

## **WYMONDHAM COLLEGE**

### **SIXTH FORM BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **THE SCHEME**

1. The Governors have directed since 1993 that there should be a Scholarship Scheme for Sixth Form pupils who offer exceptional potential in Academic, Music or Sporting areas of activity.
2. The intention of the scheme is to enhance and encourage the Academic, Music and Sporting potential within the Sixth form population. Whilst the origins of the scheme were focussed on attracting students to the College from outside the main school population (ie to bring into the College new students with exceptional potential), Governors recognise that it is equally important to encourage and develop the potential of our own main school pupils. Accordingly the scheme is now aimed at both external and internal applicants.

#### **THE BENEFITS FOR APPLICANTS' PARENTS**

3. A full-scholarship is worth 50% of the boarding fees payable by parents.
4. There may be occasions where a half-scholarship is awarded, and these are then worth 25% of the boarding fees.
5. Both the full and half-scholarships are awarded on the basis of confirmed fee relief for one year, with the confirmation of a second year's relief for one year, with the confirmation of a second year's relief being contingent upon successful progress in the relevant field being achieved during the annual review at the end of the first year. Certainly it is the governors' expectation that a full or half scholarship would normally follow on in the second year of study.
6. No full or boarding scholarship will extend beyond the above two year period for any student.

#### **THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

7. Each year a maximum of six scholarships shall be awarded for those coming into Y12 next September : two for Academic, two for Musical and two for Sporting applicants. If there are insufficient applicants in either category there is no obligation on the College to offer additional places to applicants in another category.
8. It follows from the above that there is a maximum of 12 full scholarships throughout the Sixth Form.
9. Where awarded, two half-scholarships shall be count as one full-scholarship.

10. Where a student's Y12 progress in their particular field is regarded as being inappropriate by the Governors for a second year's fee relief to be confirmed, then there is no obligation for the full or half-scholarship concerned to be offered to others. If such an offer is made then it should be to a student about to enter Y13, and will be for one year's fee relief only.

### **THE TIMING AND NATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS**

11. The College shall publish annually a closing date by which applications must be lodged with the College. The College Policy Group will discuss these applications, seeking input from outside schools/Director of Sport/Director of Music/Tutors and others as appropriate.
12. The College's recommendations shall then be forwarded to the Governors' Admissions & Curriculum Committee (ADCOM) for decisions to be made. Written offers of scholarships will then be made to parents and written acceptances required.
13. Some offers (including all offers made to applicants for Academic places) will be conditional in nature (see below).

### **CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

14. Applicants will require a minimum of seven projected A/A\* passes at GCSE level for consideration. Any award is conditional upon the applicant securing this minimum number of A/A\* passes in the summer GCSE exams.

### **CRITERIA FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

15. As detailed in the document "Music Scholarships for Boarders".

### **CRITERIA FOR SPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS**

16. As detailed in the document "Sport Scholarship for Boarders".

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

17. Applicant shall be by the normal Sixth Form Boarding Application form to the Admissions Officer, plus a letter clearly stating grounds for the case, plus copies of all relevant documents/certificates/letters of support.
18. Interviews with the applicants will then be arranged by the College, and these may include a practical test/demonstration if applicable.

### **CONCLUSION**

19. The Scholarship Scheme exists to attract exceptional potential into the Sixth Form, and to so allow the development of excellence in Academic, Music and Sporting areas; this shall remain the underlying concept of the scheme, with equal emphasis in attracting new students (from other schools) and in developing the potential of existing main school pupils.
20. In all matters concerning this scheme, the decision of the Governors' Admission & Curriculum Committee shall be final.