



West Buckland School Scholarships Programme For entry September 2024

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Introduction

Welcome to our booklet that explains about West Buckland School's extensive Scholarships programme. It is important to distinguish between scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships are intended to give gifted children the opportunity to extend themselves in their specialism and take advantage of the correct pathways to do that, whilst bursaries are means-tested annually and are there to support a family financially with school costs.

Scholarships

Academic, Sport, Drama and Music scholarships are available at point of entry to the school, from Year 7 to Year 10 and then at Sixth Form. Art scholarships are offered at Year 12.

Scholarships are awarded to pupils who show ability, potential and the passion to extend themselves and to take advantage of the first-class teaching, coaching, and mentoring we provide.

At West Buckland School we believe in investing in our pupils and our scholars will benefit from a programme that seeks to nurture and enhance their individual talents whilst also providing them with a full and rounded education. Our expectations for scholars are high and we wish them not only to develop individually, but also to act as role models for their peers and ambassadors for the school.

Expectations of a Scholar

The level of commitment expected of a scholar is high. All scholars will be required to participate enthusiastically in the life of the school, be a credit to the school, set a good example to other pupils and maintain a good attitude to learning. They will be obliged to contribute in activities relating to their scholarship discipline. All awards will be monitored for appropriate attitude and effort. Scholars who do not meet our expectations may have their Award withdrawn.

The Process

Candidates must be registered to start the process of a scholarship application. For prospective students, a registration form can be found on our website along with the steps to application. A registration fee of £85 must be submitted electronically, along with the registration document, (current students are already registered).

All applicants should provide a copy of their latest school report and copies of any certificates that are relevant to the application. Any other testimonials and demonstrations of ability that are required are listed below. All applications will be considered by the Head and/or relevant Head of Department.

Year 7-10 Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students at the point of entry to West Buckland Senior School, and are based on the internal academic testing, as well as prior school performance and a meeting with the Head or Assistant Head: Head of Middle School.

We do offer a number of Assessment Days, for students entering Year 7, in the Autumn Term. Alternatively, students can sit the assessment at West Buckland School at a time convenient to them. Students who live overseas or far away can sit the assessment at their own school under supervision of a teacher, or remotely by our Admissions staff, each to be by arrangement.

Expectations of an academic scholar

Academic students are expected to be model students in attitude and achievement and take an active role in all aspects of school life.

Enrichment:

Scholars will be monitored in their studies by their tutors and, in addition to high quality classroom teaching, have the opportunity to attend age-appropriate academic extension, a variety of enrichment events, such as creative writing workshops, Math-e-magicians, Biology Club and Junior Socrates as well as the Academic Extension Group (AEG) run by the Head of Academic Aspiration.

From Year 9, students will be expected to attend Socrates and our Make a Difference (MaD) Monday offers extension activities such as STEM and Level 2 Projects.

Drama Scholarships

Drama scholarships are awarded **throughout the year prior to enrolment in the Senior School and, for current students, on entry to Year 7**, to top performing students. All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama scholars should be enthusiastic, engaged, and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods, and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities. It is generally expected that the successful candidate(s) will study Drama at GCSE or Theatre at A Level. Drama Scholars are also expected to support the Drama department outside of lessons performing in and / or assisting backstage in school productions as well as supporting with open evenings, House Drama competitions and drama clubs.

Enrichment:

- Free LAMDA exam entry
- Access to drama workshops
- Visits to local productions

What to do now:

Years 7-8

To apply you will need a reference from a teacher or leader that you performed drama with. You will also need to submit a letter of application of no more than 300 words explaining your previous involvement in Drama and why you would be an outstanding Drama Scholar. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form.

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition.

At the audition you will be expected to perform a monologue of your choice, from memory (no more than 2 minutes). You will also be interviewed by the Drama Department, during which you may produce a scrapbook of your drama participation.

Years 9-10

To apply you will need a reference from a teacher or leader that you performed drama with. You will also need to submit a letter of application of no more than 500 words explaining your previous involvement in Drama and why you would be an outstanding Drama Scholar. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form.

