



Lichfield Cathedral School

Scholarship Information

For entry in September 2018

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Who is eligible for a Scholarship?

All current **Year 6, Year 8 and Year 11 pupils** may be assessed for a scholarship that will begin on entry to Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 respectively, to recognise academic, sporting, musical or artistic achievements and/or potential. External and internal applicants will be assessed according to the methodology described below. All scholarships are awarded at the absolute discretion of the School.

Awards are made only to those showing substantial achievement and outstanding potential. Inevitably, there will be disappointments since assessments are both of a qualifying and a competitive nature, and the School is under no obligation to make awards. While we make every effort to ensure that a child's confidence is increased by the experience, irrespective of the outcome, we strongly encourage parents to manage their child's expectations.

Which Scholarships are available?

Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships are awarded for the benefit of individual pupils to encourage excellence across a range of academic and co-curricular activities in keeping with the aims of the School.

All non-academic scholarship candidates will also be required to demonstrate sound academic progress and a record of consistent effort and good behaviour.

In the event of there being no outstanding candidates in a particular category, funds may be allocated to another category of award or not awarded for that academic year.

What form does a Scholarship take?

Scholarship awards are made without regard to parental income. The award may take different forms depending on the type of scholarship (e.g. the award may be honorary; Music Scholars may receive free music lessons). If the award takes the form of a fee remission, the amount will typically be between 5% and 10%, although larger awards may be possible if resources are available. A number of Exhibitions may also be awarded at a value of 5% fee remission per year.

External candidates must be in receipt of an offer to join the Cathedral School before they can be considered for a scholarship.

Pupils awarded Scholarships will retain them throughout their careers at the Cathedral School subject to good performance in all aspects of school life. Performance will be reviewed at least annually and parents will be notified if there is any danger of the award being withdrawn. One term's notice of the withdrawal of an award will always be given.

Pupils may hold more than one scholarship, but the maximum fee remission will not exceed 20%.

Since girl and boy choristers are already in receipt of choral scholarships of 25% and 50% respectively, if they are awarded academic, art, drama, music or sport scholarships, there will be no impact on fee remission while they remain choristers. Since the scholarship(s) will apply throughout their time at the Cathedral School, any awarded to a chorister will come into effect at the end of their choristership (i.e. for the start of Year 9 for boy choristers and the start of Year 11 for girl choristers).

All Scholarships may be supplemented by a Bursary. Parents in financial need may apply for a means-tested Bursary by contacting Mr David Brown, the Bursar, via d.brown@lichfieldcathedralschool.com or by telephoning 01543 306172.

Expectations of Scholars

As the Cathedral School is investing significantly in their education, **all scholars are expected to show leadership and loyalty to the school.** Art Scholars are expected to continue studying art up to and including GCSE level. Art, Drama, Sport and Music Scholars are expected to participate fully in all aspects of school life and therefore school practices, rehearsals, events and fixtures must be prioritised over external commitments, events or club matches.

Scholars are expected to participate in the enrichment activities that challenge more able students and add breadth, depth (also known as extension) and pace to their curriculum, as well as co-curricular activities and special events (e.g. evening lectures by visiting specialists). The School undertakes to support scholars, where appropriate, in accessing specialist training or coaching out of school (e.g. golf academy training).

Awards are made on the understanding that a child will spend his or her entire senior school career at the Cathedral School and he/she will leave at the end of the Upper Sixth year (Year 13). If, without agreement, a scholar is withdrawn by his/her parents to attend another school, the Cathedral School will be entitled to recover the total scholarship fee remission which has been received during the child's whole Cathedral School career.

Awards are made on the condition that pupils understand their obligations to the school and that parents support the school. It is a condition of any offer that the value of an award must remain strictly confidential between parents and the school; pupils should not be told the actual percentage. On accepting a scholarship, parents are required explicitly to state that they accept these Terms and Conditions.

Scholarship Assessment Day: 11 November 2017

The scholarship assessments for entry to Year 7 (11+), Year 9 (13+) and Year 12 (16+) in September 2018 will take place on **Saturday 11 November 2017**. The scholarships are open to current Cathedral School pupils and external applicants.

Academic Scholarship assessment

Academic Scholarships are awarded to pupils who will bring distinction and commitment to the academic life of Lichfield Cathedral School. For external applicants, the assessments for each year group are as follows:

Year 7/11+ entry	Complete one English paper (1 hour) and one Maths paper (1 hour)
Year 9/13+ entry	Complete one English paper (1 hour) and one Maths paper (1 hour)
Year 12/16+ entry	Complete one Maths paper (1 hour) and one General paper (1 hour)

All candidates will be interviewed by the Head Teacher.

Current LCS pupils' academic achievements and potential will be assessed by the Deputy Head and Heads of Department and Academic Scholarships will be awarded to those achieving the desired standard.

Art Scholarship assessment

All candidates will be asked to:

- Take part in a one hour timed exercise to test observational and drawing skills – all materials will be provided.
- Produce and talk through a portfolio of their work demonstrating a wide range of art activities and techniques, including photographs of any three dimensional work.
- Talk about what inspires them and what motivates them.

Drama Scholarship assessment

Drama Scholarships are awarded to those pupils who will bring distinction and commitment to performing arts at Lichfield Cathedral School. This could entail offering excellence in one area such as a performer, director or designer, or an outstanding all-round contribution to the Drama department at the Cathedral School.

All candidates will be asked to:

- Take part in a practical exercise, including the performance of a prepared piece and an improvisation.
- Produce and talk through a portfolio demonstrating their achievements inside and outside of school. This could include photographs and programmes from past productions, references from external coaches, or evidence of an interest in lighting, sound or set design.
- Talk about productions they have seen and been inspired by, as well as the reasons why they enjoy drama.

Music Scholarship assessment

The assessment for Music Scholarships is mainly practical and the Director of Music will look for potential as well as for existing achievement. Candidates will be expected to:

- Perform two pieces on their 1st instrument (one of which must be accompanied)
- Perform one piece on a 2nd instrument (preferably accompanied)
- Perform some sight reading based on the standards mentioned above
- Complete some aural test based on the above standards
- Complete a viva voce
- Be interviewed by the Head Teacher

Candidates will be expected to be performing currently at the following standard (ABRSM or equivalent):

Year 7/11+: Grade 3

Year 9/13+: Grade 5

Year 12/16+: Grade 7

Sport Scholarship assessment

Sport Scholarships are awarded to those who will bring distinction and commitment to Lichfield Cathedral School through sport and their contribution to the overall community. Candidates will be assessed against the evidence of their current performance and future potential. Depending on the sport and circumstances, candidates may be asked to:

- Demonstrate their physical and technical capabilities through an aptitude test or sport trial – for external candidates, this could take place during a taster day visit to the School.
- Produce and talk through a portfolio of evidence of their achievements inside and outside of school – this could include certificates, photographs of medals and awards, references from coaches and/or video evidence.
- Talk about their interest in sport and aspirations for the future, to determine their attitude towards sport and intention to support the PE and Games department

As a minimum, candidates are expected to be of county standard or above in their nominated sports and to be regularly involved in sport outside of school.

How to apply for a scholarship

Complete the relevant Scholarship Application Form and return it by **Friday 3rd November 2017** to Miss J Brown, Director of Marketing, Development & Admissions, Lichfield Cathedral School, The Palace, The Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 7LH.