

A Sport Scholarship is currently awarded to pupils showing outstanding ability in one or more of our strongest sports: hockey; football and/or netball. A Sport Scholarship entitles the recipient to a percentage reduction in School fees and a unique personal training programme that offers support in their specific sport in order to help scholars achieve the limit of their potential.

An athlete will be supported according to the four corners of Elite Performance: Tactical, Technical, Physical and Social. Here are some examples of what we offer:

- A specialist Sport Scholarship Tutor will personally take you through the process
- A personal long term Athlete Development Model will be designed for you
- Hi Cam video feedback will give you better technical and tactical awareness
- An automatic place in the Sport Academy, including a place on the tour
- Regular fitness testing and a specific Personal Training Programme based on results
- Position-specific one-to-one training sessions
- Special guest appearances from sport people with elite experiences to share
- Statistical performance analysis to highlight strengths and weaknesses in the athlete's sport
- Opportunities, when ready, to connect with elite sport clubs using personal network links

**Who can apply and how long does a Sport Scholarship last?** We are looking for outstanding applicants to join our programme. Our normal expectations will be representation at County level and/or at a recognised Academy level or equivalent.

Sport Scholarships are available from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form and are reviewed annually. The Sport Scholarship is valid throughout the candidate's school career provided that:

- the recipient makes constructive use of their sport skills and contributes actively to the School
- the recipient takes an active role in fixtures, training and House sport that will take priority over external activities, except in the event of a clash through selection for representative teams at County level or above
- the recipient's parents adhere to all normal terms in relation to fees being met as usual

**How do I apply and what's the process?** Please complete the Scholarship application form which can be found on our website or requested from the Admissions Office. **Once completed, applications must be returned by Friday 15 November 2019.**

Applications will be pre-screened and not all candidates may be invited to attend the assessment day. Please consider carefully what is included in the personal statement so that it accurately reflects the candidate's achievements and aspirations. All applications require supporting documentary evidence, including reports from the candidate's club(s) and current school. In some cases, submission of video evidence may be appropriate.

Pre-screened candidates will be invited to attend **a set half-day assessment on the morning of Friday 29 November 2019** with the Sport Department who will consider their skills and potential. During the assessment, candidates will be observed in a number of different activities to include demonstration of set skills and their application in small-sided games, allowing accurate assessment to be made. Candidates will also participate in fitness tests, for example in speed and agility using speed gates.

Attendance on the assessment day will not guarantee a successful application. We recognise, however, that children develop and mature at different rates and unsuccessful applicants will be encouraged to reapply when appropriate.

Following the auditions, successful candidates will receive a scholarship offer conditional upon their performance in the academic entrance exam in January 2020.