

SCHOLARSHIPS

For entry in September 2012 at 13+



St Bede's Senior School

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Only the best.

St Bede's Scholars are fantastic ambassadors for the School. Whether it is through academic brilliance, terrific sporting prowess or exceptional creativity, our scholars shine – showing other students, and the world itself, just what is possible when talent and dedication come together.

Each year, we look for new scholars to enter Year 9 via a tough competitive process. This booklet is designed to explain that process simply.

Scholarships carry prestige and, importantly, a commitment from us to develop and extend each scholar's talents by providing expert tuition, coaching and extensive developmental opportunities. In return, we expect our scholars to act as outstanding role models within the community – with a responsibility to represent the School positively and make the most of their potential.

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Applying for a Scholarship

We seek to award a number of Scholarships and Exhibitions to students joining Year 9 in recognition of their exceptional talent and potential. The value of awards can range from £8,200 (Top Scholarship) to £800 per annum (Exhibitions.) The precise value and distribution of awards will depend on the standard of candidates, but please note that only a small number of awards will exceed £3,285 per annum.

Age limit: Candidates must be under the age of 14 on August 31st 2012.

What you need to know

1. Before you can apply for a scholarship, you must submit an initial application form and return it to us, along with the registration fee of £60 and copies of your son/daughter's latest school report. (Parents of candidates from St Bede's Prep School should email admissions@stbedesschool.org to check whether they are already registered.)
2. You can then submit your scholarship application, making sure it arrives before the application deadline: 20th January 2012, or 15th March 2012 for academic candidates only.
3. Applicants can apply for a scholarship in two subject areas only. However, it is extremely rare for a child to be exceptional in more than one area, and would ask you to consider this when making your application.
4. We will then short-list the applications, as appropriate, and invite successful candidates to attend the scholarship competition.

Please note:

- Winning a scholarship brings a small amount of fee remission. If, in order to attend St Bede's, your child will need additional financial support, we will ask you to fill out a Statement of Financial Circumstances Form, should your child be successful. **You must therefore let us know at the time of application whether you will need support greater than £3,285 per annum towards fees in total.** If you do not tell us, we will allocate these funds elsewhere.
- A candidate can only hold one scholarship. In the rare case that a child won two awards, we would ask him/her to decide which award to accept.

Academic scholars only:

5. Before applying for a scholarship, your son/daughter must have successfully completed our standard application process, been offered a place, and confirmed his/her acceptance of it. The application deadline is later, on 15th March 2012, to allow you time to do this.

(If you have not yet started the application process, please contact the Admissions Team. You will then be asked to complete our application forms and return them to us along with your child's most recent school reports and references, before being called for interview. If we subsequently make an offer, you will then be asked to return formal acceptance forms, along with a deposit, to confirm the place.)

Key dates

	Art, DT, Drama, Music, Sport	Academic	Dance
Application deadline	20th January 2012	15th March 2012	By invitation only. (See p5 for details.)
Short-listing results	3rd February 2012	-	-
Scholarship competition dates	Art 13th February DT 13th February Music 14th February Drama 15th February Sport 16th February	8 - 10th May	April (date tbc)
Results	1st March 2012	31st May 2012	TBC

Academic Scholarships

We offer up to twelve Academic Scholarship awards to exceptionally talented students. Candidates sit the following Common Academic Scholarship papers:

- Maths, Geography, English, French, Science, History (*Compulsory*)
- Religious Studies, Latin, Greek (*Optional*)

Candidates must let us know at the time of application which (if any) of the optional papers they would like to sit. Full details of the ISEB syllabi for these examinations are available to parents via the ISEB website or by contacting: Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB), The Pump House, 16 Queen's Avenue, Christchurch, BH23 1BZ, tel. (0)1202 487538, enquiries@iseb.co.uk

Please note: a fee of £100 must be submitted along with the candidate's application form, to cover the cost of these exams.

Art Scholarships

St Bede's regularly wins fantastic plaudits and awards for its art. As The Good Schools Guide itself says we have one of the best Art Departments in the country. Students are encouraged to pursue their talent wherever it takes them – with ceramics, fine art, photography, graphics, textiles, design technology and sculpting all taught to the highest standards.

