



Heathfield School Ascot

December 2019

Dear Girls

Sixth Form Scholarships

We hope that over the Christmas break you will have the opportunity to discuss the possibility of applying for a scholarship with your parents or guardians. You should think carefully before making an application, as it will take time and effort, but we would encourage as many of you as possible to apply. The application process will help you to focus your thoughts on what you want to achieve in the Sixth Form and what you need to do to get there.

Your application letter will provide an opportunity to tell us why you should be considered for a scholarship. It should address the following criteria and will be considered as an important part of the selection process:

- The reasons you are applying for a scholarship
- What you have achieved and contributed to the subject at school
- Any relevant experience you have had in the subject outside school
- How you would advance the standing of the subject within the school

Note: For the Academic Scholarship only.

- An academic scholar represents intellectual achievement at the highest level and therefore the candidate should be aiming to gain 9/8 or A/A*s at GCSE

We are inviting applications for the following scholarships: Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Photography and Sports. It is possible to apply for more than one scholarship, but separate letters of application will be required. All applicants for scholarships are asked to submit a letter of application by **4pm on Monday 27th January 2020**. Successful applicants will be notified on **Friday 31st January** and will be invited for an interview and assessment. These will take place on the week commencing **Monday 3rd February**.

In order to help you prepare your application we have included the following information about the interview process below:

Art scholarship candidates will need to bring a portfolio of work to the interview and be prepared to talk about your work. You will also be expected to engage in a discussion on an unseen piece of artwork.

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Drama scholarship candidates will also have a practical assessment and will need to prepare a two-minute monologue; you should be ready to evaluate your monologue and performance. You also need to bring a written review of a recent theatre production you have seen (500 words maximum).

Music scholarship candidates will also have a practical assessment. You will need to perform a piece you are currently practising for each instrument, including singing. In addition, you will do scales and arpeggios, sight reading and aural for your current grade, as well as theory for the grade you are currently working on. You will be expected to engage in a viva voce and should be working on your Grade 5 or above. If you apply for a Music scholarship, it is understood that you will continue to take graded examinations.

Photography scholarship candidates will need to bring two photographs to the interview. One you have taken and a photograph that has been taken by another photographer. You should be able to talk, in depth, about both images, particularly why they stand out for you. You may also consider extending your opinion, perhaps looking up some photographic terms prior to interview.

Sports scholarship candidates should be prepared for a practical assessment in their chosen sport(s). You will be expected to talk about your participation and achievements during the interview. If you apply for a Sports scholarship, it is expected that you will be performing at a very high representative level.

Being awarded a scholarship is a real honour as it is a recognition of academic, creative and sporting achievement and as such can be mentioned in university applications. Being part of our scholarship programme will involve being mentored by a teacher in your subject area who will ensure you are making the most of the enrichment and leadership opportunities the school has to offer. There is an award of £250 per term and you will also be entitled to wear a scholarship badge.

If you would like to apply, you should send a letter of application to Mr Mitchell by **4pm on Monday 27th January 2020**.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr David Mitchell
Director of Studies