

PREP SCHOOL

Scholarships and Awards



# Foreword

### from the Headmaster

At Lingfield one of our School aims is to guide each child in the discovery, delight and development of their unique gifts, talents and character. Our Scholarship programme embodies this philosophy.

We take pride in offering Academic, Music and Sport Scholarships and Awards for current and new prep pupils for entry into Year 5. These scholarships last until the end of Year 8 and stand as a testament to our commitment to fostering excellence and celebrating talents that deserve recognition.

Scholars play an important role within our Prep school community, setting a benchmark for excellence. They are expected to display a passion for their respective discipline and are encouraged to embrace opportunities for developing and progressing their talents and to contribute fully to the life of the School.

Prep Scholars benefit from dedicated support and mentoring from our inspiring teachers and extension activities thoughtfully designed to challenge, excite and nurture every individual towards realising their potential.

In line with the inclusive ethos of the School, we endeavour to broaden access to a Lingfield education through our Scholarships with meanstested bursaries for those who may require additional financial support.

If your child is gifted in one of the areas listed, then Lingfield College Prep may just be the place for them to develop and enhance these talents and skills. Please read our booklet for more information about our Scholarships and their criteria and we look forward to meeting you soon.



Richard Bool, Headmaster

## Academic

Academic Scholars and Award Holders play a central role in the intellectual life of the Prep School. They will be seen as role models by the other pupils, and will exemplify this through their positive attitude to their academic studies.

Scholars and Award Holders will participate in the Scholars' Programme, a multi-disciplinary enrichment scheme which runs from Year 5 through to Year 8. Pupils will make regular visits to join Academic Scholars at the Senior School, attending sessions on topics as diverse as 'The Divine Number Pi' and 'The English Legal System'. These sessions allow for learning to take place away from the constraints of the curriculum, opening pupils' eyes to the possibilities surrounding them and stimulating their intellectual curiosity. From Year 7, there is an annual trip organised specifically to inspire them further. Past trips have included visits to Cambridge and exhibitions.



### Standards Required

Academic Scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate all-around academic ability. We are looking for children with solid academic foundations who are active learners and have inquiring minds. They will be thinkers and problem solvers, able to apply their knowledge and have a positive attitude to their academic studies.



### **Application**

An online application form can be found on our website at www.lingfieldcollege.co.uk in our admissions section.



#### **Assessment Day**

Candidates will undertake a number of written tests and practical activities on the morning of the Assessment Day. These will include:

- English comprehension (25 minutes)
- Extended writing (20 minutes)
- Mathematics (25 minutes)
- Puzzles and problem-solving activities (25 minutes)



### **Scholar Expectation**

Scholars and Award Holders are expected to excel academically and be active, independent learners with a thirst for knowledge. Pupils have the opportunity to take part in co-curricular activities and will endeavour to make a positive contribution to school life. From Year 7 they will submit an essay of their own subject choice for the Annual Scholars' Symposium in May. The best essay in each year group and the best overall winner will be awarded a prize.





## Music

We are very proud of the thriving music department at Lingfield College Prep. Many of our pupils have instrumental and vocal lessons, both in and out of school, and our extensive range of co-curricular activities aims to support our pupils throughout their musical journey with us.

The Prep School maintains an orchestra, several choirs and various instrumental ensemble groups for brass, woodwind, and strings. We also run a Ukulele Club, Samba Band and Rock Bands. Every vocal and instrumental group is run by a highly specialised team of peripatetic teachers and the Head of Prep Music. We have a busy and exciting performance programme at Lingfield College Prep. All pupils who have private instrumental lessons and participate in these groups will have the opportunity to perform for parents and peers throughout the year.

Children who have private musical tuition at school also benefit from additional aural training and sight-reading classes as they approach grade exams. In addition, we run a Music Theory Club, which is particularly relevant for those who are interested in applying for a Music Scholarship.

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### **Standards Required**

A candidate may perform on one or two instruments, in which they are currently receiving tuition. The Year 4 candidate should be approaching or beyond Grade 2 standard on their first instrument. No grade requirements are expected for the second instrument, if offered, although a reasonable level of performance will be expected.



