Dear Parents and Students

Thank you for your interest in The Lingfield College Scholarship Programme.

The School offers generous Scholarships to high achieving students at 11+ and 13+ entry and rewards students with an outstanding Enrichment Programme. Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport scholarships are available. Each year we also allocate the prestigious Lingfield College Award to the top academic scholar for Year 7 entry. Further details are listed in the Academic section of this booklet.

Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate a particular talent which demands attention and support. They are expected to make a significant contribution to the life of the School. They create excellent role models for their peers and become important ambassadors for the School, displaying qualities of leadership, ambition and commitment. Scholars receive an outstanding level of mentoring and are welcomed into the exclusive Scholars’ Programme, with tailored study, an extensive enrichment schedule and numerous social functions, all designed to challenge, excite and help each individual reach the very peak of their highest potential at School, and beyond.

The value of Scholarships and Awards is dependent on ability and potential and will be awarded at my discretion. Scholars are also exclusively eligible to apply for a means-tested Lingfield Bursary, if their financial circumstances warrant this and they meet the criteria. We welcome applications from all students but I would ask you to consider suitability before applying. Applications exceed 200 each year and the process can be daunting and tiring for some students. If you have any questions or concerns about suitability, the ideal consultant would be your child’s current teachers, in their chosen field.

I wish all candidates the very best of luck with their applications and look forward to enjoying the talents of Entry Year 2020!

Richard Bool, Headmaster.
Academic Scholars and Award holders take part in our Scholars’ Programmes which aim to stimulate their intellectual curiosity and breadth of knowledge.

The Scholars’ Programmes for Years 7-10 consist of 8 carefully planned sessions timetabled throughout the first two terms and are run by staff or visiting speakers. Presented in the form of workshops or interactive talks, they provide a wealth of scope for lateral thinking, discussion, problem-solving and teamwork. Examples of seminars this year include Classics and the world of Antiquity, Bioformatics and the Globalisation Effect of the Internet.

Scholars and Award holders from Years 7-11 write and 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 from Years 7–10 are awarded a prize, as are the winner and runners-up of the best essay in Year 11.

There is an annual Scholars’ Trip. Past trips have included days in Oxford and Cambridge visiting the Colleges and also a trip to London, visiting a list of sites and using as many public modes of transport as possible.

All students applying for an Academic Scholarship at 11+ and 13+ will sit 3 papers on the afternoon of Saturday 18 January 2020. External students will have sat the Entrance Examinations in the morning on the same day and will be provided with lunch, a relaxing activity and some rest time before the Scholarship Examinations take place between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Internal candidates should arrive in good time for a 2.00pm start. The Scholarship papers consist of: an advanced Mathematics paper (45 mins); an advanced English Comprehension paper (45 mins) and a Creative Writing paper (30 mins).

The Lingfield Award is automatically offered to the top academic Scholar from the local area who has sat the entry examinations for Year 7 and who has applied and met the criteria for a means-tested bursary. The value of this generous award is up to 100% of tuition fees.

Students may gain Scholarships in a maximum of two disciplines. If a student is unsuccessful in gaining a Scholarship but has proved him/herself to be worthy of consideration, he/she may be offered an Award. This does not prevent him/her from applying for Scholarships at a later date.
Art Scholarships

Lingfield has a thriving and successful Art Department. Art Scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate unique flair, competence and technique.

All students wishing to apply for a Scholarship will need to provide a portfolio of work for review by the Head of Art. There is no prescription regarding the contents, but a good submission is likely to include work based upon direct observation. Experience of a range of media is also expected. Copies can be included but they should not predominate. Sketch books or sheets of experimental work are of interest, as is more ‘finished’ artwork. Photographs of 3-D pieces may be included.

The portfolio should contain six pieces of work in a clear folder no larger than A1 (one piece may be a sketch-book). Any oversized works or pieces of sculpture should be photographed and included in the folder as one piece. The folder must be clearly marked with the student’s name and contact details on both sides. All portfolios should be delivered to The Admissions Office, Le Clerc House anytime from Monday 28 October 2019 and by the deadline, noon Friday 8 November 2019.

