



QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S
COLLEGIATE
SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Amy Martin

“Queen Ethelburga’s Collegiate has a long and proud tradition of offering scholarships to students of all backgrounds.

We see our scholars as truly embodying the Hill Standard ‘to be the best that I can with the gifts that I have’. They strive for excellence and are committed to setting the highest standards of performance and behaviour, as a key part of the QE community.

Our promise is to provide the right living and learning environment for all our students to thrive. Our students are our greatest ambassadors and our scholars regularly shine brightest amongst these.”

OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Scholars across all disciplines thrive at QE, with access to first class facilities and benefitting from excellent teaching and pastoral support.

We take great pride in our campus and offer a well-rounded approach to Collegiate life, with lots of opportunity for sport, relaxation, exploration and adventure.

Scholars are expected to excel in their chosen discipline, to demonstrate commitment, drive and leadership, and to act as a champion for their specialism, whether it be music, drama, sport or academic.

A QE scholar acts as a role model to their peers, upholding the highest personal standards. They fully embrace and enjoy the wider enrichment opportunities available and make a significant contribution to Collegiate life, such as acting as a Peer Mentor, a Prefect, or School Ambassador, or becoming involved with the School Council or Charity Committee.

Scholars are expected to represent the Collegiate at open days and whole school events, either through liaison with parents and/or visitors, or as participants in the wider programme. Conduct outside the Collegiate must also be of the highest possible standard.

ACADEMIC

The Collegiate provides academic scholarships for day and boarding students, worth up to 100% of fees. Scholarships are awarded to those students who show exceptional academic ability and potential. They are available to UK students entering Year 12.

Eligibility

Those who are ambitious to stretch themselves intellectually and who enjoy looking beyond an already demanding curriculum will be suitable candidates for an academic scholarship.

Awards are based on ability testing, entrance examinations and performance at interview on the scholarship day. Previous school reports should demonstrate an excellent approach to learning, high achievement and a strong academic curiosity.

Applicants for Year 12 academic scholarships should be expecting to achieve seven or more grade 8/9s in their GCSE examinations.

Assessment

Students applying for an academic scholarship must:

- Take the standard school entrance examination (Cognitive Abilities Test - CAT4).
- Provide a reference report from the Head of their current school.

As part of an Academic Scholarship day held on campus, students will:

- Prepare a presentation on a topic of their choice to be delivered to a member of the Strategic Leadership Team.
- Sit scholarship papers in two of the four subjects they would be interested in studying at A level.
- Have the opportunity to attend some lessons and speak to existing students about life at QE.
- Be able to stay overnight to experience boarding life at QE.

SPORT

The Collegiate provides sport scholarships for day and boarding students, worth up to 100% of fees. Scholarships are awarded to those students who show exceptional sporting ability and potential. They are available to UK students entering Years 7, 10 and 12.

Scholarships are available for Basketball, Football, Cricket, Hockey, Netball and Rugby.

QE staff will provide strong guidance, teaching, and mentoring for scholars, to ensure they are able to achieve success, both academically and in their chosen sport.

Eligibility

Those who have great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to developing their skills to the highest levels will be suitable candidates for a sport scholarship. Awards are based on sporting ability and potential, and require students to demonstrate a pro-active approach to both sport and wider learning.

Students should already have represented their county, region or national team in their chosen sport and all school and/or club reports or references should demonstrate a positive approach to both sport and wider learning.

Students will be outstanding ambassadors for QE sport and engage fully in Collegiate life. We recognise that students performing at a high level will need to take part in training sessions, fixtures and competitions which are most appropriate to their level; to this end, whilst students will be expected to represent the Collegiate in their chosen sport wherever possible, this will never be prioritised over external training or competitive options which are of greater benefit to the student.

Assessment

Students applying for a sport scholarship must:

- Take the standard school entrance examination (Cognitive Abilities Test - CAT4).
- Provide a reference report from the Head of their current school.

As part of a Sport Scholarships day held on campus, students will:

- Take part in an assessment session, a practical assessment and a physical test to assess current fitness levels, with the Head of Sport and/or sports coaches.
- Take part in an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

DRAMA

The Collegiate provides drama scholarships for day students, worth up to 20% of fees, in addition to a complimentary weekly lesson lead by a LAMDA trained specialist.

Those who have strong talent, a proven track record and a deep commitment to performance will be suitable candidates for a drama scholarship. They are available to UK students entering Years 7, 10 and 12.

Eligibility

Awards are based on audition and interview performances. Students should already have significant experience as a solo performer, and school and other references should demonstrate a positive approach to performing arts and wider learning.

Assessment

Students applying for a drama scholarship must:

- Take the standard school entrance examination (Cognitive Abilities Test - CAT4).
- Provide a reference report from the Head of their current school.

As part of a Drama Scholarship day held on campus, students will:

- Take part in a practical drama workshop, alongside other students and a senior member of Performing Arts staff. There will be improvisational tasks to complete, to test ability to work within the group, as well as creative and imaginative thinking.
- Be required to perform two monologues – the first should be from a published play, and the second should be a piece which the student has written, based on a book or story.
- Bring a review they have written of a live theatre production.
- Take part in an interview, in which they will discuss their monologue performances and experience of drama and the theatre, with the Theatre Director.
- Take part in an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

MUSIC

The Collegiate provides music scholarships for day students, worth up to 20% of fees, in addition to a complimentary weekly music lesson.

Those who have strong talent, a proven track record and a deep commitment to performance will be suitable candidates for a music scholarship. They are available to UK students entering Years 7, 10 and 12.

Eligibility

Years 7 and 10 – Students must offer at least two instruments, or one instrument and voice, and be playing or singing at Grade 4-5 standard or equivalent.

Year 12 - Students must offer two instruments and voice and be playing or singing at Grade 7-8 standard, or equivalent, on their main instrument or voice.

Students must perform in their current school band, orchestra and/ or ensemble, or similar ensembles.

Assessment

Students applying for a music scholarship must:

- Take the standard school entrance examination (Cognitive Abilities Test - CAT4).
- Provide a reference report from the Head of their current school.

As part of a Music Scholarship day held on campus, students will:

- Play two contrasting pieces on their main instrument or voice, and one piece on the second.
- Take part in a sight-reading test and aural test.
- Have the chance to discuss their particular musical passion with a senior member of the music staff.
- Take part in an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

FORCES DISCOUNT

Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate has a long-standing relationship with the British Forces, welcoming students from Forces military families for over 100 years.

We are CEA accredited and in recognition of our commitment to the British Forces, we offer a significant reduction in fees. This means our Forces parental contribution is only £1,185 per term for 2022/23. If you are not eligible for CEA we still offer a 15% discount.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

We recognise that parents want to offer the same opportunities to all their children. To make this easier, a reduction of fees is offered to those families with multiple children at QE. We offer a 5% discount for a second child; a 20% discount for a third child; and a 35% discount for a fourth and all subsequent children for the duration while multiple children attend. Please note: this discount only applies to UK students and is capped at 5% for siblings in Kindergarten.

OLD ETHELBURGIAN DISCOUNT

All Old Ethelburgian's have played a part in the Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate history and are connected by their experiences, as a vital part of the QE community. We offer a 5% discount to all our OE families.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

If you are interested in any of our scholarships, please contact the Admissions Team who will be pleased to guide you through our requirements and the process for application.

Students who demonstrate the required ability and ethos will be invited to attend one of our scholarship days.

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