Bromsgrove School

Entrance Examination and

Scholarship Information

September 2014
All candidates wishing to sit Bromsgrove School entrance examinations must complete a Registration Form and pay the Registration Fee prior to sitting the examinations. Offers of entry into Bromsgrove School will be made on the basis of performance in these examinations. Sixth Form applicants from the UK must complete a Registration Form but do not sit our entrance examinations. Offers are normally made based on predicted GCSE grades.

**ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DATES**

11+ Candidates  
Prep School (Years 3 – 6 & Year 8)  
13+ Candidates  
Friday 29th November 2014  
Saturday 10th January 2015  
Tuesday 13th January 2015

**ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CONTENT**

**Years 3 and 4**
NFER English, Mathematics and Creative Essay  
Arrival 9.15am - collection 12.30pm

**Year 5**
NFER English, Mathematics, Non-Verbal Reasoning and a Creative Essay  
Arrival 9.00am - collection 14.00pm (lunch provided)

**Year 6**
NFER English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning and the Headmaster’s Essay  
Arrival 9.00am - collection 14.00pm (lunch provided)

**Years 7 and 8**
NFER English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning and the Headmaster’s Essay  
Arrival 8.30am - collection 14.15pm (lunch provided)

**Year 9 (13+) Entry**
English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning, the Headmaster’s General Paper, including an essay. Candidates will also have an informal interview with a senior member of staff.  
Arrival 8.40am – collection 16.00pm (lunch provided)

Examples of past Senior School papers are on the School’s website: [http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk](http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk)

For 11+ and 13+ candidates, where a performance in the entrance examination is deemed worthy of consideration for an academic scholarship, candidates will be invited back for interviews on the dates shown. There are no separate scholarship examinations.

**Sixth Form**
Entry into the Sixth Form from another British school is based on an interview with the Headmaster during a visit, a confidential reference and GCSE results. A conditional offer is made and then confirmed once GCSE results have been published. Pupils wishing to be considered for a place in Bromsgrove Sixth Form must complete a Registration Form. Those applicants wishing to be considered for a scholarship must also submit a Scholarship Application Form.
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are offered to both internal and external candidates. Interviews and/or examinations are competitive. Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship. All external candidates wishing to apply for an academic (16+ only), music (11+, 13+, 16+), art or sports scholarship (13+, 16+) must complete and return a Scholarship Application Form together with a completed Registration Form and the Registration Fee.

There is no separate Scholarship application form for 11+ and 13+ academic candidates; where performance in the entrance examination is deemed worthy of consideration for an academic scholarship, these candidates will be invited back for scholarship interviews.

Internal candidates (current Bromsgrove Preparatory School and Bromsgrove Senior School pupils) wishing to be considered for any academic, music, art or sports scholarship at 11+, 13+ or 16+ must complete and return a Scholarship Application Form and, for consideration for academic scholarship, sit the relevant entrance tests.

Scholarships at Bromsgrove School give kudos to the scholars - the amount of financial reward is comparatively small. The percentage of the award is related to the degree of talent. In the case of music scholarships, music lessons are awarded, and for art/ textile scholarships an annual award of £200 is made. Sports Scholarship awards are normally a one off payment of £400, a small number of other financial awards may also be made.

Scholarships and exhibitions are awarded for the duration of the pupils’ time at Bromsgrove School. The tenure of any award is subject to high standards of attendance and behaviour on the pupil’s part and for music, art and sports scholars on full participation in the activities of their area of award. The value of any 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 made in writing and will be received by the end of the Lent Term, with the exception of 11+ academic scholarships which will be notified during the Michaelmas Term. All scholarships, exhibitions and foundation scholarships may be augmented by a means-tested bursary.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

11+ academic scholarships (entrance examinations)  Friday 21st November 2014
Sports scholarships  Friday 7th November 2014
All other scholarship applications  Friday 9th January 2015
ANNUAL AWARDS

11+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of:
- 4 academic awards
- 1 music award

13+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of:
- 6 academic awards
- 2 music awards
- Up to 2 art 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 5 sports awards

Foundation Scholarships:
Bromsgrove School maintains 12 places for foundation scholars. Two are normally awarded each year. The awards only operate in respect of day places and preference is given to candidates from the Bromsgrove area and surrounding districts. Foundation Scholarship candidates should be aged over 11 and under 14 at the date of the award.

