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**Year 9 SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION PACK**

INTRODUCTION

Claremont Senior School will be offering a range of Academic and Co-Curricular Scholarships for students wishing to enter Year 9 in September. This pack contains all the necessary information for candidates.

In order to apply, the non-refundable registration fee of £100.00 is required. If you wish to accept any offer made, a further £500.00 refundable deposit is required to secure a place for September. Further information is available from enquiries@claremontseniorschool.co.uk

As part of the process, we request a written reference from the Headteacher of the applicant's current school.

By their very nature scholarships are designed to award outstanding potential and achievement in a number of areas:

ACADEMIC | SPORTS | VISUAL ARTS | PERFORMING ARTS

The award of a scholarship carries with it certain responsibilities and expectations. We would expect Claremont Scholars to play a full part in the life of the school, in particular in our varied co-curricular programme. They should be hungry for success and be keen to play a leading role in the Claremont Community. The recipients of each award will have extra responsibilities that successful candidates will be held to in order to maintain the scholarship. Awards are intended for the duration of a student's stay at the school as long as the individual contributes enthusiastically to the life of the school. Scholarships are reviewed on an annual basis. The size and number of scholarships is at the discretion of the Headmaster of Claremont Senior School.

HEADTEACHER'S INTERVIEW

Every candidate will be interviewed by the Headmaster. This interview will last for approximately 10 minutes. Candidates should be prepared to not only discuss their strengths and weaknesses, their areas of passion and interest, their aspirations, but also demonstrate an awareness of global and humanitarian issues. The time of this interview will vary according to each candidate's programme. It will be indicated on the timetable, which will be sent to you after the application closing date.



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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships are awarded to those with outstanding academic potential and a record of academic success.

Assessment for an Academic Scholarship will include an interview with the Headmaster, a presentation on a subject of academic interest (10 minutes), a panel interview to focus upon the presentation and assessment activities in Maths and English.

The 'Assessment Day' will be judging candidates in the following areas (not an exhaustive list):

- Academic ability in Maths and English
- An Academic presentation that shows the ability to communicate
- The type of influence they have on others in a group setting
- The ability to problem solve

Each of these skills is a vital component to the development of 'the self', which is a key initiative behind the programmes offered in Year 9 at Claremont. Any additional materials that you feel support your scholarship application should be submitted with your application package.



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sport scholarships will be awarded to candidates who will make an outstanding contribution to school sport, or who are very successful and highly regarded in a specialist sport other than those played at the school. All sports scholars will be expected to take a leading and active role in competitive sport played at Claremont.

Candidates will be assessed using:

- Baseline Test
- Handball
- Swimming (if applicable)
- Performance of their chosen sport (where possible)
- General sporting aptitude.

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.

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 that they are able to ride competently and compete regularly. Students must have their own ponies/ horses to compete on. Equestrian scholars are expected to attend six training sessions across the school academic year. We aim for three championships across the year one in April, June and October, therefore pupils will be entered into teams in qualifying events throughout the year.

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 that they have participated in (i.e. dressage scores, official event photographs etc), as well as any information on regular training sessions that they are involved in.

Candidates will be assessed on:

- Riding ability
- Horse husbandry skills & 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).

VISUAL ARTS

All students will be required to undertake a practical extended still-life drawing followed by separate task demonstrating creative application of coloured media. In the second task, candidates have to show how they would develop their still life further into a personalised piece, using the work of a particular artist (supplied by the Head of Art on the day) for inspiration.

As part of their supplementary evidence, candidates will be required to submit:

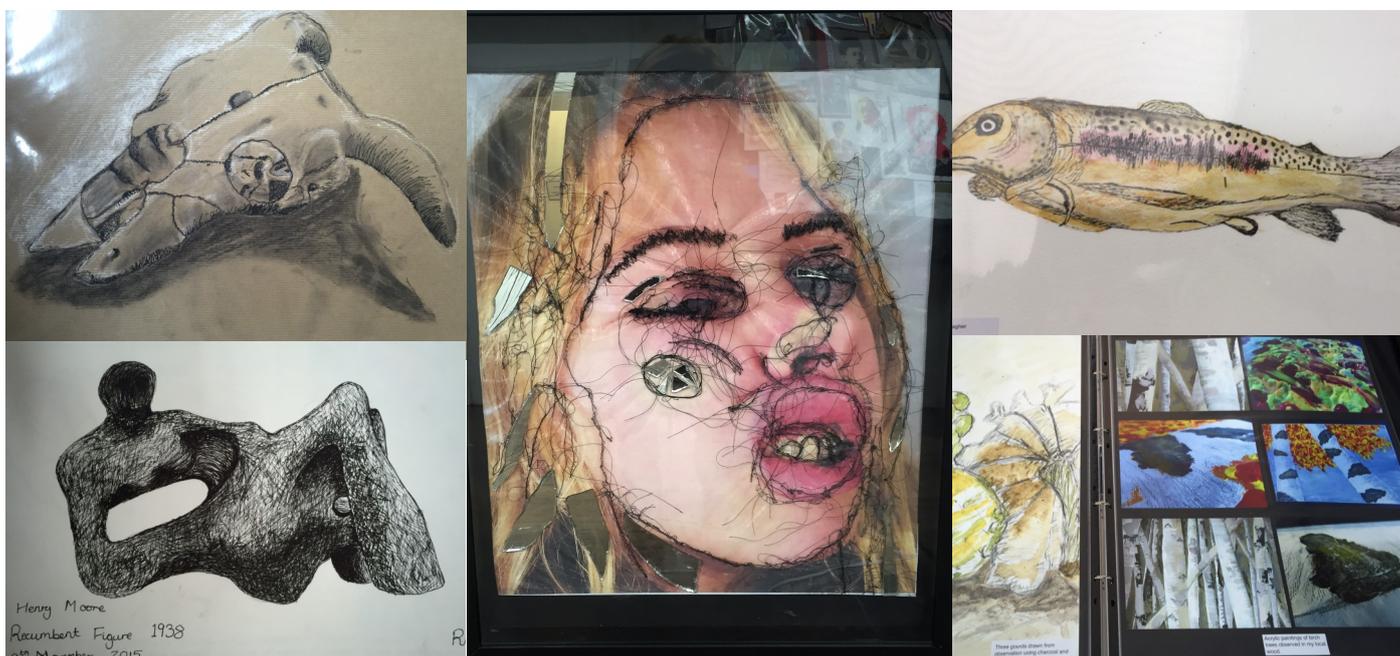
- A sketchbook (or books) of research and preparatory artwork
- A portfolio of art which may include drawings, paintings, printmaking, textiles, photography and three dimensional works.