All external applications should be accompanied by a reference. This may be written by an Art teacher or Art Club leader, a form teacher or any other adult unrelated to the child, who is qualified to comment on the child’s abilities. The reference is to give an indication of the child’s strengths, interests and particular enthusiasms, as well as their recent progress. Please secure your reference safely within the portfolio and do not send separately.

A proportion of students will progress to the next stage, comprising an Assessment Morning and Interview. All candidates will be notified whether they have been granted a place for practical Assessment by Tuesday 3 December 2019. Successful candidates will attend an Assessment Morning and Interview on Wednesday 15 January 2020.

Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who demonstrate a high level of technical proficiency and show evidence of creative potential, originality and imagination. Scholars are expected to pursue the subject to at least GCSE level.
Drama Scholarships

The Drama Department provides opportunities for a wide range of practical exploration and for performance. We aim to enable each student to gain confidence and skills through the medium of Drama and Theatre and to promote a creative appreciation of text, character and the world we live in through performance.

Drama scholarships are available for students who display an outstanding interest and talent for performance. They will be expected to exhibit a keen interest in the subject either at School or outside. They will be expected to participate fully in the life of the department, be involved in school productions and to support others by attending the various performances that take place in School. They will promote Drama and Theatre and be ambassadors for both the department and the School. In turn, they will then be encouraged and supported in their own development and skill in order to maximize their potential.

Scholarships are awarded by audition and interview. Successful students will demonstrate outstanding Drama skills in performance and the potential and interest to develop their skills further. They will show a sensitive understanding of character, an appreciation of text, strong vocal and physical application and the ability to respond creatively to direction. Knowledge of the theatre would be an advantage. Candidates should demonstrate a history of participation in the subject on their application form. They will then be sent an audition pack after Friday 22 November 2019 which will contain a selection of audition speeches from which they will choose one. It is strongly recommended that candidates read the entire play(s) so that they can discuss the context and characterisation knowledgeably. They will perform their speech(es) to the teachers in the Drama Department on Tuesday 7 January 2020.

Scholars’ contributions and scholarships will be reviewed annually alongside their academic progress.
Music Scholarships

Music holds a very special place in the academic and co-curricular life of the School. A substantial number of students subscribe to instrumental lessons and participate in the numerous ensembles available to them. The School maintains two orchestras, three choirs, Jazz Band, Ukulele group, recording studio club, Electric Guitar club and various chamber ensembles, including String, Flute, Percussion, Woodwind and Brass Ensembles, which are run by a team of specialist instrumental tutors. The School also has a strong popular music tradition with highly successful bands which perform both inside and outside of School. As well as the main School Concerts and productions, regular informal recitals are given.

The Department runs an enrichment programme including numerous trips throughout the year to concert halls such as the Royal Festival Hall, Albert Hall and West End theatres. Successful Scholars will be expected to take part in this programme. Pupils are also encouraged to participate in musical activities taking place in the locality and at other venues.

Music Scholars are required, amongst other things: to set an example by their standards of musicianship and their commitment to School Music; to show enthusiasm and drive by setting and maintaining high standards of performance, through regular practice and by achieving high marks in Associated Board/Trinity & Guildhall/London College of Music examinations; to support all School Ensembles (Orchestra, Choirs, Bands, etc.) as required by the Director of Music; to perform regularly in concerts taking place in the School; to assist the smooth-running of the Music Department by taking on a specific responsibility such as Orchestra Leader, assisting choral rehearsals or leading a training ensemble.

Standards Required / Audition Requirements.

Option 1: Scholars should be able to play on one main instrument (including voice) to a standard which may be the equivalent of ABRSM Grade 4 for 11+, Grade 5 for 13+ and Grade 6/7 for 16+. Applicants are expected to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument. They should also be able to talk about their musical interests and what they can offer the Music Department.

Option 2: Scholars should be able to play on two instruments (one of which can be voice) to a standard which may be the equivalent of ABRSM Grade 2 for one and Grade 3 on the other for 11+, Grade 3 on one and Grade 4 on the other for 13+ and Grade 5/6 on one and Grade 6/7 on the other for 16+. Applicants are expected to perform one piece on each of their instruments. They should also be able to talk about their musical interests and what they can offer the Music Department.

