

## **Academic Scholarship Information**

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.

The West Buckland Scholarship – For any existing local West Buckland student whose application does not fit in any of the above categories.

## 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 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, available by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. They should be submitted to <a href="mailto:scholarhips@westbuckland.com">scholarhips@westbuckland.com</a> by 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Interviews will be on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Head 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 Head together with a short-written task.

## Application deadline:

6<sup>th</sup> of November 2024

Interviews:

30th of November 2024