Artwork should show evidence of:

- Observational drawing
- The ability to control and appreciate materials
- Good design sense
- Originality and imagination
- Gallery visits and simple evaluation analysis of artists' work
- Self-initiated projects and/or any artwork complete outside school.

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

Examples of previous scholar application portfolio work:



PERFORMING ARTS

This is a fantastic time to be joining the Performing Arts Team at Claremont Senior School. We will be opening our brand new, bespoke Dance Studio and state-of-the-art Music Space, including a suite of practice rooms, in September 2019, to work alongside our 250 seat auditorium.

The Performing Arts are a highly valued part of our school programme and our continued investment in creating professional facilities for our young performers is entirely apparent. A wealth of performance opportunities, across all disciplines, allows us to develop breadth and depth in our upcoming artists and, where appropriate, a specialised environment for them to focus on a performance based career.

DRAMA

These awards are made to those who are likely to make an outstanding contribution to Drama at Claremont Senior School. Successful candidates will be expected to study Drama at GCSE and fulfill commitments to extra-curricular drama activities and productions. All candidates will be expected to demonstrate a strong appreciation of theatre.

Candidates should demonstrate competence in a range of practical, creative and performance skills and be able to discuss the importance of good drama. Candidates are expected to work imaginatively and creatively in collaborative contexts, generating, developing and communicating ideas.

Candidates should present two contrasting monologues from published plays. The combined time for both pieces should not exceed four minutes. Candidates are advised to demonstrate a range of mature and developed acting/performance skills. Candidates will need to have read both plays fully.

All candidates will be also take part in a group workshop exploring devised theatre.

Candidates should be willing to share a portfolio of their involvement in theatre and/or talk in detail about productions they have been part of.



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DANCE

Successful candidates will be expected to study Dance at GCSE and willingly fulfill commitments to extra-curricular dance events, whilst studying at Claremont School. All Dance Scholars will have sound technical ability and appreciation of the art form and be passionate about dance.

The assessment will consist of:

- Participating in a short workshop learning a motif in the style of contemporary and perform this to the panel. No preparation will be required for this
- Prepare a solo that the candidate has choreographed; in any style, set to music lasting 1 minute and 30 seconds. The solo must have a dance idea
- Provide a short programme note, evidencing what the dance idea is about for the choreography, to be presented before performance
- A short interview based on dance appreciation and a discussion of choreographers who have influenced the candidate.

Candidates will need to be in appropriate dance wear for the audition and should attach copies of any recent reports or certificates of examinations to their application form.

MUSIC

Candidates will be required to have attained Grade IV in one instrument or to have attained Grade III in one instrument and Grade I in another. The voice is an instrument. There will be some flexibility regarding grading levels.

The assessment will consist of:

- Aural test
- Sight reading test
- Short interview based on general music knowledge
- Two prepared pieces on their chosen instrument/s.

Successful candidates will be expected to study Music at GCSE and willingly fulfill commitments to extra-curricular music groups, including the school choir and school performances. All candidates will be expected to demonstrate a strong appreciation of music.

Candidates should attach copies of their most recent music examinations to their application forms. Theory exams that have been passed will be an advantage.

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

- All scholarships will be valid for three years, provided the results of term work and examinations are of a similar level to, or better than, those achieved in the successful scholarship assessment.
- Termly fees due, less any award made and accepted, must be paid on time as agreed with the school.
- If a student who benefits from a scholarship is withdrawn before taking GCSEs, all scholarship monies received will be refundable in full, prior to the student leaving Claremont Senior 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 students at all times, including the utmost respect for other people and property.

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



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