



Scholarships

Scholarships & Exhibitions

In accordance with HMC guidance, scholarships and exhibitions are available for entry at 11+, 13+ (for new applicants only) and 16+. Sixth Form scholarships are also available to existing Year 11 pupils. Parents of such pupils should contact the Deputy Head Academic for advice on the suitability of their child for a scholarship.

Pupils awarded a scholarship or exhibition are eligible to a discount on fees, ranging from **10% to a maximum of 20%**.

Those applying for 11+ and 13+ entry are invited to attend our Scholarship Assessment Day in January. Our Sixth Form Scholarship Assessment Day is held in November. Exhibitions are awarded for excellent performance just below scholarship level.





11+ Scholarships

Pupils seeking to join the school in Year 7 are eligible to apply for the Academic or Alway Scholarship. This includes pupils transferring from St Nicholas House. We do not offer specific scholarships in sport, music, drama or art at this stage.

Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarships are awarded following the scholarship and entrance assessments in January. To achieve an Academic Scholarship at Christ College, the pupil should perform very strongly in our Maths and English entrance papers.

In addition, we will request a school report and the Head and Deputy Head Academic will interview pupils in small groups about both their academic and extra-curricular interests.

Alway Scholarship

Our Alway Scholarship is awarded following the scholarship and entrance assessments in January. To achieve an Alway Scholarship at 11+ entry, the pupil's sport and music ability will be considered alongside a good academic performance as part of this all-round scholarship.

Pupils will sit the Maths and English entrance papers, have an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic and complete a sports assessment or music audition with the Head of Department.

In Year 8, all recipients of the Alway Scholarship should re-apply for specific individual scholarships in academics, music or sport.

13+ Scholarships

- Academic Scholarship
- Music Scholarship
- Drama Scholarship
- Art Scholarship
- Sports Scholarship
- All-Round Scholarship
- Outdoor Adventure Scholarship

16+ Scholarships

- Academic Scholarship
- Science Scholarship
- Music Scholarship
- Drama Scholarship
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- Outdoor Adventure Scholarship





Scholarship Criteria

Academic scholarship

Academic Scholarships recognise outstanding academic ability and potential. At all levels, a scholarship carries with it the expectation that the scholar will work diligently and set a good example to others.

To be awarded an academic scholarship at Christ College, the pupil should:

- Have a proven track record of academic achievement.
- Perform very strongly in our entrance assessments.
- Show commitment to academic work and set a good example to others.
- Be highly motivated, disciplined and ambitious in academic work.

At **13+**, Academic Scholarships are awarded following the scholarship and entrance assessments in January. The pupil needs to perform very strongly in the Maths and English entrance papers. In addition, the Head and Deputy Head Academic will interview pupils in small groups about their academic achievements, extra-curricular hobbies and interests.

At **16+**, pupils will have the option to sit either a Maths paper or an essay-based question paper. An Academic Scholarship will be awarded based on the results of the paper, an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic, a recent school report and predicted or achieved grades. Successful scholars will have predominantly A*/As (9 to 7) at GCSE and be looking ahead for entry to competitive courses at degree level.

Science Scholarship

At 16+ only, pupils can apply for a Science Scholarship. Our Science Scholarship is awarded to those performing very strongly in the science paper and an excellent interview with the Head, Deputy Head Academic and Head of Science. Pupils must also demonstrate an enthusiasm for science and intend to study at least two sciences at A Level.

Music Scholarship

Music Scholarships are available to pupils showing special talent in music and who demonstrate their enthusiasm and commitment for playing one or more instruments. Pupils would normally be expected to study Music to GCSE.

A Music Scholarship will offer pupils:

- Active support from the Director of Music in pursuing musical ambitions.
- Opportunities to participate in school events such as the Advent Concert and Musician of the Year Competition.
- One-to-one support with any music school applications.

A Music Scholarship will be considered based on a 20-30-minute audition with the Director of Music, and an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic. A recent school report will also be requested.

For the audition, pupils should prepare:

- One or two contrasting pieces on their main instrument.
- One piece on any second instrument.
- One song if they prefer to sing.
- A one-page CV outlining achievements and participation in Music.

Pupils will also be assessed in unprepared performance:

- Simple aural tests, clapping rhythms, singing, humming or whistling a melody, identification of notes in a chord, general recognition of musical detail.
- Sight reading.
- Playing by ear.

We are happy to accompany at the piano, please bring a copy of any piano accompaniment with you, or for more demanding parts, please send a copy to the school beforehand (FAO: the Director of Music).



A group of people in costumes and masks at a masquerade ball. In the foreground, a young man in a red and black military-style jacket looks to the left. Next to him, a young woman in a black dress and a gold mask smiles. To her right, another young woman in a black dress and a black mask holds a glass. In the background, several other people in various costumes and masks are visible, including a young woman in a light blue dress and a young man in a white suit and red mask. The scene is set in a room with ornate gold-colored wall decorations.

