

# Scholarships & Awards

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I apply for a Scholarship or Award?**

To apply, students and parents must complete application forms available on our website. The process entails understanding criteria, adhering to dates, and providing required documentation before deadlines. External candidates need to be registered for relevant Entrance Exams (Year 7 in January, Year 9 in November). Late or incomplete applications post-deadline won't proceed.

### **What is the financial value of a Scholarship?**

Scholarships carry a fee reduction of up to 20% for Academic and 10% for Art, Drama, Music and Sport. Scholars are also eligible to apply for a means-tested Bursary if they meet the criteria.

### **What is the difference between a Scholarship and an Award?**

Scholarships recognise specific achievements and meet set criteria. Awards celebrate qualities and efforts, even if not meeting full Scholarship criteria, acknowledging progress and potential. Awards attract a fee reduction of 10% for Academic and 5% for Art, Drama, Music and Sport.

### **Can Awards be upgraded to a Scholarship?**

Yes, if the award was given at entry to the School a Scholarship can be applied for in years 8 and 11 for entry into years 9 and 12.

### **If I am unsuccessful in gaining a Scholarship can I apply for a Bursary?**

No, the two schemes operate together. If accepting a place is dependent on the success and value of a School Bursary, a Bursary application should be completed in full and returned to the Head of Finance and Resources, Mrs Angela Brassett.

### **Can a student apply for more than one Scholarship?**

Yes, however the combined Scholarships may not exceed a maximum of 20% remission of fees.

### **Do I need to sit an entrance examination for a Scholarship?**

External candidates are required to take the appropriate entrance examinations (Year 9 Entrance Exams in November or Year 7 Entrance Exams in January), and they must achieve a satisfactory score before becoming eligible for consideration for a Scholarship in any field.

### **Can I change the dates of my Scholarship assessment?**

Assessment or audition dates or times cannot be changed to accommodate individual requests. In the case of extreme weather conditions that make it unsafe for either candidates and/or staff to travel to School, reserve dates have been assigned.

### **When I am likely to receive the results of the Scholarship?**

Upon the successful completion of entrance exams, the Headmaster will notify the chosen Scholars as soon as possible. Subsequently, parents or guardians who confirmed their child's enrolment at the School will be requested to sign an Agreement detailing the Terms and Conditions of the Award and Scholarship.

### **Can I request feedback on my Scholarship assessment?**

Regrettably, we are unable to offer personalised feedback on any Scholarship application, assessment, or audition. Scholarships will be granted exclusively on the basis of merit and the performance demonstrated during the evaluation process. The Headmaster's decision is final.

### **Do previous Scholarships continue to sixth form?**

Yes, they are maintained throughout a student's time in the School up to Year 13.

### **Do I need to take a subject at GCSE/A Level if I apply for a scholarship?**

To qualify for certain Scholarships we would expect you to take them to GCSE and some to A Level. This information is detailed within the Scholarship booklet. The exception to this is those wishing to apply for a Sports Scholarship.

### **I am already a Lingfield College student, can I apply?**

Certainly, we urge you to submit an application in year 8 or 11 for entry into years 9 or 12 if you believe you fulfil the criteria. Given the substantial volume of applications we receive annually, we recommend thoughtful consideration of your suitability before proceeding with your application. Your current teacher would be an excellent person to ask about this.

### **What happens if a Scholar does not meet expectations?**

The presumption is that Scholars will maintain their scholarships. In the rare event that the School has concerns about a student meeting their expectations, any related actions will only occur following appropriate discussions. Our priority remains to foster a supportive environment to help students achieve their fullest potential.

### **What happens if I leave the School?**

If a student leaves the School before the Scholarship ends, monies saved on the award will be repayable as per the terms and conditions.

