



# WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL



## **West Buckland School Scholarship Applicant Information**

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### **Why do we provide scholarships?**

Scholarships reflect our ambition to offer and provide excellence in education whether it be academic, sporting or in the other various endeavours that characterise the holistic education that is central to our mission. Scholarships encourage a diverse community of talents within school and have been a consistent feature of the school's approach for generations. We have unashamedly, at the heart of this process, the desire to encourage applications from the brightest and best to West Buckland because we are confident in the highest quality of support and challenge our scholars will receive.

### **Who are scholarships for?**

We firmly believe that every child will find their niche at West Buckland. Scholarships are but one part of the means by which we seek to encourage that. We realise that the attributes of young people can be very diverse; some will be very specialised, and others will bring qualities that are not academic. Therefore, as outlined below our scholarships are intended to encourage a variety of interests and aptitudes.

Scholarships for external applicants are typically available for Year 7, 9 and 12 entry. Existing students at West Buckland are also eligible to apply. Students do not all follow similar development trajectories, and for this reason, the flexibility in scholarship entry points reflect this. Students who are currently in West Buckland Prep and moving up to Year 7 at WBS are welcome to join the process of consideration for award. Please note that Year 6 students can apply for Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships only.



## **What do scholarships offer?**

At their heart, scholarships are about access, whether it be to a dedicated programme within departments themselves or to the West Buckland values and approaches that OWBAs carry with them. Each department, whether it be academic or sport, offers a clear set of activities, challenges and pathways associated with their own scholars' programme. The individual departmental details for these can be found on the [scholarships](#) section of our website. What they all share is a programme that capitalises on curiosity, thrives on resilience, and aims to bring out the very best in our scholars.

<https://westbuckland.com/scholarships/>

Aside from personalised pathways designed by our own teaching staff there is also a fee remission. The intention of a West Buckland scholarship is to nurture excellence in a student's identified area of excellence and potential. The scholarship programme is delivered free of charge to all scholars with the cost met by the school. Any fee remission is at the discretion of the head.

## **How do candidates apply?**

The scholarship programme is open to all; however, selection criteria are rigorous. The process involves interviews and/or a written application. Each department has its own selection criteria. In the first instance contact [scholarships@westbuckland.com](mailto:scholarships@westbuckland.com) to request to apply. Next steps for each department application are explained in their linked documents shown above. Deadlines and procedures for scholarship applications are dependent on year group and the relevant department therefore close reading of the departmental information is strongly recommended. Please note that upon submission of the application it is requested that an appropriate reference is supplied, for example, from a coach, teacher or headteacher.



## When do scholarship assessments take place?

\*Please see below for relevant deadlines for application and assessment

Department	Application Deadlines	Assessment Days
Art	6/11/24	25/11/24
Drama	6/11/24	11-17/11/24
Music	6/11/24	14/11/24 (Year 7&9) 21/11/24 (Sixth Form)
Sport	6/11/24	12/11/24 (Year 9) 15/11/24 (Year 7) 27/11/24 (Sixth Form)
Academic	6/11/24	30/11/24

In exceptional circumstances assessments or when a family is new to the area/school, assessments can take place outside of this window. We are aware that this is a busy period especially for Year 11 students preparing for mock exams and seeking scholarships into the Sixth Form. The timing is established to ensure effective planning time for all parties involved.

## What happens after a scholarship is awarded?

In the first instance the scholarship is offered and requires acceptance, with completion and return of the formal acceptance letter. Those awarded scholarships have two weeks to decide upon acceptance of the support it provides and the relevant responsibilities.

## The Responsibilities of a Scholar

Scholars are expected to uphold the values of the school and the responsibilities of a scholar. Levels of application in relation to appropriate scholarly expectations will be consistently monitored. We always seek to celebrate the work of our scholars, but do note that if there is an unacceptable level of application, warning will be provided of our need to reconsider the award. In exceptional circumstances the school reserves the right to rescind scholarship both in name and in terms of any discretionary fee remission previously provided by the Head.