Year 9 Scholarship Information 2027/2028

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Introduction

When addressing students at a High School in Boston in 1990, Nelson Mandela said:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

It is with this in mind that we offer chances for top achievers to develop in their chosen field. Through our scholarship programme at Claremont we look to support and nurture those students who are eager to really embrace the opportunities so that they can have a significant impact as they head out into the world.

We welcome applications for scholarships into Year 9 in a number of different areas:

Academic,

Sport,

Creative and Performing Arts

Our scholarships are designed to award outstanding potential and achievement. Scholars should be constantly striving for excellence in their chosen field of specialism and actively seeking out ways to contribute to our school community.

As part of the application process, every candidate will be interviewed by the Deputy Principal. Candidates should be prepared to not only discuss their strengths and weaknesses, their areas of passion and interest, their aspirations, but also demonstrate an awareness of global issues.

The award of a scholarship carries with it certain responsibilities and expectations. We would expect Claremont Scholars to play a full part in the life of the school, in particular in our varied co-curricular programme. They should be hungry for success and be keen to play a leading role in the Claremont Community. The recipients of each award will have extra responsibilities that they will need to fulfil in order to maintain the scholarship. Scholarships are reviewed on an annual basis and, as long as the student contributes enthusiastically to the life of the school, will continue for the duration of the student's stay at the school. The size and number of scholarships is at the discretion of the Deputy Principal of Claremont Senior School.



Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded to those with outstanding academic potential and a record of academic success.

In addition to the Deputy Principal's interview, the academic scholarship assessment will consist of:

- Baseline assessments
- A presentation on a subject of academic interest to the candidate. The presentation can be on any topic and should be approximately 5 minutes long. Slides or PowerPoint presentations should not be used and the candidates should instead focus on showcasing their ability to communicate
- A group task in which the candidates will be expected to work as a team on a problem solving activity

Assessments are designed to test skills which are vital components to the development of 'the self', which is a key initiative behind the programmes offered in Year 9 at Claremont. Any additional materials that you feel support your scholarship application should be submitted with your application package.

Sports Scholarships

Sport scholarships will be awarded to candidates who will make an outstanding contribution to school sport, or who are very successful and highly regarded in a specialist sport other than those played at the school. All sports scholars will be expected to take a leading and active role in competitive sport played at Claremont.

In addition to the Deputy Principal's interview, the sports scholarship assessment will include group activities designed to assess general sporting aptitude.

On application, please provide supporting evidence from teachers and coaches with reference to participation in teams, competitive successes, standards attained and general attitude and aptitude. This is particularly important where the main sport is unlikely to be assessed on the scholarship day.

Football Scholarships

Claremont offers Football specific scholarships for both girls and boys. Successful scholars are expected to play a leading role in our successful Football Academy. Candidates will have an interview and trial with the Director of the Football Academy.

On application please provide supporting evidence from coaches or teachers that might be considered relevant.







Creative and Performing Arts

This is a fantastic time to be joining the Arts Team at Claremont Senior School. We have opened a brand new, bespoke Art Studio, Dance Studio and state-of-the-art Music Space, including a suite of practice rooms, to work alongside our 220-seat auditorium.

In 2022 we became Independent School of the Year for Performing Arts, and in 2023 we received the ISA Award for Excellence and Innovation in Performing Arts, reflecting the depth and breadth of our provision.

The Arts are a highly valued part of our school programme and our continued investment in creating professional facilities for our young creatives is entirely apparent.

Arts Scholarships are made to those who are likely to make an outstanding contribution to Arts at Claremont Senior School. Successful candidates will be expected to study at GCSE and fulfil commitments to extra-curricular activities and productions.

Art

Art scholars will be expected to show that they have initiative and can make an active contribution to the artistic life of the school.

In addition to the Deputy Principal's interview, all candidates will be required to undertake a practical still-life drawing task showcasing mature technical drawing skills.

Candidates will also be required to submit:

- A sketchbook (or books) of research and preparatory artwork
- A portfolio of art which may include drawings, paintings, printmaking, textiles, photography and 3D works.

Artwork should show evidence of:

- Observational drawing
- The ability to control and appreciate materials
- Good design sense
- Originality and imagination
- Gallery visits and simple evaluation analysis of artists' work
- Self-initiated projects and/or any artwork complete outside school.









Drama

Drama scholarships will be awarded to those who can demonstrate a strong appreciation of theatre. They should demonstrate competence in a range of practical, creative and performance skills and be able to discuss the importance of good drama. Candidates are expected to work imaginatively and creatively in collaborative contexts, generating, developing and communicating ideas.

In addition to the Deputy Principal's interview, the drama scholarship assessment will consist of:

- Presentation of two contrasting monologues from published plays. The combined time for both pieces should not exceed four minutes. Candidates are advised to demonstrate a range of mature and developed acting/ performance skills and will need to have read both plays fully.
- Participation in a group workshop exploring devised theatre.

Candidates should also be willing to share a portfolio of their involvement in theatre and/or talk in detail about productions they have been part of.





Dance

Dance scholarships will be awarded to candidates who have sound technical ability and appreciation of the art form and who are passionate about dance.

In addition to the Deputy Principal's interview, during the dance scholarship assessment candidates will be expected to:

- Perform a prepared solo that the candidate has choreographed; in any style, set to music lasting 1 minute and 30 seconds. The solo must have a dance idea
- Present a short programme note, evidencing what the dance idea is about for the choreography, to be presented before the performance
- Participate in a short workshop learning a motif in the style of contemporary and perform this to the panel. No preparation will be required for this
- A short interview based on dance appreciation and a discussion of choreographers who have influenced the candidate.

