



Sport Scholarship Information

September 2023 admission to Year 7

Aims

The aim of the Year 7 Scholarship Programme is to encourage the promotion of sporting excellence at St Clare's School.

The value of the Sport Scholarship varies depending on the level at which the sport is played. The value is less than that of an Academic Scholarship **but** can be combined with an Academic Scholarship up to a maximum of 50% in total, if applicable.

Who can apply?

The Year 7 Scholarship Programme is intended for new pupils entering Senior School in September 2023. For the purposes of this Scholarship Programme only, pupils already attending St Clare's Prep School are considered **new** to the Senior School. Enquiries from external pupils in both the state maintained and independent school sectors are also welcomed.

Application Deadline?

The deadline to make an application for a Scholarship is shown below:

Application Deadline	Interview Day
Tuesday, 25 th October 2022	Thursday, 10 th November 2022

Notification of Decision

When awarding a Sport Scholarship, we will consider the candidate's sporting level, references from coaches (and references from Headteachers for external candidates). Parents/guardians will be notified in writing as to whether or not their child has been awarded a Scholarship and, if successful, then the value of such a scholarship.

Due to the popularity of Scholarships, acceptance is time limited to 7 days so unallocated Scholarships can be offered to other worthy pupils.

If, in any given year, it is deemed that the minimum standards of excellence for awarding a Scholarship have not been attained by an applicant, any or all of the Scholarships available in that year may remain dormant.



Year 7 Sport Scholarship – Eligibility Criteria

To **be eligible** to apply for a Year 7 Sport Scholarship, all candidates must be performing at the following level:

- If the sport is a mainstream sport played at St Clare's, candidates should be playing at a minimum of District level (if applicable).
- If the chosen sport is not currently a mainstream sport at the school, applicants must be performing at approximately national level to be considered. In the event that there is no district or regional squad for the appropriate age group, applicants should submit evidence of exceptional performance in their chosen sport.

How to apply for a Year 7 Sport Scholarship

Parents must provide evidence that their child meets the eligibility criteria but, if in doubt they should check with their child's club/team coach who will be able to advise.

Parents of pupils who are eligible can request a Sport Scholarship Application form from our Admissions Registrar, Mrs Holly Fowlkes, which is to be submitted along with a portfolio of evidence of their sporting achievements.

- ✓ Pupil to complete the Application Form which must include the following:
 - ✓ Which local team(s) the candidate plays for.
 - ✓ Which district or national squads the candidate plays with on a regular basis.
 - ✓ How long the candidate has been playing at district or national level.
 - ✓ Copies of certificates and references from sports coaches.
 - ✓ For external candidates, the name of the applicant's current Headteacher as a reference.
- References will be contacted prior to the assessment day.

Year 7 Scholarship Day

All candidates for Sport Scholarships will be interviewed by the Headteacher/Deputy Head. If appropriate, arrangements will be made to observe the candidate in action.

Whilst we are interested to receive applications from all talented young sportsmen and women, we look favourably on applicants with potential in our School's focus sports of rugby, football, cricket, netball and athletics/cross country.



What is expected of all Scholars?

The following expectations form part of the conditions of the award. All Scholars are expected to:

- ✓ Achieve outstanding results.
- ✓ Significantly contribute to the sporting life of the School. for example by attending practices and being available for team selection.
- ✓ Continue to meet the highest standard in the Scholarship field for his/her particular age.
- ✓ Keep the Headteacher informed of their achievements and progress outside of School.
- ✓ Maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- ✓ Be a role model to younger pupils and an ambassador for the School.
- ✓ Represent St Clare's and provide a service to the School as deemed appropriate by the Headteacher. Additional tasks and responsibilities are at the Headteacher's discretion.
- ✓ Commit to School events

Scholars will have an annual review to discuss and assess their contribution to the School.

Conditions of all Scholarships

- An Award is granted at the sole discretion of St Clare's School and the Headteacher.
- The pupil who is the subject of the Award is required to work hard, to contribute positively to the life of the School, to be a credit to the School and to set a good example to other pupils. The pupil must adhere to the School's required standards of conduct and progress. These are the **Purposes of the Award** and **Expectations of a Scholar**.
- The parents are required to support and encourage the pupil to achieve the **Purposes of the Award** and treat members of the School Community reasonably and to uphold the aims and the good name of the School. Parents are required to comply with the School's Terms and Conditions.
- The value and terms and conditions of the Scholarship Award shall remain confidential between the parents, the pupil and the School.
- The School may terminate the award by written notice sent to the parents with immediate effect if one of more of the following conditions has not been fulfilled:
 - The pupil has not complied with the obligations set out in the Purpose of the Award. There has been no significant improvement following consultation with the parents and, or pupil and has therefore been issued with a written warning.
 - The parents/guardians have not complied with the obligations set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Award and, or the Confidentiality Agreement.
 - The parents do not keep the Value, Terms and Conditions of the award confidential.
 - The parents withdraw the pupil from the School without providing a full term's written notice.



Senior Scholarships will typically stay in place for the duration of a pupil's attendance at St Clare's Senior School (end of Year 11). However, it is important to note that once awarded, Scholarships are conditional upon the recipient continuing to contribute fully to school life and maintaining high standards of performance. The School reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship during its currency if a pupil fails to maintain the standard of excellence which justified the initial award, or for any other significant reason, such as, for example, a major disciplinary offence being committed by the pupil.

If you have any further questions please contact the school's Admissions Registrar, Mrs Holly Fowlkes on her direct line (01656) 789966 or email her at holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk

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