



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Awards commencing September 2023

KEY DATES

Academic Scholarships 11+, 13+ 16+

Monday 7 th November	Closing date for 11+, 13+ & 16+ Academic Scholarship applications for current Bromsgrove School pupils
Wednesday 23 rd November	16+ Academic Scholarship Exams
Monday 5 th December	Closing date for academic scholarship applications (current Bromsgrove and Winterfold pupils)
Saturday 10 th December	CAT4 testing for 11+ & 13+ current Bromsgrove and Winterfold candidates
Friday 16 th December	Successful 11+ & 13+ Academic Scholarship candidates will be informed if they have been selected for scholarship exams
Saturday 14 th January	11+ & 13+ Academic Scholarship Exams by invitation
Tuesday 24 th January	16+ Scholarship Interviews by invitation
Wednesday 25 th January	11+ Scholarship Interviews by invitation
Thursday 26 th January	13+ Scholarship Interviews by invitation

13+ 16+ Sport

Monday 14 th November	Closing date for Sports Scholarship applications
Monday 21 st November	13+ Sports Scholarship Trials
Tuesday 22 nd November	16+ Sports Scholarship Trials

11+, 13+, 16+ Art, Drama, Music

Wednesday 14 th December	Closing date for Art, Drama & Music Scholarships
Monday 16 th to Friday 27 th January	Auditions for Art, Drama & Music Scholarships (all age groups)
Monday 27 th February	Scholarship awards made in writing

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are offered to both current and prospective candidates. Interviews and/or examinations are competitive. Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship. All current pupils in Year 6, Year 8 and Fifth Form wishing to apply for an Academic (11+, 13+, 16+), Drama (13+,16+), Music (11+,13+,16+), Art (11+, 13+, 16+) or Sports Scholarship (13+, 16+) must complete and return the scholarship application form.

For those children who perform very well, but are not quite at scholarship level, an exhibition may be awarded.

Scholarships and exhibitions awarded to a candidate are held until the next round of Scholarships. Exhibitions may be increased to a scholarship at the next round.

There is much competition for Scholarship places, so please do manage your expectations and those of your child. Scholarships carry a very small financial award but carry much kudos within the School community, the reward is through recognition of Scholars' contribution to their area of excellence within the School.

The following awards are made annually:

11+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of

- 4 Academic Awards
- 1 Music Award
- 1 Art Award

13+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of:

- 6 Academic Awards
- 2 Music Awards
- Up to 2 Art Awards
- Up to 2 Drama Awards
- Up to 4 Sports Awards

16+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of:

- 6 Academic Awards
- 2 Music Awards
- Up to 2 Art Awards
- Up to 2 Drama Awards
- Up to 5 Sports Awards

Academic Scholarships:	fee remission of 2.5% to 5% of the School fees
Music Scholarships:	fees remission on lessons for up to two instruments
Art/Textile Scholarships:	an annual award to help with the cost of materials or art associated trips/visits
Sports Scholarships:	an annual award towards payment of sports equipment/sports tour
Drama Scholarships:	an annual award to help with the cost of drama associated trips/visits

All scholarships can be supplemented by means-tested bursaries. The value of any bursary award is strictly confidential between parents, the Headmaster and the School's financial management. Children should not be told the size of the award and breach of this condition can lead to the award being withdrawn.

Scholarship awards will be notified in writing by Monday 27th February 2023.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS Fee remission of between 2.5% – 5%.

11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarship

Saturday 10th December

CAT4 testing for 11+ & 13 + internal candidates

Saturday 14th January

Scholarship Examination – by invitation

Applicants will be invited to sit the Scholarship papers on Saturday 14th January. Scholarship interviews are by invitation only and candidates selected for scholarship interview will be informed by Friday 20th January 2023. The Scholarship Examination includes a General Knowledge paper, an Essay paper (choice of creative or argument) and a Maths paper

Scholarship Interviews – by invitation

11+ Wednesday 25th January

13+ Thursday 26th January

Following the Scholarship examinations, candidates deemed to have performed well enough will be invited to interview with a senior member of staff and the Master of Scholars. Scholarship interviews are by invitation only and candidates selected for scholarship interview will be informed by Friday 20th January 2023.