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition. For this you will be expected to:

- a) Perform 1 monologue of your choice. The monologue should be no less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes and be performed from memory.
- b) Attend an interview with the Drama Department. During this interview you may wish to produce a scrapbook of your drama involvements.

Important Information:

Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com

Application deadline:

• 4th of December 2023

Assessment:

• Week commencing 15th of January 2024

Music Scholarships:

Music Scholarships are awarded to top performing candidates entering West Buckland. All applicants for music scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. **Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment and, for current students, at entry to Year 7**. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

For assessment for a Year 7-8 Music Scholarship award we are primarily looking for potential. As a rough guideline, you should be grade 2+ standard, although need not have taken the exam. We are looking for someone with a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

For assessment for a Year 9-10 Music Scholarship Award we are looking for potential. As a rough guideline, you should be grade 4+ on your principal study instrument. A second study instrument/voice would be an advantage. You should have a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

We can offer a trial audition to those candidates who are not sure if they are of the required standard. If you would like to arrange a convenient time, please contact the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at nxs@westbuckland.com

Expectations of Music Scholars

Music scholarships are offered to those pupils who show ability, commitment and potential in their chosen instrument at audition. In addition to grade achievement, a fundamental passion and musical ambition will be looked for, along with a willingness to participate and contribute to the rich musical life of the school.

Enrichment:

- Free music lessons
- Participating in external music workshops and tutorials
- Encouraged to attend external concerts
- Access to music department facilities and rehearsal rooms

What to do next:

Return your fully completed Achievements Form and letter of reference to the Admissions Registrar at <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u> as soon as possible.

Your child's application will be reviewed by the Director of Music and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship which will consist of an audition and an interview with the Director of Music.

An accompanist will be provided, and you will need to send your music to the Director of Music, at least a week before your audition.

Important Information:

All documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com

Application deadline:

• 4th of December 2023

Assessment:

• Week commencing 15th of January 2024

Sports Scholarships

Available to candidates based on assessment and references. All applicants for sports scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to senior school. **Applications are accepted throughout the year**. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

West Buckland School has a strong reputation for sport and this is nurtured through the provision of Sport Scholarships to pupils who demonstrate exceptional skills across several sports. Scholarships are an understanding between both students and the school, for mutual benefit of both parties. The principal aspects and expectations are outlined below.

Requirements:

On applying for a sports scholarship at West Buckland School a pupil must:

- Provide a personal statement outlining all sporting achievements and reasoning for applying for a Sports Scholarship at West Buckland School (referenced below).
- Provide 2 references from coaches/ teachers in given sports.
- Participate in at least two of the following major sports and be able contribute to a major sport each term.
 - Rugby
 - Netball
 - Hockey
 - Tennis
 - Athletics
 - Cricket

Once the personal statement has been sent in you will be asked to come in and participate in some physical assessments, which will include:

- A Physical Screening focusing on movement and mobility.
- Participate in a team and group activity on assessment days this could include but not be limited to joining in PE or Games lessons.
- Interview with the Director of Sport and Head of Athletic Development.

Sports Scholar Criteria and Expectations:

- Candidates will need to show and demonstrate a high level of participation in sport(s) and transferability of skills to other sports.
- Candidates must show high level competency in the various sports assessments and game play situations during assessment day.
- Candidates will need to demonstrate sound tactical awareness, team cooperation and leadership attributes.
- Must clearly show a desire, work ethic and belief that they can maximise their potential and the opportunity given to them as a sports scholar.
- Candidates must clearly show an outstanding attitude towards sports and potential to be a role model at West Buckland School.
- They must demonstrate high standards towards kit, organisation and sportsmanship.
- They must clearly show leadership qualities within a sporting environment.
- Candidates must clearly understand sporting priorities to West Buckland School for Saturday Fixtures and Tournaments in the given sports.
- Show signs of mental and physical resilience.
- Demonstrate excellent communication in a sporting environment and interview.
- Candidates must clearly show and understand the discipline to follow athletic development training programs.
- Have excellent attendance.
- Have an excellent record of punctuality to school and lessons.
- Demonstrate a responsible attitude to their studies.
- Present themselves appropriately in and around school.
- Demonstrate a mature attitude to other students and teachers within the school.
- Show themselves to be reliable and trustworthy.

