



YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIPS ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

New Hall School offers scholarships at Year 9 entry, primarily for external applicants. An internal candidate may only apply if they did not join the School at the start of Year 7 and/or did not sit the entrance assessment in the Michaelmas Term prior to Year 7, unless otherwise indicated. Each scholarship is assessed separately for boys and girls and offered in both the Girls' Division & Boys' Division.

Scholarships are assessed in January of the year of entry and are open to candidates choosing entry either by the New Hall entrance examinations or by Common Entrance. All Scholarships will be reviewed by the end of Year 10 and may be confirmed as continuing into Sixth Form for the current scholarship holders.

Assessment is based on performance in the New Hall assessments. The current headteacher's report/reference and the student interview also play an important part of the assessment process.

Following the scholarship assessments, students will be ranked accordingly and scholarships will be offered to the best performing students overall. Where candidates of a similar ability are being considered for scholarships, preference may be given to full/weekly boarders and Catholics.

The School celebrates the honour of all scholarship achievements and students who win Scholarships gain an important benefit in terms of the public recognition, media coverage, school references, university admissions and job applications.

There is a special provision for those identified as Most Able & Talented (MAT); scholars who are placed on the MAT Register are afforded additional target setting, monitoring and reporting. Most scholarships will have a monetary value attached to them, which is either a percentage remission of fees or an annual amount. The total value of the scholarships awarded in one academic year will depend on the available funds. In the event that parents do not require the fee remission attached to a scholarship in order to afford the school fees, they are invited to donate part or all of the fee remission to a designated bursaries fund.

Subject to the availability of funds, an additional means-tested remission up to 100% of fees may be awarded to a recipient of a scholarship, if the fees would otherwise be unaffordable.

Year 9 Scholarship Categories

The following scholarship categories may be awarded at Year 9:

- **Year 9 Academic Scholarship** (*external candidates*)
This scholarship is awarded to the student who excels academically in the entrance assessments.

- **Year 9 All-Rounder Scholarship** (*external candidates*)

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is likely to contribute exceptionally well to the overall life of the School. The recipient is likely to be in the top quartile academically, with major co-curricular strengths. Students will be selected from the scholarship assessments and the current Headteacher's reference will be given careful consideration. Students applying for an all-rounder scholarship must also sit the academic scholarship and at least one of the following scholarships/award: music or sport.
- **Year 9 Open Diocesan Scholarship** (*external candidates*)

This academic/ all-rounder scholarship is awarded to a practising Catholic student. The scholarship may be awarded for any of the four main scholarship categories for Year 9 entry i.e. academic, all rounder, music or sport. Candidates will need to provide a copy of their baptismal and first Holy Communion certificates. The priest reference form must also be completed. The successful application will be expected to make a significant contribution to the chaplaincy and liturgical life of the School.
- **Year 9 Modern Languages Award (Upper School)** (*external and internal candidates*)

All New Hall Middle School students will sit a Year 8 assessment in French and/or Spanish. External applicants at 13+ may opt to take one or both of these papers on the assessment day. The top performer in French and the top performer in Spanish will each receive a Modern Languages Award for Upper School (Years 9-11), with an annual financial contribution of £500pa for three years. Native and non-native speakers of these languages will be ranked separately. It is a requirement that the relevant language is chosen in Year 9 and that that student intends to take the subject at GCSE.
- **Year 9 Drama Award** (*external and internal candidates*)

The Drama Award (Upper School) is available for Years 9-11, with an annual financial contribution of £500pa for 3 years. The School looks for evidence of future potential as well as current achievements. Candidates will be assessed for the award by the Head of Drama in the Trinity Term of Year 8. The Drama Award holder will be expected to take GCSE Drama. The Drama Award holder will be expected to take role in School productions, performances and other public events, as required. Should a student not take GCSE Drama, then the award will cease from the following term.
- **Year 9 Music Scholarship** (*external candidates*)

This scholarship also includes tuition fees for one instrument (with the possibility of funding for 2 instruments, depending on ability and suitability of the second instrument). The School looks for evidence of future potential as well as current achievements. Candidates will be assessed for the Scholarship by the Director of Music at the time of the entrance examinations. The music scholar will be expected to take GCSE Music. The music scholar and award holders will be expected to take leading roles in School ensemble activities and liturgies and to perform at concerts and other public events, as required. Should a student stop playing the relevant instrument/not take GCSE Music, then the award will cease from the following term.

In addition, the following Music Award (Upper School) (*internal and external candidates*) are available for Years 9-11, with an annual financial contribution of £500pa for three years:

Brass Award
Chorister Award
Drum kit/Percussion Award
Guitar Award
Organ Award
Piano Award
Singing Award
Strings Award
Woodwind Award

- **Year 9 Sport Scholarship** (*external candidates*)

Proven sporting ability/interests will be the basis for selection and potential will also be assessed. Priority will be given to candidates who excel in at least 2 of the School's major sports (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, tennis, swimming and athletics). Candidates will be assessed for the scholarship by the Director/s of Sport at the time of the entrance examinations. In the event that a student excels in only one particular sporting field, a scholarship may still be awarded. Evidence of the student's achievements, including a testimonial from their coach as appropriate, will need to be provided before assessment takes place. Year 9 Sport Scholars will be expected to represent the School at sporting events as required by the Director/s of Sport. Should a student stop playing the relevant sport, then the award will cease from the following term.

In addition, the following Sport Award (Upper School) are available for Years 9-11, with an annual financial contribution of £500pa for three years:

Athletic Award
Cricket Award
Hockey Award
Netball Award
Rugby Award
Swimming Award
Tennis Award

- **Year 9 Tennis Scholarship** (*external candidates*)

This scholarship may be awarded to a student who has exceptional ability in tennis and is selected by the Head of Tennis for the New Hall Tennis Academy. Proven ability at a regional/national level is required. The Tennis scholar will be expected to represent the School at sporting events as required by the Director/s of Sport/Head of Tennis. Should a student stop playing tennis, then the award will cease from the following term.

- **Year 9 Special Talent Co-Curriculum Award (Upper School)** (*external and internal candidates*)

Awards may be presented to students who excel in an area of the co-curriculum (normally in an area not on the main New Hall curriculum) e.g. competing or performing at county, national or international level. Examples of relevant areas are:

- Special Talent (Dance)
- Special Talent (Fencing)
- Special Talent (Figure Skating)
- Special Talent (Golf)
- Special Talent (Riding)
- Special Talent (Sailing)
- Special Talent (Skiing)

Students will be asked to provide ongoing evidence of their special talent. The student in receipt of a Special Talent Award will be expected to represent the School in their area of expertise. Should a student stop playing the relevant sport, then the award will cease from the following term.