16+ Academic Scholarship

Examination Date for all 16 Academic Scholarship candidates

Saturday 23rd November 2022

Subject Paper (2 hours 15mins) answering on three subjects from the list below:

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| • Biology | • English | • Latin |
| • Business Studies | • French | • Mathematics |
| • Chemistry | • Geography | • Physical Education |
| • Classical Civilisation | • German | • Physics |
| • Design and Technology | • History | • Religious Studies |
| | | • Spanish |

Those answering language questions from the subject paper will have an oral in their chosen language.

Scholarship Interviews – by invitation

Tuesday 24th January

Following the Scholarship examinations, candidates deemed to have performed well enough will be invited to interview with senior members of staff and the Master of Scholars. Scholarship interviews are by invitation only and candidates selected for scholarship interview will be informed by Friday 16th January 2023.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS (11+, 13+, 16+) Fees remission on lessons for up to two instruments.

Auditions for 11+, 13+ and 16+ Music Scholarships will take place by invitation between

Monday 16th January - Friday 27th January

Music awards are offered to candidates likely to become leading contributors to Bromsgrove music. Singers, organists and instrumentalists may apply. There is much competition for awards and the selection of Music Scholars is not solely based on meeting the performance standards outlined below. An excellent aural awareness and theoretical understanding should be demonstrated at the audition and a desire to become fully involved in all aspects of musical life at Bromsgrove. 'Shortage' instruments may be favoured where they serve the need of the department's performing profile. The award covers the cost of individual music tuition at School for up to two weekly lessons during term time.

Music Scholars should

- Contribute fully to the musical life of the School, in choirs and ensembles as directed, leading performances
- Perform regularly as a soloist (at least three times in the academic year)
- Act as an ambassador for the department
- Attain standards equal to the Scholarship entry levels and achieve Grade 8 before leaving School at the end of the Upper Sixth

Requirements

- At 11+ a minimum of Associated Board Grade 4 standard in a principal instrument. It may be in the candidate's interest to offer a second instrument or voice at audition
- At 13+ a minimum of Associated Board Grade 5 in a principal instrument or voice and the ability to offer a second instrument or voice
- At 16+ a minimum of Associated Board Grade 7 in a principal instrument and at least Grade 5 in a second instrument or voice

Auditions

The Music Department will contact applicants concerning the timing of the audition approximately one week in advance. An accompanist will be provided; candidates must send their piano accompaniments to the Music School Administrator before the audition day. At audition, candidates will be expected to:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument or voice
- Perform one piece on any additional instruments, or voice
- Take an aural test; sight reading and scales relating to the candidate's most recent grade may be asked for
- Demonstrate their musical aspirations and experiences in a discussion which will include general musical knowledge, music theory and the candidate's interests

Further details on all Music Scholarships can be obtained from the Director of Music, Mr James McKelvey: jmckelvey@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or from the Music School Administrator on 01527 579679 ext 235.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+) An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of drama associated trips and visits.

Auditions for 13+ and 16+ Drama Scholarships will take place by invitation between

Monday 16th January - Friday 27th January

The Drama Department will contact applicants concerning the timing of the audition approximately one week in advance.

Prior to the audition, candidates will be expected to submit an essay on a specific title. The essay title will be released the week before auditions and must be submitted electronically by 6.00pm on Friday 14th January. Full details will be sent by the Administration Manager.

At audition, candidates will be expected to:

- Perform a pre-prepared 2 minute piece
- Perform a brief, unseen passage
- Undertake a short panel interview with the Director of Performing Arts and the Heads of Drama from both the Preparatory and Senior Schools.

Further details on Drama Scholarships can be obtained from the Director of Performing Arts, Mr Tim Norton: tnorton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

ART SCHOLARSHIPS (11+, 13+, 16+) An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of materials or art associated trips and visits.

Monday 16th January - Friday 27th January

11+ & 13+ Art Scholarship

Pupils showing considerable potential in Art and Design are encouraged to apply for the 11+ & 13+ Art Scholarship.

Candidates are asked to bring a maximum of two pieces of their work with them to the examination. These pieces can be in any media and should demonstrate a high level of competence in at least one discipline. They should be pieces that the candidate is proud of and candidates must be prepared to analyse their own work during interview with the Head of Art.

Candidates will also take part in a practical task.

16+ Art or Textile Scholarship

Pupils currently at GCSE level are encouraged to apply for the 16+ Art Scholarship.