Sports Scholars Enrichment Programme:

- Opportunities to represent the school at the highest level
- Advice on lifestyle management, nutrition, goal setting, technical development and injury prevention
- High performance sport-specific coaching in our major sports (different programmes for different sports)
- A sports scholarship mentor
- Group and individual strength and conditioning coach
- Advice on how development in sport can boost career prospects
- High level coaching throughout their time at West Buckland School
- Competitive fixtures
- The use of our outstanding facilities to include the newly fitted fitness suite.
- Pre-season training

What to do next:

The child applying for the scholarship should write a letter of application (word processed), of no more than 800 words. This should include some, or all of the following:

- Your biggest sporting achievements
- What would you bring to sport at West Buckland?
- What makes you stand out from other children your age?
- Why you should be considered for a sports scholarship?

• What is your short and long term sporting ambition?

This should be sent, clearly labelled with your name and current year groups, to the Admissions Office at <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u>. Your application will be reviewed by the Director of Sport and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship.

If there are any questions about the process or application, please email Sam Carr – Head of Athletic Development - <u>sdc@westbuckland.com</u>.

Important Information:

Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u>.

Application deadline:

• 4th of December

Assessment:

• Week commencing 15th of January 2024

Sixth Form Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

All students entering West Buckland's Sixth Form are eligible to apply for an Academic Scholarship.

Candidates should be on course to achieve a high number of grade 7-9s at GCSE in all subjects. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

The title and associated benefits are awarded for excellence in academic attainment, progress and potential as well as a first-class approach to learning. This will be awarded to a very small group of students. The scholarships available are:

The Aldiss Scholarship - For any student who wishes to pursue their love of literature and language through one or more of the following subjects: English Literature, English Language, French and Spanish.

The Hymer Scholarship - For any student who wishes to pursue their love of the natural environment through one or more of the following subjects: Geography, Environmental Systems and Societies, Biology and Outdoor Leadership & Management.

The North Devon Scholarship - For any student from a state secondary school in the North Devon area who wishes to pursue their love of the learning and academic discovery in West Buckland's Sixth Form.

The IB Scholarship - For any student who wishes to pursue the inter-disciplinary IB career related programme in the Sixth Form.

The Technology scholarship - For any student who wishes to pursue their interests in technology through one or more of the following subjects: Physics, Product Design, Computer Science and Digital Music Production, Digital Media or E-Sports.

The International scholarship - For any international student (non-UK resident) who wishes to study for two years in West Buckland School's Sixth Form in any combination of subjects.

Expectations

Students who accept the offer of an Academic Scholarship are expected to maintain an excellent attitude to learning throughout their time in the Sixth Form. This will apply to learning in class, homework set by their teachers, independent learning and a commitment to attend super-curricular events and activities such as lectures, conferences and in-school societies.

If Academic Scholars do not fulfil the expectations outlined above, it is possible that the 'title' will be removed.

Academic Scholars will be supported in their studies by relevant teachers and are expected to take part in a variety of opportunities, including:

- Wider reading beyond the formal curriculum
- Tutorials—one-to-one tutorials with relevant department specialists
- Aldiss Society—series of academic extension lectures

- Medical Society for aspiring health professionals including doctors, dentists and vets
- Conferences and events aimed at students with high aspirations
- Phoenix Society— Sixth Form debating society
- Maths Club for aspiring mathematicians, physicists and engineers
- Relevant preparation and advice for those making applications to Oxbridge and other competitive courses on personal statements, admissions tests, essay writing and interviews.

What to do next:

Students who apply for an Academic Award should complete the Achievements Form (see below on website). They should be submitted to the Admissions Manager, at <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u> by **17**th **November 2023.** Interviews will be held **24**th **November.**

The application should be supported with a copy of his/her most recent school reports and most recent predicted GCSE grades. In addition, there should be a hand-written personal statement, addressed to the Headmaster, explaining why he/she would like to be considered for an Academic Award and what they have done to further their academic breadth in their chosen subjects.

