



# Scholarships

Windermere School values talent and ability in all disciplines in the curriculum. We therefore award scholarships to students starting in Years 7, 9 and 12.

Scholarships have the following values:

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| <b>Years 7 – 8</b>   | £150 per year |
| <b>Years 9 – 11</b>  | £250 per year |
| <b>Years 12 – 13</b> | £350 per year |

Scholarships are not paid as cash or given as reductions in the school fees. They are given as credits to be redeemed against school trips. This is to help enable all students to enjoy the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer, whatever the financial means of the family.

A separate application can be made for assistance with school fees but such applications for bursaries are made by the parents to the Finance office. (See below)

At Windermere School we offer Academic Scholarships for entry into Years 7, 9 and 12, and Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Music and Sport Scholarships for entry into Years 9 and 12. We also offer an International Scholarship for entry into any year and a Round Square Scholarship for entry into Year 12.

All candidates for Scholarships must be present at Windermere School on the appropriate Scholarship Day, except those applying for the International or Round Square Scholarships.

The Headmaster will interview all candidates for Academic Scholarships. In some cases, these interviews may take place in the candidate's current school. These interviews will be conducted within two weeks of the date of the examinations.

## Academic Scholarships

All candidates for Academic Scholarships will sit a variety of academic papers depending on their point of entry. For entry into Year 7 and external candidates entering Year 9, these will include an English paper, a Mathematics paper, a Non-Verbal Reasoning paper and an interview. For entry into Year 12, these will include an English paper, a Mathematics paper, a Non-Verbal Reasoning paper and a General paper. Once the papers have been marked, all candidates will be interviewed by the Headmaster and other senior staff.

## International Scholarships External Candidates only

The papers for International Scholarships will be as described above, but these must be taken under strict examination conditions in the candidate's current school, in the office of an appointed Agent or through British Council offices in the country of residence. These will be followed by interviews with the Headmaster and relevant members of staff, either in person or through Skype.

## The Mildred Hill Award

This is awarded to the top-performing internal candidate for an Academic Scholarship for entry into Year 12. They must have demonstrated all-round excellence throughout their time in the School and be predicted to achieve at least 6 A\* at GCSE/IGCSE. The value of this award is £400 per year.

## Sports Scholarships

Candidates for a Sports Scholarship must demonstrate a high level of achievement in a variety of sports or excellence in one. The candidate must represent the county, region or country in their chosen sport and this must be a sport in which the school regularly competes. The major competitive sports are: Athletics, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball, Sailing and Tennis.

Candidates should bring references, portfolios, certificates and testimonials from any previous school or club which they would like considered, and should be prepared to discuss these. This portfolio must be submitted no later than seven days before the assessment day. The interview will be by a panel and PE staff will watch the candidates in action at County fixtures.



### **Music Scholarships**

Candidates must demonstrate a real talent in Music and prepare two contrasting pieces of a standard not less than Grade IV (Year 9 entry) and Grade V (Sixth Form entry) of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. One of these pieces should be played or sung from memory, and both will be performed in front of a panel of judges. There will also be sight reading and aural tests commensurate with the level of entry. As part of the scholarship, free musical tuition for one instrument is offered and a condition of the award is that all scholars are expected to participate fully in the musical life of the School. Original certificates must be submitted no later than seven days before the assessment day.

### **Visual Arts Scholarships**

Candidates for the Visual Arts Scholarship are required to submit a portfolio of up to five pieces of artwork which may be in any medium, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography and film. This portfolio must be submitted no later than seven days before the assessment day. On the assessment day, there will be a timed pencil drawing and an interview.

### **Drama Scholarships**

Candidates for Drama Scholarships are required to perform, from memory, a monologue previously provided, and be prepared to perform a poem of their own choosing, and discuss their interest in it. They must also have had the lead in a significant production.

### **Round Square Scholarship**

#### **(Sixth Form entry) External Candidates only**

Windermere School is a Global Member of the Round Square Organisation. The six pillars of Round Square: Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service are integral to life at Windermere School. At the Headmaster's discretion, external candidates who have shown exceptional levels of Leadership or Service in their community are welcome to apply. A detailed portfolio must accompany any application.

### **Tenure of Awards**

- Academic Scholarships awarded in Year 7 are tenable until the end of Year 11.
- Year 9 entry – All Year 9 scholarships are tenable until the end of Year 11.
- Sixth Form entry – All scholarships are awarded for two years but are reviewed at the end of Year 12 in the light of a student's progress, commitment and behaviour.

All Scholars are expected to set an example to others in all that they do. The School reserves the right to remove a scholarship if a student falls below the standard expected, in any aspect of their school life. Where the level of performance or behaviour falls below that expected, the School will give one term's written notice of its intention to remove an award.

### **Bursary Assistance (UK students only)**

If a candidate is awarded a place in the School, but not a Scholarship, and his or her family are not able to pay the balance of the School fees, he/she can apply for a means-tested bursary to assist with meeting the School fees.

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