Foundation scholarships are awarded to pupils in need of financial assistance and the maximum award available is 50% of fees (means-tested), although this can be augmented with a separate means-tested bursary. Any candidate wishing to be considered for a foundation scholarship should send a letter stating this with their registration form.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews
Monday 8th December 2014 (by invitation)
One humanities interview, one science and one interview with the Headmaster.
Arrival 8.45am Senior School – collection 12.00pm

13+ Academic Scholarship Interviews
Friday 30th January 2015 (by invitation)
One humanities interview, one science and one interview with the Headmaster.
Arrival 8.40 Senior School – collection 12.30pm

16+ Academic Scholarship Examination and Interviews
Tuesday 27th January 2015
Subject Paper (2 hours 15mins) answering on three subjects from the list below. Headmaster’s general paper and an interview with the Headmaster.
Please report to Senior School Hospitality Suite at 8.30am. Collection 17.00pm (lunch will be provided)
16+ subject list:
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Design and Technology
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Religious Studies
- Spanish

Those answering language questions from the subject paper will have an oral in their chosen language. An example of the Headmaster’s general paper can be found on the School website.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS (11+, 13+, 16+)
21st, 22nd, 23rd January 2015
Music awards are offered to candidates likely to become leading contributors to Bromsgrove music. Musicians and singers are invited to apply, and while a high standard is naturally expected for the award of Music Scholar, exhibitions are also given for those who are not so advanced but clearly show promise and commitment. All applicants are expected to show a passion for performing music at a high level, and a strong desire to contribute fully to the musical life of the school, supporting the opportunities offered, participating in school ensembles (especially those relating to their instrument), performing at and attending concerts, and acting as an ambassador for the department.

- For 11+ candidates we look for a minimum of Associated Board Grade 4 standard in a principal instrument and a willingness to contribute fully to all musical activities in the school.
- For 13+ we look for a minimum of Associated Board Grade 5 in a principal instrument and the ability to offer a second instrument or voice to a similar standard. A willingness to contribute fully to all musical activities in School is essential.
- For 16+ candidates we look for a minimum of Associated Board Grade 7 in a principal instrument and at least Grade 5 in a second instrument or voice. A willingness to contribute fully to all musical activities in School is essential.

Candidates will be asked to prepare and perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument and one piece on each other instrument; singing can also be offered. There will be an aural test which will include sight reading and scales, technical exercises may be asked for. In addition to this there will be a short viva-voce examination which will include general musical knowledge, theory and candidates interests. There is no written examination. An accompanist will be provided; candidates must ensure they bring their accompaniment with them. Further details on all music scholarships can be obtained from the Director of Music, Mr James McKelvey: jmckelvey@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or the Music School administrator on 01527 579679 ext 235. The Director of Music will be in touch with each candidate concerning the timing of the examination approximately one week in advance.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)
21st January 2015
13+ Art Scholarship
Arrival 8.50am to the Hospitality Suite – Collection 11.00am
Pupils showing considerable potential in Art and Design are encouraged to apply for the 13+ art scholarship. The scholarship takes the form of a practical examination and an interview with the Head of
Art in the Senior School. 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.

16+ Art or Textile Scholarship
Arrival 8.50am to the Hospitality Suite - collection 15.00pm (lunch will be provided)
Pupils currently at GCSE level are encouraged to apply for the 16+ art scholarship. The scholarship examination takes the form of a practical test, a piece of written and an interview with the Head of Art. Candidates are required to bring a maximum of two pieces of art and/or textiles work with them to the examination. Pupils 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. Further details on the art scholarships can be obtained from the Head of Art, Ms S Morgan: smorgans@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)
The sports we consider are the main School sports of rugby, hockey (boys and girls), netball and cricket. Please discuss with the Second Deputy Head Co-Curricula, Mr Paul Mullan, if you would like us to consider another sport. All candidates are expected to meet our academic standard of entry. Please be aware that there is much competition for these awards. For further details please contact the Second Deputy Head Co-Curricula, Mr Paul Mullan: pmullan@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

13+ Monday 17th November 2014
8.30am to 14.00pm (lunch will be provided)
Candidates are expected to be of County standard in two sports or a much higher level in one sport. 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.

16+ Tuesday 18th November 2014
8.30am to 14.00pm (lunch will be provided)
Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level performance in at least one 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.
BURSARY INFORMATION

If you need assistance with School fees and your child is not awarded a scholarship, please do apply for a means-tested bursary. Scholarship awards may be supplemented by a mean-tested bursary. The School offers a significant number of bursaries to pupils. Candidates should be good all-rounders or display talent in one or more areas, including academic, musical, aesthetic, artistic and athletic. These bursaries are subject to parental means test and are awarded to enable reasonably talented boys and girls whose parents could not otherwise afford the fees to join the School. Candidates for bursaries will be asked to sit the Entrance Examinations at 11+ and 13+ and at 16+ to fulfil the Sixth Form entry criteria.

Below Sixth Form the School is especially keen to attract pupils who are academically able and bursary help is available to assist parents who are unable to meet fees in full. Awards are rarely made to pupils under the age of 11. 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. Further details of the School’s Bursary Policy and Procedures are available from the Admissions Department. Applications for bursarial help should be submitted by Friday 10th January. Bursary decisions will be made and notified by the end of the second week of March.

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.

Further details and bursary application forms can be obtained from the Administration Manager, Mrs Kim Elvy, on 01527 579 679 ext 237, email kelvy@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.