Interviews for students who are short-listed take place two to three weeks after the deadline. This comprises of an academic meeting with the Head of Sixth Form and an interview with the Headmaster, together with a short written task.

Application deadline:

• 17th of November 2023

Interviews:

• 25th of November 2023

Art Scholarships

Available to an outstanding student joining West Buckland Sixth Form and intending to study art at Alevel. All applicants for art scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the Sixth Form. Applications are accepted **throughout the year prior to enrolment**. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

A Sixth Form Art Scholarship is available to an outstanding candidate intending to study art at A- level. You should be proficient at drawing and currently working to improve your technical ability. You should also have built up a significant portfolio of your work. Equally important is that you are inquisitive and passionate about artist's techniques and approaches to creativity and how it affects your own artistic development.

The title of 'art scholar' is not wholly dependent on technical ability. Candidates with specific specialisms or contemporary and conceptual practices will also be considered.

Expectations of an Art Scholar:

The position will be one of responsibility and trust and there will be an expectation that the art scholar will lead by example and assist with the showcasing of art at West Buckland. This could include helping

to promote the work of the Art Department at various school events including open days and open evenings, workshops and exhibitions. In Year 13, the Art Scholar will be commissioned to produce a piece of work bearing his/her name that will be left for the school to exhibit permanently on the school campus. This is a position of responsibility and leadership that will enhance a CV and be beneficial in supporting applications for further study at colleges and universities.

Enrichment:

As well as having access to our outstanding art facilities, our scholars get involved with workshops and mentoring programs and have the opportunity to work closely with professional artists to develop techniques and learn about life as a working artist.

What to do next:

Students who apply for a Sixth Form Art Scholarship should complete the Achievements Form (see below on website). They should be submitted to the Admissions Manager, at <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u> by **15th December 2023.**

As part of the Achievements Form (on Scholarships page of the website), please include your predicted exam grades and details of your interest and participation in Art. This should be accompanied by a digital portfolio of examples of your work, showing a verity of techniques and ideas. A minimum of 10 pieces from sketchbook pages to final pieces.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview with the Head of Sixth Form Art and submit a portfolio of work which should be a minimum of ten pieces. This can come in the form of a traditional portfolio or clear digital images. This can include GCSE pieces and/or other pieces of work that support the application. It is also important that at least one sketchbook is brought to interview that clearly presents your investigation and critical reflections. In addition, you will be asked to complete a short set task to present at the interview.

Important Information:

Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com

Application deadline:

• 15th of December 2023

Assessment:

• 15th of January 2024

Drama Scholarships

Drama Scholarships are awarded **throughout the year prior to enrolment** to West Buckland Sixth Form, to top performing internal and external UK candidates entering Sixth Form. All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements for entry into the Sixth Form.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama Scholars will be expected to study Drama at A-level and to have already passed Drama at GCSE. They will be expected to perform regularly in productions and workshops and should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities, including technical elements of stage production.

Enrichment programme:

- Free LAMDA exam entry
- Access to drama workshops
- Visits to local productions
- Opportunity to direct a junior play

What to do next:

To apply for the Drama Scholarship, you will need to supply your GCSE Drama certificate, a reference from a drama-based associate in authority and evidence of involvement in drama clubs/ competitions etc and a list of productions. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form (see Scholarships page on website).

You will also need to submit an essay of 1000 words maximum on a Drama Practitioner of your choice and how they have influenced Drama.

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition. For this you will be expected to:

- Perform 2 monologues one Greek or Shakespearean and the second from a play written post 1890. The monologues should be no fewer than 3 minutes and no longer than 4 minutes and be performed from memory.
- Attend an interview with the Head of Drama. During this interview you may wish to produce a portfolio of your drama involvements.

Important Information:

Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com

Application deadline:

• 4th of December 2023

Assessment:

• Week commencing 15th of January 2024

Music Scholarships

Music scholarships at Sixth Form are available to candidates who show considerable talent and passion for music.

