



DUCHY COLLEGE

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES INFORMATION FOR 2026
CO-ED APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 AND 12

Since 1893



SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES **YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE**

We are committed to celebrating and recognising individual excellence as well as widening access to our school.



We have a range of scholarships and bursaries available to potential pupils including:

Academic, Music, Choral, Sport, Creative Arts and Drama Scholarships – for those with a specific talent

Means Tested Bursaries up to 100%



In addition to individual talents, we are looking for something special in our scholars. We're looking for pupils who embody our ethos of "a passion for learning and a love of life", who demonstrate grit and determination to succeed and who show an enthusiasm for inspiring and motivating others.

Our scholars are role models within school and they lead by example in their approach and their commitment to the whole learning community. (Scholars can be Day or Boarding pupils.)

Benefits of Being a Scholar

Being a scholar is, in itself, a great honour and our scholars are held in high esteem within our school community, but scholarships also carry a number of other benefits, including:

- › Discount on standard day fees of 5%
- › Extensive programme of scholars' events
- › Mentoring by a teacher or senior scholar
- › Annual scholars' dinner with the Principal

Applications and Assessment

Scholarships are open to all pupils joining school at Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12. (Existing pupils can also apply in Year 9 or Year 11.)

Scholarship applications are open during the Autumn Term in the year prior to joining, followed by assessments the following January. Awards are then announced at the end of January. We will consider scholarship applications outside of these timescales subject to availability.

To apply for a scholarship you will need to:

- › Submit a Scholarship Application Form (including a hand written statement by the applicant detailing why they believe they should be considered for a scholarship).
- › Provide details of the applicant's current school so that we can request a reference.

Assessment for scholarships is based on the following:

Standard Entrance Assessment

All applicants are required to complete our standard Entrance Assessment. For Year 7 applicants this is made up of Non-Verbal Reasoning, English & Maths assessment and an interview. For Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 applicants this involves English & Maths papers and an interview.

Scholarship Assessment

In addition to the above, scholarship applicants are also required to undertake a specific scholarship assessment. The scholarship assessment varies depending on the type of scholarship you would like to apply for. (Please refer to the subsequent pages for details of specific scholarship assessments).

Overview of Scholarships Available

We have a range of scholarships available to recognise a wide range of exceptional talents. Candidates can apply for a maximum of 2 scholarships from the choice below. (Successful candidates will only be awarded one scholarship.)

> Academic Scholarship

Fee Remission	5% of day fees
Expectations Attendance at the half-termly academic scholar meetings run by the Head Scholar and Deputy Head Academic. These meetings provide an invaluable opportunity to input into the academic development of the school. Completion of the Scholar's Project which focuses on an academic subject matter of their choice which much be independently researched. These are then shown to the school community at the annual presentation event in May/June.	
Assessment Standard Entrance Assessment. General scholarship paper. (Pupils applying for scholarships to join Years 9, 10 and 12, can choose a Sciences paper or a Humanities paper in place of the General scholarship paper.) Interview with the Deputy Head Academic.	

> Choral

Fee Remission	5% of day fees
Expectations Commitment to Gallery Choir (ages 11-13) and / or Chapel Choir (ages 14-18). (NB: Chapel Choir includes some weekend commitments throughout the academic year.) Provide guidance and mentoring to other pupils.	
Assessment Standard Entrance Assessment. Audition with the Director of Music. Perform two prepared songs in contrasting styles. Please bring relevant piano accompaniments. Sight reading, voice and musicianship tests. Interview with the Principal.	

> Creative Arts

Fee Remission	5% of day fees
Expectations To be a positive role model for art and creative projects within both the Art and Textiles Departments. To actively participate and lead in clubs and active mentoring of peers/younger pupils.	
Assessment Standard entrance assessment. Creative portfolio including drawing, painting, creative textiles, print work and photography. Interview with Head of Art and Head of Textiles to discuss your creative interest and pursuits. This could include exhibitions, workshops attended, hobbies, favourite films or other inspirational events you may have participated in. Short practical drawing exercise with a wide choice of art and textiles materials.	

> Drama

Fee Remission	5% of day fees
Expectations Active participation in the School Production, the House Drama Competition and performances for concerts and events throughout the year. Guidance and mentoring of peers and younger pupils. Demonstrate a positive and purposeful approach to curriculum Drama.	
Assessment Standard Entrance Assessment. Audition with the Head of Drama. 2-3-minute solo audition piece of your choice, ideally performed by heart (NB. can be from any published play, poem or literature). Respond to spontaneous direction and demonstrate a passion for Drama and the Performing Arts. Interview with the Principal.	