Drama Scholarship

Drama scholars should demonstrate a passion for theatre, encompassing both performance and technical elements, as well as a genuine enjoyment of attending theatrical productions. Additionally, they should show a commitment to participating in school drama activities, inside and outside of the classroom.

A Drama Scholarship will offer pupils:

- Active support from the Director of Performing Arts, both in academic drama and in pursuing theatrical ambitions.
- Opportunities to participate in school drama productions and to develop leadership skills through involvement in Christ College's drama programme.
- One-to-one support with any drama school applications. Participation in drama workshops and masterclasses.

A Drama Scholarship will be considered based on an audition with the Director of Performing Arts and an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic. A recent school report will also be requested.

For the audition, pupils should prepare:

- One prepared piece of the pupil's choice (lasting no more than two minutes).
- A one-page CV outlining achievements and participation in drama activities.

In addition, there will be an opportunity for the pupil to discuss their past experience, performances and any future ambitions with the Director of Performing Arts.



Art Scholarship

Art scholars should demonstrate outstanding ability and potential in one or more areas of Art. Our Art Scholarship carries with it the expectation that the scholar will work diligently to produce their best work and set a good example to others.

An Art Scholarship will offer pupils:

- Active support from the Head of Art.
- Opportunities to participate in school events such as the annual art exhibition.
- Bespoke support with any art school applications.
- Participation in art workshops.

An Art Scholarship will be considered based on an interview and assessment with the Head of Art and an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic. A recent school report will also be requested. Pupils applying for 16+ entry should be predicted a 8/9 in Art GCSE or related subject.

For the assessment, pupils should:

- Bring a portfolio of work for review.
- Complete a short practical test under the supervision of the Head of Art.



Sport Scholarship

Sport Scholars should demonstrate outstanding sporting ability, potential, determination and enthusiasm. Pupils are likely to be of county standard or above in at least one sport. Sports scholars should have exceptional talent in one or more sports and demonstrate good leadership skills, whether by example or captaincy. Scholarships can be awarded to pupils who are involved in the school's main representational games such as hockey, rugby, cricket and tennis.

A Sport Scholarship will offer pupils:

- Established programmes delivered by experienced coaches.
- Personalised strength and conditioning sessions and player development programmes.
- Sports psychology and nutritional workshops and guidance.
- Physiotherapy and sports rehabilitation.

A Sport Scholarship will be considered based on an interview and assessment with a member of the sports department, and an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic. A recent school report will also be requested.

The assessment will consist of:

- A series of physical tests, for example testing speed and agility.
- Pupils should provide a one-page sports-focused CV outlining their current level of ability including club or county representations.
- A discussion with the Director of Sport to explore enthusiasm and skills related to the pupil's chosen specialism.

A young woman with glasses is smiling and looking towards an adult woman who is partially visible on the left side of the frame. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting.

All-Round Scholarship

To be eligible for the All-Round Scholarship, we are looking for someone with potential to contribute to a number of important areas of school life. An All-Round Scholar should have exceptional talent in either sport, music, drama or art, as well as strong academic performance.

An All-Round Scholarship will offer pupils:

- Support from a range of specialist staff to encourage strong performance in all areas of the school.
- Opportunities to participate in a wide range of school events with leadership roles.

An All-Round scholarship will be considered based on an interview with the Head and Deputy Head Academic, and a recent school report will be requested. Two or more specific assessments will take place (see Music, Sport, Art and Drama).

For the assessments, pupils should:

- Produce references from current teachers to support their application.
- Provide a one-page CV outlining achievements and participation in a range of activity relevant to the All-Round Scholarship.



Outdoor Adventure Scholarship

We are offering scholarships to outdoor enthusiasts who want to pursue their outdoor-based recreational interests alongside achieving academic success. Outdoor adventure scholars should have a genuine desire to experience adventure and can include pupils who are active members of the Scout & Guide Association, members of the uniformed youth organisations (Royal Navy Cadets, Army Cadets or Air Cadets), active members and competitors of British/Welsh mountain biking, climbing, paddling, trail running and ultra-marathon clubs.

An Outdoor Adventure Scholarship will offer pupils:

- Access, participation and leadership opportunities in the extensive adventure syllabus.
- Opportunities to take part in all Combined Cadet Force activities including outdoor pursuits courses and qualifications.

- Leadership training.
- Participation in external competition and training opportunities.

An Outdoor Adventure Scholarship will be considered based on an interview with the Head, Deputy Head Academic, and the Director of Outdoor Education. A recent school report will also be requested.

The assessment will consist of:

- A challenge-based activity.
- Pupils should provide a CV outlining all areas of outdoor pursuits that they are currently involved with.
- Provide references from current teachers or coaches to support their application.



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