



Scholarships Policy

Leehurst Swan School



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1. Introduction

The School wishes to attract pupils who demonstrate excellence within a given area to enroll at the school. To this end a series of scholarship places are available. These places provide both a reduction in fees but, more importantly give, successful candidates access to a programme of excellence which will develop them as individuals. These are available to boys and girls who can show a talent in either the academic, artistic, musical or sporting arenas.

2. Principles

Scholarship awards are for a percentage reduction in fees and are decided upon by the Headteacher and in consultation with key members of the Senior Leadership Team. The Heads of English, and Mathematics also have input through marking and setting papers and the Heads of Art, Music, Drama and PE have input to the award of relevant scholarships.

3. The Awards

3.1 Prep Scholarships

There are two academic scholarships available for children entering Year 3. These are dependent upon performance in examination. The scholarship examination for entering Year 3 occurs in January of Year 2. The examination consists of tests in numeracy and literacy.

The value of the scholarship will be up to 30% of the fees and will be valid for as long as the child is in the prep school.

3.2 Senior Scholarships

A range of scholarships exists for Year 7 and 9 pupils entering the Senior School who excel within an area of the curriculum. They are awarded to pupils who demonstrate that they will both, contribute to the continued success and strong reputation of the school, and gain most from the opportunities our scholarship programme provides. There is no set value attributed to any one scholarship award, although each award has a published ceiling, and only one scholarship can be awarded. The Headteacher makes the final decision on the number and value of the scholarship offered. The recipients will remain on the Scholarship Programme until the end of Year 10 and keep the fee discount until the end of Year 11, subject to outstanding end of term reports which demonstrate continued high standards of work, performance and behaviour.

The Headteacher is under no obligation to award a Scholarship if they do not feel that the candidates are of the right caliber; they also retain the right to remove a scholarship if a scholar is not performing to the standard required.

4. Criteria for Awards

4.1 Academic Scholarship

The senior academic scholarship is awarded to a pupil who has the potential to gain at least seven grade 7-9 passes at GCSE. The scholarship, up to the value of 30% of school fees will stay with the pupil for the duration of their time at the school, subject to outstanding standards of behaviour and academic performance.

Academic Scholars are expected to take a set of subjects at GCSE that must include at least one of the four sciences, at least one humanities subject (history, geography or religious studies) and a language within their GCSE options.

Assessment for the Academic Scholarship is completed via the entrance examination. An Academic Scholarship is only awarded to the pupil who achieves the highest combined score, which is above the required standard, across the raft of papers set.

4.2 Art / Performing Arts / Sports Scholarship

A performing arts, art or sports scholarship is awarded to a pupil who shows flair within either PE, music, art or drama. Each scholarship, up to the value of 25% of school fees, will stay with the pupil for the duration of their time at the school, subject to outstanding standards of behaviour and academic performance.

If a scholarship is awarded and accepted within one of these areas, there is a requirement that the pupil will carry this subject through and study it at GCSE level. There is also a requirement that the pupil continues to achieve to a high standard or represent the school within their scholarship area. For example, a music scholar would forfeit their scholarship if they decided they no longer wanted to perform in school concerts or school events.

4.3 Pupils applying for a scholarship must be able to provide or be achieving to the following level:

- Art: for art pupils are expected to present a portfolio showing their artistic work in at least four different media.
- Music: to qualify for a music scholarship, pupils are expected to have reached a minimum standard of Grade 4 on their main instrument and at least Grade 2 on a second instrument (voice qualifies as an instrument).
- Drama: to qualify for a drama scholarship, pupils are expected to have reached a minimum standard of LAMDA Grade 3 or similar and demonstrate a natural flair in two audition pieces to the Head of Drama and Headteacher.
- Sport: to qualify for a sports scholarship a pupil would be expected to have attended County trials in his or her major sport or to be able to show evidence of a

high level of achievement in a County or National competition. Pupils would also be expected to show evidence of having regularly been involved in two different sports at a competitive level. They would also need to attend the Scholarship Performance Morning, so their ability can be assessed by the Head of PE and Headteacher.

- 4.4 Parents accepting scholarship awards must be prepared to sign that they will keep their son or daughter at the school until the end of Year 11 unless they move out of the area or there are other extenuating circumstances.

5. The Salisbury Cathedral School Scholarship

One scholarship per annum is available to be awarded to a Year 8 pupil of Salisbury Cathedral School to enable them to attend Leehurst Swan Senior School starting in Year 9. The scholarship, to the value of 20% of school fees, will stay with the pupil for the duration of their time at the school, subject to outstanding standards of behaviour and academic performance.

6. The Paisey Scholarship

The Paisey Scholarship was launched in honour of the former Chair of Governors and previous Headmistress of the School, Mrs Mary Paisey, MBE, and is for two existing Leehurst Swan Prep pupils for entry into Year 7.

The Paisey Scholarship is to the value of up to a 30% reduction in fees and exists to provide one Leehurst Swan prep school pupil, who might not otherwise be able to continue their education at Leehurst Swan due to financial reasons, to continue to benefit from the outstanding education the school provides.

6.1 Principles

The Paisey Scholarship is awarded to two talented all-rounders, who are reliable, hardworking and keen to take advantage of the excellent range of opportunities the school provides.

Parents are advised to apply in writing for the Paisey Scholarship stating the reasons why they feel their child should be considered. Once the applications have been received, each pupil will be interviewed by the Headteacher after they have sat the entrance examinations.

The decision regarding the scholarship will be made by the Headteacher, in consultation with the Head of Prep, and will consider the applicants entrance examination scores, the pupils' past academic and conduct record and their contributions to the school during their time in the prep school.

All applications should be received by the Registrar as soon as possible but not later than one week before the entrance examination.