



BURGESS HILL
— JUNIOR —

YEAR 5 & 6
SCHOLARSHIPS



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FOREWORD



Being a scholar at Burgess Hill Girls Prep School is a considerable honour. In the Prep School, we offer Academic and Music Scholarships and look for exceptional academic standards and musical talent. Young scholars play a vital role in upholding and extending the standards. However, they are certainly not expected to be a finished product. Scholarships awarded in the Prep School continue through until the end of Year 8.

Scholars act as ambassadors for the school and are expected to be fully involved in co-curricular areas beyond music and academic clubs. Bursaries are means-tested and maybe awarded in addition to scholarships.

If you would like to discuss these opportunities further before making an application, please get in touch with our Admissions Department to organise a call, visit or tour of the school. Additionally, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Cavanagh".

HEATHER CAVANAGH | HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

KEY DATES:

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

Deadline for external scholarship applications

THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2023

Year 5 & 6 academic scholarship assessments (external candidates only)

FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2023

Year 5 & 6 music scholarship assessments

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

Results posted to students

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2023

Deadline for acceptance of scholarship and/or place offer

INTERNAL APPLICANTS

Internal candidates in the Prep School are put forward for scholarship applications on staff recommendation, based on the academic data and personal knowledge we hold. The data we hold and a scholarship written paper will be used to determine the outcome. Scholarships are always very competitive and students must show an exceptionally high academic ability or meet the music scholarship criteria to be considered. It is therefore very important to be realistic and to take the advice offered to you by your daughter's teachers.

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

Please contact our Admissions Department to register your interest in a place for your daughter at Burgess Hill Girls. We will then arrange for you to explore the opportunities at Burgess Hill Girls further, either through a call with our Head of Prep or a private visit and tour of the school.

Having met with you Mrs Cavanagh will be able to advise on whether a scholarship application is recommended. All external applicants are also required to have a written recommendation by their current Head Teacher.

To formally apply for a place, please send a completed registration form and fee to the Admissions Department and request a scholarship application form.



SCHOLARSHIPS

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP



On the assessment day, external applicants for an Academic scholarship will:

- sit an online cognitive ability test;
- sit an academic paper in English.

The online cognitive ability test (CAT) supports our understanding of student's developed abilities and likely academic potential. The test assesses a student's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial ability tasks. The test is fully standardised across 25,000 UK students.

The English paper asks students to write a composition where they will be marked for accuracy, range of expression and imaginative engagement with the task.

To ensure all applicants get an equal opportunity, there are no preparations for these examinations and no past papers available.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

On the assessment day, applicants for a Music scholarship will:

- have achieved a minimum of Merit at Grade 2 on an orchestral instrument and Grade 1 on their second instrument;
- have an audition with the Director of Music demonstrating their talent on their instrument/s and/or voice. Students will perform two pieces (one on each instrument, or two contrasting pieces on one instrument) which show good representation of their abilities;
- undertake a sight-reading and aural test.

Before the assessment day, students will be asked to complete a personal statement and provide a written teacher's reference for each instrument. Students who require piano accompaniment should provide a photocopy of the accompanying music prior to the assessment day. The Director of Music will be happy to provide accompaniment.







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