Successful candidates are expected to show strong technical skill alongside imagination, originality and a commitment to the subject that will develop as they mature as artists. To this end, candidates undertake an extended still-life drawing test on the day as well as being required to submit a portable portfolio of work showing the range of their interest, evidence of their research and preparatory sketches. Equal weighting is given to the practical test and the portfolio.

Design & Technology Scholarships

Hopeful candidates will be expected to submit a portfolio of design and 3D work which should include evidence of research, possible solutions, and development of a final solution. Candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Design and Technology and will also have a short test looking at sketching and problem-solving skills. A full reference from a candidate's subject teacher is required.

Drama Scholarships

Interested in joining our lively drama department? All Drama candidates attend a workshop during which they will be asked to undertake a variety of improvisation tasks and exercises. After the group work, candidates will be asked to perform a dramatic monologue, of a maximum of two minutes in length. Contemporary theatre is preferred; Shakespeare should not be chosen. Please note: if a candidate's piece extends beyond two minutes, the Director of Drama will gently stop the performance, in the interests of fairness.

Music Scholarships

Our thriving Music Department prides itself on a wealth of talented young musicians, who, each year, treat audiences to unforgettable performances of everything from classical music, jazz, and barber shop to rock n' roll!

Music candidates should have reached Grade 5 or above in their main instrument (including voice), and will usually offer a subsidiary study as well. Candidates should prepare two pieces of music to perform on the day; one on their first study instrument and one on their second. Sight-reading will be asked on the instrument of the candidate's choice and will be followed by a quick aural test and some general questions from the Director of Music.

Candidates should attach copies of examiners' reports from their most recent music examinations to their application form. Candidates wishing to be accompanied on the piano should remember to bring the relevant music with them on the day.

Sport Scholarships

St Bede's is very strong at sport, and as a guideline, winners of our Sports Scholarships are usually of county or national standard or potential. When considering applications for Sports Awards, we focus on our main sports, namely cricket, football, hockey, netball, tennis, riding and swimming. Applications from students offering other sports are however welcome. (Short-listing decisions will be made on a case by case basis.)

All candidates should be prepared to attend a trial in their chosen field as well as taking a general test of fitness. This will be followed by an interview with the Director of Sport. *Please note: Although we only assess candidates in their best sport, we would encourage candidates who practise several sports to provide evidence of this in their application.*

Legat Dance Scholarships

The Legat School of Dance, run by Director Elaine Holland, offers an intensive training programme, with classical ballet as its core. The programme aims to assist students in preparation for entry into vocational ballet and/or dance schools, entrance into Dance Degree and/or Dance Diploma programmes at colleges or universities, and entry at a base level into professional dance companies.

Legat Dance scholarships are by invitation only and will take place in April. Students need first to successfully pass a preliminary Legat audition. If you would like to be auditioned, please contact the Admissions Team for the relevant application forms before February 15th 2012.

We will contact all those candidates who are of scholarship standard, to invite them to attend the second audition. The Auditions take the form of a classical ballet class; an optional contemporary, tap, or jazz routine may also be performed if candidates would like to show another dance style. Candidates will also have an interview with the Director of Dance.

The David Baker Scholarship

This Scholarship is given in honour of our distinguished former Chairman of Governors, Mr David Baker. It is awarded to an individual who stands out as being an exceptionally strong, all-round candidate. Candidates cannot apply directly for the award, but if you feel this Scholarship reflects your child's abilities, please ensure the application accurately portrays the depth and breadth of his/her talents and achievements to date. This Scholarship is offered at the Headmaster's discretion each year and its value is up to a maximum of £5,000 per annum.

Scholarship Results

We hope to announce our results on the 1st of March. If you are successful, we will then ask you to formally accept a place at the School.

Any successful scholar who has indicated that s/he needs additional bursarial support, will be immediately sent a 'Statement of Financial Circumstances' Form which will need to be completed and returned to us within a week. We will then let you know what further help, if any, we are able to offer, and ask you to formally accept the place.

If your child is not successful for a scholarship, but you still want your son/daughter to attend St Bede's, you can submit a bursary application. All applications will be looked at together early in the summer term.

Our Terms and Conditions

All scholarship candidates will be judged on their apparent merits and the School reserves the right not to make an award if there are no candidates judged to be of sufficient merit. Although general feedback may be given on a candidate's performance, we do not release individual marks or papers.

