



St. Francis' College

Scholarship Policy: Scholarship Award

Introduction

The 'College' refers to all the staff and pupils of the Prep Department and Senior School which includes Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS), Pre-Prep (Key Stage 1), Prep (Key Stage 2), and Senior School (Key Stages 3-5).

Academic and Arts Scholarships – Prep

Year III Entry: There are a limited number of scholarship awards available to girls entering Year III, which are awarded on the basis of assessment tests taken on one day in the Spring term. These are open to internal and external applicants.

Year V Entry: Academic and Arts Scholarships (Dance, Drama, Sport, Music and/or Art) are available for entry into Year V; these are open to both internal and external applicants. Scholarship examinations and auditions take place in the Spring term.

Academic Scholarships: Senior

Sixth Form Award: 16+ scholarship examinations are held in November for the following academic year. The scholarship is open to external and internal candidates. The award is typically worth up to 20% of tuition fees. The award is made on the basis of a written and oral assessment. Awards will be made to those who have demonstrated academic excellence and the ability to contribute significantly to an area of school life e.g. school council, community.

At 11+ and 13+ academic scholarships may be offered on the basis of performance in the entrance examinations and any subsequent interviews. Entrants must take the test on the specified day in order to be considered for an award.

Academic awards and other scholarships are made until the end of Year 11 in the College on condition that academic standards are maintained and fulfil the terms and conditions of the award.

Scholarships are not means tested. Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship but may only hold one. It is not possible to hold multiple scholarships.

Other Scholarships

Music, Art, Drama and Dance scholarships are offered at 11+, 13+ and 16+, and are open to both external and internal candidates.

They are typically worth 10% of tuition fees and can also attract additional benefits. These scholarships are assessed by audition (Music, Drama and Dance), trial (Sports), portfolio (Art) and interviews. Successful applicants will have reached a good standard in the entrance examinations or Sixth Form Award assessments.

Holders of these scholarships are expected to play a full part in the provision for scholars and lead in the delivery of the scholarship through appropriate activities in the College.

Headmistress' Award is a discretionary scholarship (not always awarded) for a pupil who displays outstanding promise or contribution to College life.

Exhibitions

These carry no financial award but are given when a applicant already holds a scholarship but has performed at a scholarship standard. The Exhibition allows the awardee to access all the same provision made for a scholar.

Scholarships and Exhibitions are published annually at Prize Giving.

Provision for Scholars

As a Scholar at St Francis' College your daughter's talent will be nurtured and supported; she will have a wide range of academic and other enrichment opportunities open to her. She will take part in relevant school events. Her role will be to promote scholarships within the College and to lead by example by taking part in relevant exhibitions, presentations in Chapel and to join in trips and competitions when they arise. She will have access to inspirational lectures, the IGGY website, Olympiads, masterclasses, ensembles, MOOC's and so on.

Scholars who are still thirsty for more can get in touch with our More Able Coordinator, for an individualised programme of support which would usually take the form of regular meetings and mentoring. The following opportunity is not restricted to Scholars in the Sixth Form but also worth a mention:

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an opportunity to gain a qualification recognised at University level, studying something truly individual and which inspires the student. The EPQ programme is designed around certain independent study skills such as proper and rigorous research, how to write in an academic manner and how to manage a long term project. Within this the student can learn about anything that they like! Examples of recent EPQ project titles include: *'Why has no vaccine been invented for Dengue fever?'* and *'How did ancient Egyptian midwifery practices differ from those of ancient Greece?'*

A Scholarship Award is far more than a title and is not just a fee remission; it is the breadth and depth of the programme of opportunity and enrichment, which we feel will give each of our scholars the very best preparation for the future.

All awards are at the discretion of the College and subject to the Terms and Conditions issued with the award.

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This policy will operate from January 2017 and does not affect those scholarships already awarded prior to January 2017.