



# BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

&

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

*Prospective Candidates for entry in September 2024*

## KEY SCHOLARSHIP DATES

### Academic

Monday 30th October	Last day for submission of REGISTRATION FORMS & SCHOLARSHIP FORMS
Monday 13th November	11+ & 13+ External candidates - Submission of Video <i>no later than 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 15th November	ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS 16+
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS - 11+
Friday 17th November	ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS - 13+
Tuesday 21st November	Parents advised of 11+ & 13+ Academic Scholarship Written Examination call back.  16+ Academic Scholarship Interview invitations will be advised by email by the end of the day
Friday 24th November	11+ & 13+ Academic Scholarship Candidates (internal & external) General Knowledge, Maths and English papers
Tuesday 28th November	11+ & 13+ Academic Scholarship Interview invitations will be advised by email by the end of the day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	16+ Academic Scholarship Interviews
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews
Friday 1st December	13+ Academic Scholarship Interviews

### Art

Tuesday 14th November	11+ and 13+ Art Scholarship Interviews
Thursday 16th November	16+ Art Scholarship Interviews additional date for 13+ Art Scholarship interviews (if required)

### Drama

Monday 6th November	13+ & 16+ Drama Scholars – final day for submission of Written Component
Monday 13th to Friday 24th November	13+ & 16+ Drama Scholarship Auditions EXTERNAL CANDIDATES AND NEW INTERNAL CANDIDATES

### Music

Monday 13th to Friday 24th November	11+, 13+ & 16+ Music Scholarship Auditions
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### Sport

Monday 13th November	13+ Sports Scholarship Trials
Tuesday 14th November	16+ Sports Scholarship Trials

### Bursary

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Final date for submission of Bursary Application Forms Results are notified in early February
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## **ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

All prospective 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 entrance examinations.

No preparation is required for Entrance Examinations.

### **Years 3 & 4 Entry – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (30 minutes)

Video presentation which must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. See below.

### **Years 5, 6 & 8 Entry - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (45 minutes)

Video presentation which must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. See below.

### **Year 7 / 11+ Entry – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (45 minutes)

Video presentation which must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. See below for further details.

### **Year 9 / 13+ Entry – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Online CAT4 (Cognitive Ability Testing)

Creative Writing (45 minutes)

Video presentation which must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. See below for further details.

### **Video Presentation**

**All Candidates up to and including 13+/Year 9 entry** should submit a three minute (maximum) video presentation. The title/subject of the presentation will be given to candidates a week before the final submission date below. This video presentation must be sent to Bromsgrove no later than 6.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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

### **Sixth Form Entry**

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 in the Sixth Form must also submit a scholarship application form and sit the scholarship examinations.

## 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 prospective candidates wishing to apply for an Academic (11+, 13+, 16+), Drama (13+,16+), Music (11+,13+, 16+), Art (13+, 16+) or Sports Scholarship (13+, 16+) must complete and return the scholarship application form as well as a completed registration form and the registration fee.

Candidates for 11+ & 13+ scholarships, whose performance in the entrance examination is deemed worthy of consideration for an academic scholarship, will be invited back for scholarship examinations and then, based on the results of those examinations, may get a further invitation to interview.

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

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

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Fee remission of between 2.5% – 5%.

### **11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarships**

**Scholarship Examination – by invitation**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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 to sit the General Knowledge, Maths and English Scholarship papers. Selected candidates will be informed by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

### **11+ and 13+ Scholarship Interviews – by invitation**

**11+ Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**13+ Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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 emailed on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **16+ Academic Scholarship Examination**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

- 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.

### **Scholarship Interviews – by invitation**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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 emailed on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

Prior to the audition, candidates will be asked to submit an essay on a specific title. The essay title will be sent to all candidates by Admissions Manager in the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October, and must be submitted electronically by 6.00pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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](mailto: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.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**11+, 13+ Art Scholarships**

Pupils showing considerable potential in Art, Craft and Design, Textiles and/or Photography are encouraged to apply for the 11+ & 13+ Art Scholarship.

Candidates are asked to bring a maximum of two pieces of their work, in any medium, with them to the examination. These pieces 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 in their chosen media.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**16+ Art 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 work (in any media, including fine art, textiles, photography etc) 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 Scholarship at 16+ will study Art 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**16+ Trials Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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](mailto:pmullan@bromsgrove-school.co.uk)

#### **13+ Sports scholars**

Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level of 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 of 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.

### **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 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, the form 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. Bursary applications should be sent in a separate, sealed, envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Kim Elvy, Administration Manager.

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 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 the confidential form indicating their financial circumstances. The Bursar will then recommend the scale of any award that may be made. Assessment may include a visit to the family home.

Bursary awards are reviewed and reassessed on an annual basis.

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 Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 [kelyv@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:kelyv@bromsgrove-school.co.uk).