

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is the recognition of academic, sporting, or artistic excellence, following assessment by Claremont Senior School. Scholars receive a reduction on school fees, opportunities to develop further in the areas that a scholarship is awarded, and, most importantly, tailored coaching and support in the Sixth Form in the respective areas of the award offered.

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

Both give financial assistance but are completely separate in their assessment. Scholarship awards are given to pupils who have demonstrated excellence and ability in their chosen scholarship area. A bursary can be given in recognition of financial need and can be applied for on behalf of any pupil who is registered with the School, regardless of ability. A bursary can also supplement a scholarship award amount. Bursaries are means-tested, so parents are asked to complete a financial circumstances form which is then assessed by the Principal. These are available on request from the Head of Admissions, Lily Lam, at lily.lam@claremontschool.co.uk or on 01580 830396.

How are scholarship candidates assessed?

The decisions on the distribution of scholarships are made by the Scholarship Committee, made up of the Principal of Claremont, the Headmaster of Claremont Senior School, the Director of Sixth Form and the Assistant Head Academic with advice taken from the leaders of the various areas where scholarships are offered. If there are not suitable candidates the school reserves the right not to award any given scholarship.

What are the fees for applying for a scholarship?

In order to enter for a scholarship a non-refundable registration fee of £110.00 is required. If you wish to accept any offer that is made a further £520.00 refundable deposit will be required to secure a place for September 2020. Further information is available at admissions@claremontschool.co.uk or www.claremontschool.co.uk.

Where can I get more general information and advice about entry into the Sixth Form?

Please contact the Director of the Sixth Form Mr Aaron Eckhoff on 01580 830396 or by email Aaron.Eckhoff@claremontschool.co.uk for any further questions regarding life in the Sixth Form at Claremont or further information about subjects offered by the school. Alternatively please contact Lily Lam, Head of Admissions, on 01580 830396 or by email lily.lam@claremontschool.co.uk to arrange a tour of the School.

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

- All scholarships will be valid for two 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 A Levels, 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.



**SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION PACK**
FOR ENTRY INTO SIXTH FORM IN SEPTEMBER 2020

CLAREMONT

INTRODUCTION:

The American poet James Russell Lovell claimed that 'True scholarship consists in knowing not what things exist, but what they mean; it is not memory, but judgment.' At Claremont Senior School we are seeking to build a Sixth Form community that produces students who appreciate the 'meaning' of things and have the 'judgment' required to thrive in an ever changing and complicated world. Scholars across the various disciplines will provide the backbone of the school's Sixth Form community.

Claremont Senior School welcomes applications for scholarships into the Sixth Form with entry in September 2020. By their very nature, scholarships are designed to award outstanding potential and achievement in a number of areas:

ACADEMIC | ARTS | SPORTS

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.

KEY DATES:

All Sixth Form scholarship applications need to be received by **Friday 8 November 2019**.

All scholarship assessments will take place in the week commencing **Monday 18 November 2019**.

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 short presentation on a subject of academic interest (10 minutes) and an assessment task where candidates will be asked to work in teams, whilst being observed by the teaching staff.

The assessment task will be looking at some of the following skills:

- The ability to communicate
- The ability to work in a team effectively
- The ability to lead
- Influence 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 the Sixth Form at Claremont. Any additional materials that you feel support your scholarship application should be submitted with your application package.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards in the sporting arena are given to those who have outstanding potential and a record of success in either individual and/or team sports. Any successful scholar would be expected to play a full part in the sporting life of the School. We welcome applicants from minority sports as well as the core team sports of

- All-round
- Rugby
- Football
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Netball
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Equestrian**

Assessment will include an interview with the Director of Sport, together with a practical assessment of the sport and fitness testing.

ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Arts scholarships are focused on identifying outstanding potential in the following fields:

- Music
- Drama
- Dance
- Fine Art
- Photography

Assessment will include an interview with the subject leads of the respective department. There will also be an audition or an opportunity to present an extensive, varied and creative portfolio showing independent work.

Fine Art scholars will be set, in addition, a drawing task.

BURSARIES & FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Scholarships are designed to reward outstanding potential and achievement. These awards normally come with a financial discount attached to them. However, bursaries are not part of the scholarship process and anyone wishing to seek bursarial help beyond any award should contact the Principal, Giles Perrin at giles.perrin@claremontschool.co.uk.

** Students applying for Equestrian Scholarships will be assessed off-site and details of this will be arranged with candidates on an individual basis.