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#### **Assessment Day**

The assessment day requires candidates to:

- Prepare and perform two contrasting pieces. (If performing on two instruments they should play one piece for each instrument)
- Complete aural tests equivalent to the Grade they have reached.
- Perform a short piece of sight-reading.
- Bring a small music portfolio showcasing their musical performance experiences, visits to concert halls, or music they particularly enjoy listening to. They will be asked to discuss this portfolio with the Head of Music.



### **Scholar Expectation**

Music Scholars will be expected to maintain good progress on their instrument, ideally a grade per year. By the time the child reaches Senior School they should be playing at Grade 4 level, in line with the scholarship requirements at Year 7. They will also be expected to contribute fully in the life of Prep Music and later at the Senior School through participation in concerts and music groups, and by setting a good example, being a positive role model for the department









# Sport

The Prep School has built a strong reputation in sports with regular success at Regional and National events in a variety of sports. We also provide links and opportunities for player pathways and pupils to play in regional representative teams when applicable.

Prep Sport Scholars are offered excellent training opportunities within the curriculum, an extensive fixture programme and have access to outstanding sporting facilities across both our Prep and Senior School sites.



### **Standards Required**

Scholars will be expected to participate fully in all sports. Successful candidates should be 'A' team standard players in at least one, preferably two of the main sports played by our school (Netball or Football, Hockey and Cricket). However, at this young age, potential and individual skill level will also be considered. We will also be looking for the candidate to be a team player who is coachable and displays the correct attitude to represent the school in a competitive environment.



### **Application**

Candidates wishing to apply should submit a single A4 page 'Sporting CV' which documents their sporting history and achievements. This should include letters of reference from up to 3 referees (one of which may be their current sport teacher), who are able to affirm the level of performance and the candidate's commitment to their sport. An online application form can be found at www.lingfieldcollege.co.uk in the admissions section.



### **Assessment Day**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a Sport Assessment Day where they will be expected to take part in the following sports to demonstrate their personal fitness, skills and knowledge.

• Hockey, Football, Netball, Speed/Agility/Endurance, Striking and Fielding.



### **Scholar Expectation**

Sport scholars are expected to make a significant contribution to the sporting success of the School. Pupils should be eager to develop their skills in sport, be willing to work in a team and support others.



## Prep Scholarships & Awards Frequently Asked Questions

# When and how can we apply for a Prep School Scholarship or Award?

Applications for all our Prep School Scholarship programmes take place in Year 4 for entry into Year 5 and last until the end of Year 8. To apply, families must complete application forms available on our website. Deadlines are listed on our website.

## What is the financial value of a Scholarship or Award?

Prep Scholarships will carry a fee reduction of up to 10% and Awards of 5%. Successful Scholars are also eligible to apply for a means-tested bursary.

## 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 real potential.

## Can Awards be upgraded to a Scholarship?

You can apply to increase a Prep Award to a Senior School Scholarship when in Year 6 for entry into Year 7. If unsuccessful you will continue to hold your Prep Award until the end of Year 8. There is also an option to apply for a Scholarship in Year 8 for entry into Year 9,

# If we are unsuccessful in gaining a Scholarship can we apply for a Bursary?

No, unfortunately not, the two schemes operate together. Upon the successful application of a Scholarship, a bursary application should be completed and returned to the Head of Finance and Resources, Mrs Angela Brassett.

## Can a candidate 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 assessment for a Scholarship?

External candidates are required to have formally registered for a place at the School and undertake the appropriate entrance assessments.

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

Upon the successful completion of assessments, the Admissions department 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 Head of Prep's decision is final.

### Do Prep Scholarships continue to senior school?

Scholarships will last until the end of Year 8. Pupils may apply for Senior School Scholarships in either Year 6 for entry into Year 7 or Year 8 for entry into Year 9.

## Can a current Lingfield College Prep pupil apply?

Certainly, we urge families to submit an application in Year 4 if you believe your child fulfils the criteria. The child's 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 pupil meeting their expectations, any related actions will only occur following appropriate discussions. Our priority remains to foster a supportive environment to help pupils achieve their fullest potential.

## What happens if I leave the School?

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

## If I need further advice who do I contact?

If you would like advice on the application process please contact our Admissions Department

admissions@lingfieldcollege.co.uk. For advice on the expectation of the programme please contact the Director of Studies (Prep) Mrs Christina Hubbard hubbardc@lingfieldcollege.co.uk







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