

CLAREMONT

**SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION**
For entry into Year 7



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INTRODUCTION:

- Claremont Preparatory School offer Academic, Co-Curricular and All Rounder Scholarships for pupils entering **Year 7**. All scholarships will be valid for 5 years, up to and including, Year 11.
- These scholarship assessments will take place in November and March of Year 6 annually at Claremont Preparatory School.
- This pack contains all the necessary information for candidates who would like to apply for these assessments.
- Scholarship Entry Forms will be available closer to the assessment dates.
- Once the completed Entry Forms have been received, we will contact applicants via email with individual timetables.

SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER:

1. ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships will be awarded to pupils who demonstrate an outstanding level of intellectual ability. Pupils will be required to achieve well-above average scores in the Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR), Maths and English papers.

2. CO-CURRICULAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Co-Curricular Scholarships will be awarded to students who excel in **one or more** of the following co-curricular areas - **Sport, Music, Drama, Art or Equestrian**.

Candidates will complete co-curricular assessments during the afternoon of the Assessment Day. For internal candidates wishing to be considered for Co-Curricular Scholarships, the relevant teachers will be asked to provide an individual assessment for each pupil and their suitability to receive a scholarship award.

All candidates are encouraged to bring in any relevant evidence that will support their application, e.g. films, sound recordings, portfolios, certificates and references. Whilst skill is a critical component of these assessments, candidates will also need to demonstrate passion, ambition and significant motivation in their chosen area.

3. ALL-ROUNDER SCHOLARSHIPS

All-Rounder Scholarships may be awarded to students who excel both academically and within one or more co-curricular areas.

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HEADTEACHER'S INTERVIEW:

Every candidate will be interviewed by the Headteacher. This interview will last approximately 10 minutes.

Candidates should be prepared to discuss a topic of particular personal interest for approximately five minutes and demonstrate relevant knowledge and fluency. The time of this interview will vary according to each candidate's programme.

While notes are acceptable, applicants **should not read aloud** from a pre-prepared sheet or PowerPoint slides. If you have any further queries concerning Claremont Scholarships, or Claremont Senior School, then please do not hesitate to contact the Registrar.

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CO-CURRICULAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Co-Curricular Scholarships are awarded in the following areas:

1. ART
2. MUSIC
3. DRAMA
4. SPORT
5. EQUESTRIAN

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

All students will be required to do a practical extended still-life drawing and submit:

- A sketchbook (or books) of research and preparatory artwork.
- A portfolio of art which may include drawings, paintings, printmaking, textiles, photography and three dimensional works.

Artwork should show evidence of:

- Observational drawing.
- The ability to control and appreciate materials.
- Good design sense.
- Originality and imagination.

Successful candidates will show that they have initiative and can make an active contribution to the artistic life of the school.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Music Scholarship assessment will last 30 minutes.

Potential music scholars should prepare to play two contrasting pieces on one instrument (or voice), or one piece on two different instruments. Candidates are strongly advised to play pieces which they know well and are well within their ability. If piano accompaniment is needed, please bring the music.

The assessment will consist of:

- Performance of two contrasting pieces.
- Aural test, appropriate to standard.
- Technical skills: scales and arpeggios appropriate to standard
- Sight reading or singing.
- Short interview based on general music knowledge and basic theory of music.

Candidates should be of **at least current Grade 3 standard** and should attach copies of their most recent music examinations to their application form and/or references from their current teacher or Director of Music attesting to their standard and their involvement in music in general. Successful candidates will be expected to take an active role in musical life at Claremont School, including taking part in choirs and ensembles, mentoring younger pupils and performing in school events. **Pupils must bring their instrument** (other than pianists).

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DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

These awards will be made to individuals who are likely to make an outstanding contribution to drama at Claremont School. Drama Scholarships may be awarded to candidates who show excellence in **Performance**.

Successful candidates who join Claremont School will be expected to fulfil commitments to extra-curricular drama activities and productions. All candidates will be expected to demonstrate a strong appreciation of theatre.

Performance Candidates should present two contrasting monologues from published plays. The combined time for both pieces should not exceed six minutes. All candidates are advised to demonstrate a range of developed acting/ performance skills.

All candidates will be assessed in a group setting where creative, practical and interpersonal skills will be observed. This session will last 25 minutes.

All candidates should also bring with them a portfolio of their involvement in the Performing Arts.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

All candidates will be assessed on the scholarship day:

- Through a range of physical tests for speed-endurance, agility, strength, co-ordination and general sporting aptitude.
- Through games sessions when, where possible, sports such as football, netball, hockey, rugby and cricket will be assessed.
- Candidates who particularly wish their swimming to be assessed will attend a squad session at the end of the day which will mean a later finish.

On application, please provide supporting evidence from teachers and coaches with reference to participation in teams, competitive successes, standards attained and general attitude and aptitude. This is particularly important where the main sport is unlikely to be assessed on the scholarship day as outlined above. (e.g. gymnastics, tennis etc).

EQUESTRIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Equestrian Scholarships will be awarded to those able to make an excellent contribution to the equestrian squad at Claremont School. Scholars must demonstrate they are able to ride competently and compete regularly.

Scholars will be expected to take an active role in equestrian events where possible and should provide details and/or results of any recent competitions they have participated in (i.e. dressage scores, official event photographs etc.), as well as any information on regular training sessions in which they are involved.

Candidates will be assessed on:

- Riding ability.
- Horse husbandry skills and stable awareness.
- Equine knowledge (parts of the horse, common ailments and competition procedures).

All candidates will be required to demonstrate their skills and knowledge (both mounted and un-mounted) and will be expected to present themselves in the correct riding attire. Candidates are expected to have access to their own mount. The assessment will at a mutually-agreed date and time close to, but no on the set assessment dates.

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ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO WHICH PARENTS MUST AGREE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE AWARD:

- All scholarships will be valid for 5 years, up to, and including, Year 11.
- Termly fees due, less any award made and accepted, must be paid on time as agreed with the school.
- The level of award is a strictly confidential matter between the parent and Claremont School and should not be discussed with, or disclosed to, any other party at any time.
- High standards of behaviour are expected from all pupils at all times, including the utmost respect for other people and property.

The Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship award if any of these conditions are not fulfilled.