Candidates will need to be in appropriate dance wear for the audition and should attach copies of any recent reports or certificates of examinations to their application form.

Music

Music scholarships will be awarded to those who can demonstrate a strong appreciation of music. Successful candidates will be expected to join in with extra-curricular music groups, including the school choir and school performances. As a guideline, candidates will be required to have attained Grade IV in one instrument (which may be voice) or Grade III in one instrument and Grade I in another.

In addition to the Deputy Principal's interview, the music scholarship assessment will consist of:

- Aural test
- Sight reading test
- Short interview based on general music knowledge
- Two prepared pieces on their chosen instrument/s

Candidates should attach copies of their most recent music examinations to their application forms. Theory exams that have been passed will be an advantage.









Bursaries & Financial Hardship

Scholarships are designed to reward outstanding potential and achievement. These awards normally come with a financial discount attached to them - Tier A (up to 25%), Tier B (up to 15%) and Tier C (up to 5%). Any of these awards can be supplemented through a means-tested process. If your child will require additional financial help you must complete a financial circumstances form in advance of the scholarship application.

Anyone wishing to seek bursarial help should contact the Admissions Team (admissions@claremontschool.co.uk) for further details.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is the recognition of academic, sporting, or artistic excellence, following assessment by Claremont Senior School. Scholars receive a reduction on school fees, opportunities to develop further in the areas that a scholarship is awarded, and, most importantly, tailored coaching and support throughout the school in the respective areas of the award offered. Scholarships typically range between 5% and 25% off tuition fees.

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

Both give financial assistance but are completely separate in their assessment. Scholarship awards are given to pupils who have demonstrated excellence and ability in their chosen scholarship area. A bursary can be given in recognition of financial need and can be applied for on behalf of any pupil who is registered with the School, regardless of ability. A bursary can also supplement a scholarship award amount. Bursaries are means-tested, so parents are asked to complete a financial circumstances form which is then assessed by the Principal. These are available on request from the Admissions Team at admissions@claremontschool.co.uk or on 01424 751555 The completed financial circumstances form must be received by the school in advance of the scholarship application.

How are scholarship candidates assessed?

The decisions on the distribution of scholarships are made by the Scholarship Committee, made up of the Principal of Claremont, the Deputy Principal of Claremont Senior School and the Director of Studies with advice taken from the leaders of the various areas where scholarships are offered. If there are not suitable candidates the school reserves the right not to award any given scholarship.

What are the fees for applying for a scholarship?

In order to enter for a scholarship a fee of £50 is required. Should you subsequently wish to accept the scholarship offered, payment of the enrolment and deposit fees will confirm your child's place for September 2027. Further information is available at:
admissions@claremontschool.co.uk or
www.claremontschool.co.uk

Where can I get more general information and advice about entry into Claremont Senior School?

For any further questions regarding life at Claremont or more information about subjects offered by the school please contact Admissions on 01424 751555 or by email admissions@claremontschool.co.uk to arrange a tour of the school.

Additional terms and conditions of Scholarship Awards to which parents must agree before accepting the award

- Scholarships are intended for the duration of a student's stay at the school, subject to the annual review process.
- Results of school work and examinations for students benefitting from awards are expected to be of a similar level to, or better than, those achieved in the successful scholarship assessment.
- Students awarded Arts Scholarships will be expected to study their specialism at GCSE and fulfil commitments to extra-curricular activities and school productions.
- Termly fees due, less any award made and accepted, must be paid on time as agreed with the school.
- If a student who benefits from a scholarship is withdrawn before taking GCSEs, all scholarship monies received will be refundable in full, prior to the student leaving Claremont Senior School.
- The level of award is a strictly confidential matter between the parent and Claremont School and should not be discussed with, or disclosed to, any other party at any time.
- High standards of behaviour are expected from all students at all times, including the utmost respect for other people and property.

The Deputy Principal reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship award if any of the conditions above are not fulfilled.

Year 9 Scholarship Application Form 2027/2028

- Candidates must be under 14 years of age on **1 September 2027.**

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Applicant Details

Candidate's full name: Date of birth:

Dietary requirement/
Allergies/Medical Alerts

Current school: Name of Headteacher:

School address:

Postcode:

Parent 1 name: Parent 2 name:

Address: Address:

Postcode: Postcode:

Contact numbers: Contact numbers:

Telephone: Telephone:

Mobile: Mobile:

Work: Work:

Email: Email:

Please tick which scholarship(s) you would like your child to be considered for. *You may choose more than one:*

☐ **Academic Scholarship**

Please outline below an indication of the subject area of the presentation:

☐ **Sports Scholarship**

Please indicate which scholarship you wish to be considered for:

☐ **Hockey** ☐ **Netball** ☐ **Rugby** ☐ **Cricket** ☐ **Football**

Please outline any additional sports in which you would like to be assessed (where possible):

☐ **Arts Scholarship**

Please indicate which scholarship you wish to be considered for:

☐ **Drama** ☐ **Music*** ☐ **Dance** ☐ **Art**

**Please outline the instrument(s) in which you wish to be assessed*

Please provide the following in support of your application:

- A completed Application for Admission Form
- Payment of a non-refundable registration fee of £50.00
- A written reference from the current Headteacher of the applicant
- Any other supporting evidence of achievement (Record of Achievement, Press clippings, exam certificates)

Please contact Admissions for any further information: admissions@claremontschool.co.uk

The information provided within this form will be processed by Claremont School in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. By providing the information requested, you are giving your consent for the data to be processed by Claremont School.

Signature of parent/carer: Date: