



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
AND
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

For September 2021 Entry

KEY DATES

Closing date for all year group entry applications
Closing date for all scholarship applications
Closing date for bursary applications

Entrance examinations for entry to all Years 3 to 9

11+ and 13+ scholarship examinations for
Bromsgrove and Winterfold pupil

Successful 11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarship
candidates (both internal and external) informed if
they have been selected for scholarship interview

11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarship interviews

16+ Academic Scholarships

Art Scholarships (11+, 13+ & 16+)

Music, Drama and Sport Scholarships

Scholarship awards made in writing

Bursary awards made in writing

Monday 4th January 2021

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Friday 8th January to Friday 15th January

Online CAT4 testing completed at home at a
time of your suiting.

Friday 15th January, 6.00pm

*Deadline for submission of video
presentation*

Saturday 16th January 9.30am

Creative writing paper for all year groups – title
released online and completed online, at home.
Submission of paper immediately afterwards.

Friday 15th January, 6.00pm

*Deadline for submission of video
presentation*

**Saturday 16th January 9.30am (arrival by
9.15am)**

Creative writing paper for all year groups – title
released online and completed online, at own
school. Submission of paper immediately
afterwards.

Friday 22nd January

Week commencing 25th January

Tuesday 26th January

Friday 22nd January

Monday 18th to Friday 29th January

Wednesday 24th February

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INFORMATION

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.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have had to make some changes to our assessment arrangements this year. Please do check the following information carefully:

Friday 8th January – Friday 15th January

All entrance examinations for entry into Years 3 to 9 will be held **online**. If candidates do not have the IT/wifi facilities in order to do this, or family logistics make it difficult, then please do contact the Admissions Manager, Mrs Liberty Chance, on 01527 579679 ext 347, who is happy to hold one-to-one in person testing sessions at Bromsgrove School.

We ask that the CAT4 testing is completed no later than 6.00pm on Friday 15th January and that all candidates log on to Zoom at 9.30am on Saturday 16th January to complete the creative writing paper.

In addition we require a confidential reference from candidates' current school, including any standardised scores.

Years 3 & 4 Entry

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (30 minutes) – 9.30am on Zoom on Saturday 16th January

Candidates should submit a three minute (maximum) video presentation about something which interests them/excites them or that they enjoy. This video presentation must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Friday 15th January. See below for further details.

Years 5 to 8 Entry

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (45 minutes) – 9.30am on Zoom on Saturday 16th January

Candidates should submit a three minute (maximum) video presentation about something which interests them/excites them or that they enjoy. This video presentation must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Friday 15th January. See below for further details.

Year 9 Entry

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (45 minutes) – 9.30am on Zoom on Saturday 16th January

Candidates should submit a three minute (maximum) video presentation about something which interests them/excites them or that they enjoy. This video presentation must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Friday 15th January. See below for further details.

The admissions department will send a log on code for the CAT4 testing on Friday 8th January and candidates may sit these tests at any time up to and including Friday 15th January. On Saturday 16th January we ask that all candidates log into Zoom (details to be provided) where titles for the creative writing will be released. Candidates will need writing materials and paper, and will be required to remain online for the duration of the exam. Word processed submissions will not be accepted. The online CAT4 tests will automatically be sent to us, however, we ask that all creative writing pieces are scanned / photographed and emailed to lgchance@bromsgrove-school.co.uk immediately after the end of the exam. Candidates must ensure that at the top of their submission they write: their full name, date of birth and the year group of entry (eg: entry into Year 3).

Please send the short video presentation via **WeTransfer** clearly stating the candidate's full name, date of birth and year group of entry in the file name. (eg: Boris Johnson 25.12.2010 Entry to Y5)

We shall send instructions regarding the use of Zoom and WeTransfer at the beginning of January. Following on from the examinations, some candidates will be selected for the next stage which will involve an online or in person interview with a senior member of staff.