Music scholarships are awarded based on audition and interview. **Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment in West Buckland Sixth Form**. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

For assessment for a 16+ Music Scholarship Award, we are again looking for potential. As a rough guideline, you should be at grade 6 / 7 and study a second instrument at grade 4+ or have a good vocal ability. You should have a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

We can offer a trial audition to those candidates who are not sure if they are of the required standard. If you would like to arrange a convenient time to come in, please contact the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at nxw@westbuckland.com

Expectations of Music Scholars

Music scholarships will be expected to participate enthusiastically in all facets of the music programme at school, including being part of ensembles, choirs, orchestras or bands. Music scholars are role models within the department and must show commitment and contribute at all times.

Enrichment:

- Free music lessons
- Participating in external music workshops and tutorials
- Encouraged to attend external concerts
- Access to music department facilities and rehearsal rooms

What to do next:

Return your fully completed Achievements Form and letter of reference to the Admissions Registrar at <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u> as soon as possible. Your application will be reviewed by the Director of Music and if approved you will receive an invitation to audition.

At audition:

- You will need to present two contrasting pieces on your first study instrument.
- Sing a song you know OR perform on a second study instrument.
- You will need a letter of reference from your first instrument study teacher.
- You will be expected to sight-read and play scales for your grade.

An accompanist will be provided and you will need to send your music to the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at least one week prior to the audition.

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Application deadline:

• 4th of December

Assessment:

• Week commencing 15th of January 2024

Sports Scholarships

Available to candidates joining West Buckland Sixth Form and based on assessment and references. All applicants for sports scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the Sixth Form. **Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment in the Sixth Form**. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

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Requirements:

On applying for a sports scholarship at West Buckland School a pupil must:

- Provide a personal statement outlining all sporting achievements and reasoning for applying for a Sports Scholarship at West Buckland School (referenced below).
- Provide 2 references from coaches/ teachers in given sports.
- Participate and excel in at least one of the following major sports at West Buckland school and be able to help strengthen in other teams throughout the year.
 - Rugby
 - Netball
 - Hockey
 - Tennis
 - Athletics
 - Cricket
 - Basketball

Once the personal statement has been sent in you will be asked to come in and participate in some physical assessments, which will include:

• A Physical Screening – focusing on movement and mobility.

- Participate in a team and group activity on assessment days this could include but not be limited to joining in a Games lesson.
- Interview with the Director of Sport and Head of Athletic Development.

Sports Scholar Criteria and Expectations:

- Candidates will need to show and demonstrate a high level of participation in sport(s) and transferability of skills to other sports.
- Candidates must show high level competency in the various sports assessments and game play situations during assessment day.
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- They must clearly show leadership qualities within a sporting environment.
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- Show signs of mental and physical resilience.
- Demonstrate excellent communication in a sporting environment and interview.
- Candidates must clearly show and understand the discipline to follow athletic development training programs.
- Have excellent attendance.
- Have an excellent record of punctuality to school and lessons.
- Demonstrate a responsible attitude to their studies.
- Present themselves appropriately in and around school.
- Demonstrate a mature attitude to other students and teachers within the school.
- Show themselves to be reliable and trustworthy.

Sports Scholars Enrichment Programme:

- Opportunities to represent the school at the highest level
- Advice on lifestyle management, nutrition, goal setting, technical development and injury prevention
- High performance sport-specific coaching in our major sports
- Individual mentoring to help balance a busy sport and academic timetable
- Group and individual strength and conditioning coach
- Advice on how development in sport can boost career prospects
- High level coaching throughout their time at West Buckland School
- Competitive fixtures
- The use of our outstanding facilities to include the newly fitted fitness suite.
- Pre-season training

What to do next:

The child applying for the scholarship should write a letter of application (word processed), of no more than 800 words. This should include some, or all of the following:

- Your biggest sporting achievements
- What would you bring to sport at West Buckland?
- What makes you stand out from other children your age?
- Why you should be considered for a sports scholarship?
- What is your short and long term sporting ambition?

This should be sent, clearly labelled with your name and current year groups, to the Admissions Office at <u>admissions@westbuckland.com</u>. Your application will be reviewed by the Director of Sport and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship.

If there are any questions about the process or application, please email Sam Carr – Head of Athletic Development - <u>sdc@westbuckland.com</u>.

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Application deadline:

• 4th of December

Assessment:

• Week commencing 15th of January 2024