological Understanding Decision Making Confidence
ATTITUDE	Physical Strength and Conditioning Sport Specific Co-Ordination Training Functional Fitness	Social Communication Teamwork Self-Esteem Lifestyle Management

Pupils are provided with expert support and advice to be able to access additional strength and conditioning support, as well as lifestyle workshops and lectures on areas such as:

- Developing a winning mentality
- Resilience
- Nutrition
- Fitness programming
- Injury prevention

...to name but a few.

This programme is exclusively for those athletes in Years 7-13 who have shown excellence within their field and must compete at an elite level.

Amity Focus Sports

Football, Swimming, Rugby, Cricket, Netball, Triathlon, Athletics, Tennis and Watersports comprise our focus sports, which link to our competitive season calendar through our involvement in ADISSA and BSME competitions.
Application Process for Athletic Candidates
Submission of:

- Previous Year School Report
- Letter of Recommendations (optional)
- Video footage of sports performance (optional)

Sports Performance Morning (Practical Activity)

Those that have applied for sports scholarship will be invited to a sports scholarship morning in which they will compete with other applicants and/or current pupils to identify level of performance. Those that are successful will be invited back to the interview round and/or further performance days.

FINE ART SCHOLARS

Fine Art Scholars demonstrate a lively interest and enthusiasm for the subject, as well as proven ability through a variety of media, ideas and approaches. Successful candidates will be expected to show not only an outstanding technical skill, but, more importantly, an imagination, originality and a commitment to the subject that will clearly develop in future years. Fine Art Scholars will have the capacity and creativity to develop a substantial and diverse portfolio of work. Participation in competitions, courses and exhibitions is key.

Amity's Art studio enables students to develop their vision, originality, critical thinking and evaluative processes. Our creative spaces allow students to prepare for careers in the fine art field, such as graphic artist, illustrator, or gallery curator. In addition to being mentored, Fine Art Scholars will have access to department resources, and will be able to gain experience in a wide variety of media including painting, print making, 3D and installation art. Art Scholars are expected to regularly participate in extra-curricular, workshops and events, including the annual Art exhibition. Art Scholars are given status on the understanding that the holder will study Art for GCSE.

Fine Art Candidates Submission of Portfolio:

- The portfolio should contain a range of work that shows a variety of media. Digital submissions should contain no more than 10 slides and physical portfolios should include 5-10 pieces, with a sketchbook counting as 1 piece
- An illustrated piece of writing detailing your favourite artist/designer/ specialism or art movement 200-250 words

EMIRATI LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

The honour of being an Emirati Leadership Scholar serves to recognise the unique contribution of our UAE national students. These are students lead events celebrating and commemorating Emirati heritage. Emirati Leadership Scholars are role models for youth at Amity and exhibit the characteristics and qualities of great leaders, such as the esteemed Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and H.H Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak.

There are wonderful opportunities for our Emirati students to showcase their talents.

- ADEK Competitions
- External academic competitions or conferences- city-wide, national, and international
- Qualifications, diplomas and programs like International Leadership and Management trainings or certifications through MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)

Emirati Leadership Scholars are mentored to apply for:

- The Distinguished Student Scholarship (DSS) by the Ministry of Presidential Affairs
- Masar programme for college scholarships by the Ministry of Finance- offers college scholarships to assist UAE high-school graduates in completing their studies in finance, accounting, and other disciplines
- ADEK Global University Summer Programs

Application Criteria

- Open to Year 9 and above
- On track to meet Emirati Equivalency requirements for (I)GCSE or A Level
- On track for 4 As or equivalent at (I)GCSE, 2 Bs at A Level
- Submission of:
- Previous year school report, (I)GCSE Results
- Award and Participation Certificates for Academic Competitions and Conferences (optional)
- Sample of independent work or extension project (optional)

Scholarships:

A Scholarship is primarily a public recognition of achievement. Any financial assistance that follows is in accordance with the school's bursary policy. Pupils holding scholarships receive priority in the allocation of bursary funds subject to the family means testing.

Bursaries:

Bursaries are separate from scholarship application and is administered through admissions. Applicants go through regular admissions process. Admissions will use the Bursary Application Form to ascertain financial need.

Sixth Form Scholarships:

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