The Music Department looks for musical potential, ability plus corresponding examination certificates. An enthusiasm for Music, love of performing and willingness to participate in School Musical Life are essential.

All candidates will be notified whether they have been granted a place for an audition by Thursday 5 December 2019. Successful candidates will invited for their audition on Monday 13 January 2020 (11+) and Thursday 16 January 2020 (13+).
Sport Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who can make a significant contribution to the sporting success of the School. Scholars will be expected to participate fully in their chosen sport but also to represent the School in other major sports. On receipt of a Scholarship, students will be monitored throughout the year in their respective sports. Scholars will sign a contract to fulfil the above requirements and their performance will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Please note that it is expected that candidates applying for a Sport Scholarship should play in their school first team in their key team sport or to county level in any individual sport. Candidates should also demonstrate an active interest in at least two other sports and be able to display high levels of athleticism.

Candidates wishing to apply should submit a single A4 page ‘Sporting CV’ which documents their significant sporting history and achievements. External applicants only, should also include 2 references (one of which may be from their current Head of Sport). This supporting documentation should be sent to the Registrar by Friday 8 November 2019.

All candidates will be notified by Thursday 5 December 2019 whether they have been shortlisted, or not. Successful candidates will be invited for a Sports Assessment Day on Tuesday 14 January 2020 (11+) and Friday 17 January 2020 (13+). The Assessment Day will include an interview with the Director of Sport and the opportunity to demonstrate skills in a practical assessment day. Girls will be assessed in Netball, Hockey and fitness testing. Boys will be assessed in Football, Hockey and Cricket and various aspects of physical and skill related fitness.

The School is happy to provide any equipment required by the applicants.
The Application Process

- All Scholarship applicants MUST be registered with the School and external candidates for the Entrance Examinations in January 2020. Candidates should indicate clearly on the Entrance Examination Application Form the Scholarship/s for which they are applying. The final deadline for registration and applications is **Noon Friday 8 November 2019**.

- Application for a Scholarship/s assumes that candidates and their parent/s have read and understood the criteria and selection process, detailed in this ‘Scholarships 2020/21’ booklet and agree to adhere to the dates and provide all relevant and necessary information/documentation, as detailed, before outlined deadlines. Any incomplete applications or any with missing information will not be processed after the deadline has passed.

- External students will be expected to attain a respectable score in the School’s Entrance Examinations before consideration is made to award a Scholarship, in any field.

- Candidates should complete a Scholarship Application Form, for each Scholarship and return to the Admissions Office by **Noon Friday 8 November 2019**, following the instructions clearly.

- Bad weather. In the case of extreme weather conditions that make it unsafe for either candidates and/or staff to travel to School, ‘Reserve Days’ have been assigned. These will be detailed on the home page of the website www.lingfieldcollege.co.uk and should be noted in advance.

- Under no circumstance will any assessment or audition date or time be changed to accommodate individual student/parents’ requests.

- Successful Scholars will be notified by post, from the Headmaster, along with the results of the Entrance Examinations on **Wednesday 12 February 2020**. The parent/s or carer/s whose signature appears on the School contract on acceptance of a place in Senior School or Sixth Form, will be required to sign the ‘Award and Scholarships Terms and Conditions’ on accepting the Scholarship.

- It is possible for candidates to apply and be successful in being awarded more than one Scholarship, in which case, the value of the Awards is cumulative. The combined Scholarships may not exceed 20% remission of fees.

- Parents/Carers of Scholars may also apply for a means-tested Bursary, if their financial circumstances warrant this and they meet the criteria. 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 Admissions Office no later than **Monday 24 February 2020**, with all supporting documents.

- Expectations of Scholars. Successful Scholars will be given a series of agreed targets for the year. The progress of the Scholar will be reviewed throughout the year with warnings given if those targets are not being met. The Headmaster reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship at his discretion if he considers that the agreed targets are not being met and the student’s commitment to the School is falling short of what is expected.

- Lingfield College is not able to provide individual feedback on any Scholarship application, assessment or audition. Scholarships will be awarded based solely on merit and performance ‘on the day’ and no discussion will be entered in to. The Headmaster’s decision is final.

- Please retain this document safely for future reference.