It goes without saying that all of the above tests should be completed under examination conditions and however tempting it may be to assist a child, we ask that all of the above reflects the candidate's own natural ability and any offer of a place is conditional on this. These cognitive ability tests are used on an annual basis at School and we would not expect any significant change in scores.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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), Drama (13+,16+), Music (11+,13+,16+), Art (13+, 16+) 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 external 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 or Music scholarship at 11+ or any Academic, Music, Art, Sport or Drama scholarship at 13+ or 16+ must complete and return a scholarship application form. They will also need to sit relevant examinations or attend an audition, interview or assessment depending on the scholarship applied for.

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, however they offer only a small amount of financial help. 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

There is much competition both external and internal 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. 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 Wednesday 24th February 2021.

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 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.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Fee remission of between 2.5% – 5%.

11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarships

Prospective/External candidates

11+ and 13+ prospective candidates whose performance in the entrance examinations (see above for details) is deemed worthy of consideration for an Academic Scholarship will be invited for an online 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 22nd January. The online interviews will be scheduled for the week commencing **25th January 2021**.

Year 6 and Year 8 pupils at Bromsgrove and Winterfold applying for 11+ and 13+ academic scholarships

Current Bromsgrove and Winterfold pupils will be asked to fill in a scholarship application form. As the school already holds CAT4 data these assessments will not be repeated as part of the selection process, however, potential 11+ and 13+ scholars will be required to sit the creative writing exam **in their own school on Saturday 16th January 2021**. Details of the morning will be sent nearer the time but candidates will be required to arrive no later than 9.15am. Candidates will also be required to submit a three minute (maximum) video presentation about something which interests them/excites them or that they enjoy. This video presentation must be submitted no later than 6.00pm on Friday 15th January. Please send the short video presentation via **WeTransfer** clearly stating that the candidate is a current pupil and then the candidate's full name, date of birth and year group of entry in the file name. (eg: CURRENT - Boris Johnson 25.12.2010 Entry to Y5)

The Deputy Head Academic at the Prep School and at Winterfold will provide a confidential School reference. Those candidates deemed worthy of consideration for an Academic Scholarship will be invited for an 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 22nd January. These in person interviews will be scheduled for the week commencing **25th January 2021**, in the candidate's own school.

16+ Academic Scholarship Examination and Interviews for both current and prospective pupils

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Subject Paper (2 hours 15mins) answering on three subjects from the list below and an interview with the Master of Scholars.

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.

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 18th January - Friday 29th 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

Due to COVID-19 the above arrangements are subject to change, however, if in person, please be reassured that all COVID-safe procedures and social distancing will be adhered to.

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.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS (11+, 13+, 16+)

An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of materials or art associated trips and visits.

Friday 22nd January 2021

11+ Art Scholarship

13+ Art Scholarship

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

Internal 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. Internal candidates will take part in a practical task and have an interview with the Head of Art (11+ candidates with the Head of Art at Prep School, 13+ candidates with the Senior School Head of Art)

External candidates will be examined in an online session via Zoom during which they will take part in a practical task, information will be given in advance so that candidates have the required materials prepared. Interview with the Heads of Art at Prep/Senior School will take place online.

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. 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.

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

External candidates will be examined in an online session via Zoom during which they will take part in a practical task, information will be given in advance so that candidates have the required materials prepared. Interview with the Senior School Head of Art will take place online.

Further details on the Art Scholarships can be obtained from the Head of Art, Ms S Morgans:

smorgans@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

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 January 18th - Friday January 29th

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 15th 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.

Due to COVID-19 the above arrangements are subject to change, however, if in person, please be reassured that all COVID-safe procedures and social distancing will be adhered to.

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

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)

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

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 would like us to consider another sport or you require further details, please contact the Deputy Head Co-Curricular, Mr Paul Mullan: pmullan@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

13+ and 16+ Sport Scholarships will take place by invitation between **Monday 18th January - Friday 29th January 2021**. During this period socially distanced assessments of candidates will take place involving interview, fitness testing and sports specific performance. If not practically possible then video evidence or coach testimonials will be considered.

13+ Sports scholars

Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level performance in at least one 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 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. If not practically possible then video evidence or coach testimonials will be considered.

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.

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. Applications for bursarial help should be submitted by Monday 4th January 2021. Bursary decisions will be made and notified in writing by Wednesday 24th February 2021.

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.

Full details of the bursary application process and the bursary application form can be found on the School website.

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 kelvy@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.