St Bede's Scholarships are tenable throughout a student's school career - subject to his or her continued contribution within the area for which the award has been made. The value of any award must remain strictly confidential between parents and the School. Students should not be told about the value of the award.

The School reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, the student is performing below expectation or if the recipient's conduct at School falls below the standard expected. This will be in accordance with the School's Terms and Conditions.

Contact details

For all general scholarship enquiries, please contact:

The Admissions Team, Tel +44 (0)1323 443 838 admissions@stbedesschool.org

For subject-specific questions, please email:

Art: Mr David Graham, Head of Art david.graham@stbedesschool.org

Dance: Ms Elaine Holland, Director of Dance elaine.holland@stbedesschool.org

DT: Mr Paul Edwards, Head of DT paul.edwards@stbedesschool.org

Drama: Ms Sarah Cakebread, Head of Drama sarah.cakebread@stbedesschool.org

Music: Mr Andrew Barclay, Director of Music andrew.barclay@stbedesschool.org

Academic: Mr John Tuson, Deputy Head: Academic Studies john.tuson@stbedesschool.org



13+ Scholarship Application Form

Part 1: Candidate's details

Full Name:.....

Date of Birth:

Please note: 1. You must have already accepted a place at St Bede's School to apply for an academic scholarship, as per p2 of the Scholarship Brochure

2. Children born before 1/9/1998 are not eligible for a 13+ scholarship

Scholarship field:

Candidates should choose their best field and only apply for two scholarships if they can demonstrate outstanding talent in both areas:

Academic

Art

DT

Drama

Music Main instrument: Supporting instrument:.....

Sport Principal sport (to be assessed):

Additional Bursarial Support

Please tick as appropriate:

Yes, I will also need bursarial support if my child is awarded a scholarship.

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No, I will not need additional bursarial support if awarded a scholarship.

Part 2: References and Evidence

References

We require confidential letters of references from the student's current school as an essential part of the scholarship application. References typically comment on a student's past achievements and future potential, and indicate the work ethic, motivation and general behavior of the individual.

Parents are responsible for organizing these references and arranging for them to be sent - *before the application deadline* - to The Admissions Team, St Bede's Senior School, Upper Dicker, East Sussex, BN27 3QH.

Parents of St Bede's Prep School should note the following:

If your son/daughter is currently at St Bede's Prep School, all references and reports, including the Headmaster's reference, will be sent automatically to us. However, you must inform the Prep School of your application well in advance, so that the relevant people have time to prepare these documents for you.

If you have additional supporting references from outside of school (i.e. a sport club), then please send them in with this form.

Evidence

Please submit any supporting evidence you feel is relevant to your son or daughter's application, along with this form. Evidence may include:

- exam certificates
- competition results
- press clippings
- theatre or concert programmes
- photographs of achievements
- personal best times
- a side of A4 explaining a student's motivation and interest

Swimmers in particular should tell us the name of their coach and club, the number of years with their coach, the number of sessions a week and average weekly volume, along with their personal best times (LC or SC, please state) in each stroke and for what distance.

Tennis players should tell us the name of their club and coach, the number of years with their coach, the number of sessions a week and their LTA ranking.

Please note: Students in some scholarship fields (e.g. Academic, Art, DT) may not have supporting evidence outside of their recent school reports, references or portfolios. In these instances, no additional evidence is required.

Part 3: Final Check-List

Please tick to confirm you have included the following documents with your scholarship application:

	REQUIRED	Included with this form:	To follow by deadline: 20/01/2012
1	Reference from current Head Teacher (St Bede's Prep School will send all information direct to us for their applicants.)		
2	Subject-specific reference (eg by current DT Teacher.) Academic candidates may wish to provide several references relating to their strongest subjects. (St Bede's Prep School will send all information direct to us for their applicants. Information from private teachers/coaches etc outside the school must still be sent)		
3	Relevant supporting evidence		
4	Copy of last school report – if not already submitted (St Bede's Prep School will send all information direct to us for their applicants.)		
5	Fee of £100 – ONLY required for candidates sitting the 13+ academic scholarship exams		

Please return your application to:
The Admissions Team,
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Many thanks and good luck!

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