Candidates are required to bring a maximum of two pieces of art and/or textiles work with them to the examination. Students are expected to demonstrate a high level of competence in art and design, as well as the ability to articulate their thoughts on both their own work and that of practising artists. Evidence of independently initiated projects, as well as teacher directed work is also highly desirable.

Candidates will take part in a practical task and have an interview with the Head of Art.

It is expected that students who are offered an Art/Textiles Scholarship at 16+ will study art or textiles as part of their Sixth Form course.

Further details on the Art Scholarships can be obtained from the Head of Art, lblakeley@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)

An annual award of £400 towards payment of sports equipment or sports tour.

13+ Trials Monday 21st November

16+ Trials Tuesday 22nd November

The principal sports at School are hockey (boys and girls), rugby, netball and cricket. Applications from national level performers in swimming, athletics, cross-country and tennis are also welcome. All candidates are expected to meet our academic standard of entry. Please be aware that there is much competition for these awards. If you require further details, please contact the Deputy Head Co-Curricular, Mr Paul Mullan: pmullan@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

13+ Sports scholars

Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level performance in their chosen sport, preferably to county level. Students will be expected to demonstrate a range of skills and abilities through a number of general tests, as well as having to show their strengths in particular sports. If not practically possible then video evidence or coach testimonials will be considered.

16+ Sports scholars

Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level performance in their chosen sport, preferably to divisional level. Students will be expected to demonstrate a range of skills and abilities through a number of general tests, as well as having to show their strengths in particular sports. If not practically possible then video evidence or coach testimonials will be considered.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Bromsgrove maintains a number of places for Foundation Scholars. These awards only operate in respect of day places and preference is given to candidates from Bromsgrove and the surrounding area. Foundation scholarships are usually awarded at 11+ or 13+ and are then held for the remainder of the pupil's time at School.

Foundation scholarships are awarded to very able pupils in need of financial assistance. The maximum award is 50% of the day fee (means-tested), which may be augmented by a further means-tested bursary.

Candidates wishing to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship should apply in writing to Miss Rachel Scannell, Assistant Head, at the Senior School.

OLD BROMSGROVIAN BURSARY INFORMATION

There is an Old Bromsgrovian means tested bursary on offer to the children or grandchildren of an Old Bromsgrovians.

Candidates wishing to be considered for an Old Bromsgrovian Bursary should apply in writing to Miss Rachel Scannell, Assistant Head, at the Senior School.

BURSARY INFORMATION

Bromsgrove offers a generous provision of scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships reward excellent performance in academe, sport, music and the arts, and carry little or no financial assistance. Bursaries are means-tested and offer assistance with fees. It is possible to apply for both a bursary and scholarship at the same time. Full details of the bursary application process and the bursary application form can be found on the School website.

Bromsgrove is committed as far as possible to helping those pupils who would benefit from a Bromsgrove education but whose parents or guardians cannot afford full fees. Parents and guardians wanting assistance with fees are required to fill out a means-test form when applying for a bursary, which can be found on the School website. We recommend that a bursary application form is submitted at the same time as the registration form since early submission is recommended; this should be sent through marked private and confidential as the form indicates. Although Bromsgrove has a generous bursarial fund, all bursaries are allocated from a limited fund; late applicants may be disappointed if they would need bursarial help in order to accept a place when offered. Bursary awards are reviewed on an annual basis.

Bursary recipients are expected to work hard and contribute positively to all aspects of a Bromsgrove education. If a bursary recipient were to fall short of expectations of behaviour and performance, then the bursary award would be reviewed. We want all bursary recipients to make the most of the opportunities offered to them, to thrive and succeed and hopefully in later life think about supporting our bursary funds in order to allow others to also benefit.

Parents of candidates for bursaries will be asked to complete and return a confidential form indicating their financial circumstances. The Bursar will then recommend the scale of any award that may be made. Awards are re-assessed each year. Assessment may include a visit to the family home.

The financial value of any Bursary is strictly confidential between parents, the Headmaster and the School's financial management. Pupils should not be told the size of the awards.

Applications for bursarial help should be submitted by Wednesday December 14th 2022. Bursary decisions will be made and notified in writing by Monday 27th February 2023.

Further details of the School's Bursary Policy and procedures and bursary application forms can be obtained from the Administration Manager, Mrs Kim Elvy, on 01527 579 679 ext. 237, email kely@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.