> Music

Fee Remission 5% of day fees

Expectations

Take a leading part in the musical life of College through embracing opportunities for solo and performance, along with active membership of ensembles and choirs as advised by the Director of Music. All Lower School Music Scholars sing in Gallery choir.

Provide guidance and mentoring to other pupils, with opportunities to lead ensembles as appropriate.

Assessment

Standard Entrance Assessment.

Audition with the Director of Music.

Perform two prepared pieces on main instrument and one piece on any other instrument (or singing). Please bring all instruments to the assessment, along with the relevant piano accompaniments.

Grade 3 or equivalent for Year 7 assessment in at least one instrument. (Grade 5 for Year 9 assessment and Grade 7 for Year 12 assessment.)

Sight reading and musicianship tests.

Interview with the Principal.

> Sport

Fee Remission 5% of day fees

Expectations

Sports scholars can apply for a standard sports scholarship or a specialist sports scholarship in one of our core sports including football, netball, cricket, tennis, swimming, athletics and cross country.

Standard Sports Scholars will be expected to actively participate in at least two of the school's sports teams and other PE department activities, as well as representing the school in competitive matches (including Saturday fixtures).

All Sport Scholars are expected to be positive role models to their peers and younger pupils. They should also demonstrate excellent enthusiasm and commitment to their sport.

Assessment

Standard Entrance Assessment.

Assessment with the Head of Sport.

All Sport Scholar applicants will be asked to complete a range of fitness and skills tests.

Standard Sport Scholars will also be asked to complete games based skills tests and a swimming assessment.

Those applying for specialist Sport Scholarships will also be asked to complete an assessment in their selected area of specialism and provide additional evidence of their achievements in their application such as a reference from an external coach; certificates or awards; and / or a video demonstrating their specialist skills.

Interview with the Principal.



Bursaries & Financial Assistance

We are proud to be a socially and culturally diverse school community and we are committed to widening access to our schools to families who might not otherwise be able to fund a place.

As a charity, each year we self-fund financial assistance for a small number of families to help with school fees. This is in the form of means tested bursaries, which can be up to 100%. The level of financial assistance awarded to each family is determined by individual financial circumstances taking into account both income and assets.

We don't set specific academic criteria to qualify for a bursary, but we are looking for pupils who are truly passionate about joining our school and who can demonstrate the potential to contribute amazing things to our school community.

We normally ask that bursary applications are submitted by the beginning of October of the year prior to joining. We will consider applications outside of these timescale subject to availability of bursary funds.

You can apply for a means tested bursary alongside a Scholarship to supplement a Scholarship award.

Spreading the Cost of Fees

In addition to bursary support, we also offer a direct debit scheme which enables families to spread the cost of school fees over 9 monthly payments.

Applying for Financial Assistance

Applying for financial assistance is a confidential process undertaken directly with our Finance Director. We aim to make the process as straight forward as possible:

- Step 1:** In the first instance, we ask that you contact our Admissions Team for an informal discussion about financial support and to register your interest in applying for a bursary.
- Step 2:** The next step is to complete our Means Tested Bursary Application form and we may also arrange for you to meet with an independent financial assessor (meetings may take place virtually). (Please try and provide as much information as possible, together with relevant supporting documentation.)
- Step 3:** Bursary awards are officially confirmed when you receive an offer of a place at College. (Bursaries are reviewed annually.)

For an initial discussion regarding financial assistance prior to application, please contact our Admissions Team on 01423 537045 or email admissions@hlc.org.uk.



2026 Scholarship & Bursary Application Dates

Entry into Year 7 in September 2026:

21 November 2025 Bursary application deadline	5 December 2025 Scholarship & Entrance Examination application deadline	w/c 12 January 2026 11+ Scholarship Assessments
17 January 2026 11+ Entrance Examinations	w/c 26 January 2026 11+ Offers issued – including Scholarship and Bursary awards	2 March 2026 Deadline for acceptance of a place

Entry into other Year Groups:

For pupils joining school in Year 9 (13+), Year 10 (14+) and Year 12 (16+) the scholarship application and assessment process roughly follows the same timescales as outlined above, however Entrance Exams and Scholarship Assessments are arranged on an individual basis.

Means tested bursaries can be applied for in all year groups and we normally recommend applying for a Bursary by the beginning of October prior to the year of joining.

Find out More and Apply Online

If you would like to find out more about our 2026 scholarship programme, please contact our Admissions Team on

01423 537045 or email **admissions@hlc.org.uk**

To apply online, please visit **www.hlc.org.uk/application**

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