



## 13+ Scholarships

Academic Scholarships, Music Scholarships and Sport Scholarships are awarded in recognition of exceptional attainment or potential.



# Guidance for entry at 13+

Forest School offers a small number of Academic, Music and Sports scholarships annually to both current pupils and new entrants into Year 9 who meet the scholarship criteria.

Academic, Music and Sport Scholarships are not means-tested and are awarded in percentage increments up to 20% of full fees and are subject to annual review. The maximum non-means-tested fee remission awarded in respect of any one pupil, whether in one area of excellence or in a combination of one or more areas of excellence is 20% of full fees.

Bursaries are means-tested and are awarded in addition to Scholarships, up to and including the total remission of fees; in other words, a free place.

Candidates are only considered for a Bursary if they meet the criteria for either an Academic, Music or Sport Scholarship (or combination of these) meaning Bursaries are awarded in conjunction with a Scholarship (which as above are awarded in increments up to a maximum of 20%).

Parents are asked to refer to the income bands on the School website to determine eligibility for bursarial assistance.

## Siblings

The competitive entry procedure to the School means that each child is assessed on his or her individual merits, relative to all other candidates applying in that particular year. Whilst we appreciate the desire to keep families together, parents should be aware that there is therefore no guarantee or expectation that a sibling will be offered a place.

## Academic Scholarships

Applicants will sit entrance examination tests in English and Mathematics. Following the tests, high-achieving applicants will then be invited for a scholarship interview.

In addition, depending on places available, a small number of candidates may be invited for a fee paying interview.

Please be advised that all interviews will be held remotely as, following Covid, we found this to be a more productive use of families' time.

As an approximate guide, it will be expected that internal candidates will have an average attainment over Year 7/8 of 7.6 and above.



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## Key dates for 13+ entry September 2022

### Open Day

Saturday 18 September 2021

### Closing Date for Registration

(Midday) Monday 17 January 2022

### Closing Date for Non-Academic Scholarship Application Forms

(Midday) Friday 28 January 2022

### 13+ Entrance Exam

Tuesday 1 February 2022

### 13+ Non-Academic Scholarship Assessments

#### Sport

w/c 7 February 2022

#### Music

Thursday 10 February 2022

### 13+ Academic Scholarship Interviews

Wednesday 9 February 2022

### 13+ Fee Paying Interviews

Thursday 10 February 2022

### Offers Posted

Monday 28 February 2022

### Deadline for Acceptance of Offer (Midday) Friday 11 March 2022

Please be advised that there are upcoming changes to the 13+ process. For entry in Year 9 in September 2023: we will offer fee-paying places to external candidates, but we will no longer be offering scholarship awards at this entry point.

For entry into Year 9 from September 2024 onwards: 13+ will no longer be an official entry point. Occasional places may become available, and families should notify the Admissions Office if they are interested in joining Forest in Year 9.



## Non-Academic Scholarships in Music or Sport

All external candidates applying for a non-academic scholarship must sit the entrance examination and meet the academic standard for entry into the School. All successful external candidates will be invited for a general interview.

### Sport Scholarships

Successful candidates must be able to demonstrate significant potential to perform at a high level and ideally each candidate must offer one or two of the major School sports (football, hockey, netball, cricket, swimming, and athletics).

As a guide, candidates will usually be performing at regional, county or district level, or equivalent (though this in itself is no guarantee of a sports scholarship). We also appreciate that some candidates may not have had this opportunity at this age, so decisions will also be based on performance on the day.

### Applications

Application for a Sport Scholarship can be made by ticking the relevant box on the application form. Candidates will then be sent a link to the online sport application form, which will ask for detailed sporting achievements.

### Assessment

- Candidates will choose to be assessed in one of the School's major sports
- The submission of an application form detailing appropriate evidence of sporting ability and involvement
- Each candidate will be interviewed by the Director of Sport or Head of Boys'/Head of Girls' Games

Assessment will take place during the week commencing Monday 7 February 2022.

All recipients of a Sport Scholarship are expected to contribute fully to the sporting life of the School in all three terms of the academic year, which will be monitored in an annual scholarship review meeting.

**For further information please email the  
Director of Sport,**

**Mr Ben Adams**  
[bda@forest.org.uk](mailto:bda@forest.org.uk)



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### Music Scholarships

We welcome applications from musicians who are accomplished performers on an orchestral instrument or voice to at least Grade 6 standard (ABRSM or Trinity).

It is often the case that successful candidates are already beyond Grade 6 and are able to demonstrate an intrinsic motivation for musical performance and musical curiosity.

They will have a proven record of focused practice, a burgeoning technical ability and a developing engagement with the visceral and communicative aspects of performance.

The School places great emphasis on the candidate's ability to be an active member of the department. Candidates could also be a member of an organised local, regional or national music organisation, e.g. Music Service, NCO, NYSA etc.

Potential candidates are encouraged to contact the Music Department to investigate the possibility of having a short consultation with the Director of Music or a visiting music specialist.

### Assessment

- Submission of an application form
- Audition consisting of performances on one or more instruments/voice, sight-reading and aural tests
- A short viva-voce

**For further information, please email the  
Music Administrator**

**Mr James Bennett**  
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A School reference will be requested as part of the entry process.