



St George's College

WEYBRIDGE

FAQ regarding Scholarships at St George's College 2019-20

Can students hold more than one scholarship?

Yes, students can hold up to two scholarships. This was historically limited to Academic and one other (Sport, Music, Drama or Art) but recently it was agreed to allow internal 13+ candidates to apply for *any* two and we would judge each on the merit of each individual applicant. At 11+ there is no change – a child can hold two, as previously. A student can also hold two awards at 13+ and 16+. Whilst fee remission is normally capped at 10%, pupils nevertheless benefit from the opportunities and provision that comes with both awards.

Does a student have to do the relevant A Level to the scholarship they hold?

Only in the case of Art, as there are plenty of extracurricular events in which scholars are required to participate for Drama, Music and Sport, but this is not the case with Art. The Sixth Form curriculum has to remain flexible and respond to the needs of all students. Some courses require a number of students for them to run. If this was the case for a scholarship subject then the College would seek to maximise opportunities for students to share their gifts and talents with others in different ways.

When are internal Scholarships awarded?

These are normally at 11+, 13+ and 16+ but last year we did award some academic ones at other points; for example if an individual had got to the Fourth Year without an award, when it was obvious from their examination performances to date that they should hold one. Similarly, we want to keep open the option of awarding academic awards whenever it is felt appropriate, though this would be as the exception, rather than as the rule. Internal 13+ Academic scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in First and Second Year examinations – so all students are automatically considered, and there is no separate application required.

Are any scholarships honorary, without fee remission?

Yes - these non-monetary scholarships are awarded for academic scholarships awarded to Third Years going into the Fourth Year, Fourth Year academic scholarships going into the Fifth Year and post GCSE Academic scholarships, as we have so many attaining these! They are identical in every other way to full scholarships.

If a scholarship is not taken up, does it get redistributed to the next highest scoring candidate?

No – this has been considered but we decided on balance that this would devalue the award.

How many scholarships are awarded each year?

There is no fixed number of scholarships awarded in any discipline each year.

What is an Exhibition?

We have awarded a small number of Exhibitions, worth 5% of fees, (new scholarships all attract 10% fee remission, in order to keep the biggest pot possible for means tested help) for those who are very good but not quite full scholar standard at the time of assessment. It should be stressed that an Exhibition is nevertheless an award in recognition of both achievement and potential. Award holders can participate fully in the scholars' programme and they are able to apply for, and to be awarded, a full scholarship during their College career in the same way as other pupils.

The van Crombrughe Award

From 2018 onwards, in addition to the VC award to a Junior School pupil, we will award a VC to the highest placed child from a prep school and a VC for highest placed child from a primary school.

What is the difference between a Scholarship and an Assisted Place?

A scholarship is non means tested i.e. the 10% remission is applied irrespective of parental income. An Assisted Place is a means tested award to help those who cannot afford the fees (some schools call these bursaries, but this term at St George's is only used for short-term remission granted to existing parents suffering financial hardship). A scholarship can be 'topped up' by an Assisted Place award, up to 100% of fees. An Assisted Place can also be awarded to a child not in receipt of a scholarship.

What are the expectations of a Scholar?

These can be found in 'Expectations of a Scholar' on Firefly. Scholarships are reviewed regularly, and can be removed if the expectations of a scholar are not met.