



Introduction

- Claremont Preparatory School offer Academic, Co-Curricular and All Rounder Scholarships for pupils entering Year 7. All scholarships will be valid for 5 years, up to and including, Year 11.
- These scholarship assessments will take place in November and March of Year 6 annually at Claremont Preparatory School.
- This pack contains all the necessary information for candidates who would like to apply for these assessments.
- Once the completed Entry Form and reigstration fee of £110 has been received, we will contact applicants via email with details of how the assessments will be conducted.



Scholarships on offer

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships will be awarded to pupils who demonstrate an outstanding level of intellectual ability.

Pupils will be required to achieve well-above average scores in the Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR), Maths and English papers.

Academic with IT Scholarships

To be considered for this scholarship, you will need to show strong interest in coding and technology beyond what you may have learned in school. We expect real enthusiasts to apply and you will need to demonstrate the interest we are seeking. This could be done by: games you have made, possibly in Scratch - you should be able to talk about what you have created. You might even be able to show us any computing projects that you have made (perhaps with a Raspberry Pi, Arduino or a Microbit), again being able to explain what you have done, and how you did it. During the scholarship process you will also be assessed on a test/puzzle that demonstrates computational thinking.

Academic with Science Scholarships

Science Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate an excellent understanding in a range of Science topics. They will be expected to achieve well above average in the on-line Science assessment. This will include all aspects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Although students may show different levels of achievement in these different areas, we expect their overall performance to be strong in each.

Co-Curricular Scholarships

Co-Curricular Scholarships will be awarded to students who excel in one or more of the following co-curricular areas - Sport, Music, Drama, Art or Equestrian.

All candidates are encouraged to bring in any relevant evidence that will support their application, e.g. films, sound recordings, portfolios, certificates and references. Whilst skill is a critical component of these assessments, candidates will also need to demonstrate passion, ambition and significant motivation in their chosen area.

All-Rounder Scholarships

All-Rounder Scholarships may be awarded to students who excel both academically and within one or more co-curricular areas.

Headteacher Interview

Every candidate will be interviewed by Headteachers from both the Prep and Senior schools. This interview will last approximately 10 minutes.

Candidates should be prepared to discuss a topic of particular personal interest for approximately five minutes and demonstrate relevant knowledge and fluency. The time of this interview will vary according to each candidate's programme.

While notes are acceptable, applicants should not read aloud from a pre-prepared sheet or PowerPoint slides. If you have any further queries concerning Claremont Scholarships, or Claremont School, then please do not hesitate to contact the Registrar.

Co-Curricular Scholarships

Co-Curricular Scholarships are awarded in the following areas:

- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Sport
- Equestrian



Art Scholarships

All students will be required to do a practical extended still-life drawing and submit:

- A sketchbook (or books) of research and preparatory artwork.
- A portfolio of art which may include drawings, paintings, printmaking, textiles, photography and three dimensional works.

Artwork should show evidence of:

- Observational drawing.
- The ability to control and appreciate materials.
- Good design sense.
- Originality and imagination.

Successful candidates will show that they have initiative and can make an active contribution to the artistic life of the school.



Music Scholarships

The Music Scholarship assessment will last 30 minutes.

Potential music scholars should prepare to play two contrasting pieces on one instrument (or voice), or one piece on two different instruments. Candidates are strongly advised to play pieces which they know well and are well within their ability. If piano accompaniment is needed, please bring the music.

The assessment will consist of:

- Performance of two contrasting pieces.
- Aural test, appropriate to standard.
- Technical skills: scales and arpeggios appropriate to standard
- Sight reading or singing.
- Short interview based on general music knowledge and basic theory of music.

Candidates should be of **at least current Grade 3 standard** and should attach copies of their most recent music examinations to their application form and/or references from their current teacher or Director of Music attesting to their standard and their involvement in music in general. Successful candidates will be expected to take an active role in musical life at Claremont School, including taking part in choirs and ensembles, mentoring younger pupils and performing in school events. **Pupils must bring their instrument** (other than pianists).





Drama Scholarships

These awards will be made to individuals who are likely to make an outstanding contribution to drama at Claremont School. Drama Scholarships may be awarded to candidates who show excellence in performance.

Successful candidates who join Claremont School will be expected to fulfil commitments to extra-curricular drama activities and productions. All candidates will be expected to demonstrate a strong appreciation of theatre.

Performance Candidates should present two contrasting monologues from published plays. The combined time for both pieces should not exceed six minutes. All candidates are advised to demonstrate a range of developed acting/performance skills.

All candidates will be assessed in a group setting where creative, practical and interpersonal skills will be observed. This session will last 25 minutes.

All candidates should also bring with them a portfolio of their involvement in the Performing Arts.



Sports Scholarships

All candidates will be assessed on the scholarship day:

- Through a range of physical tests for speed-endurance, agility, strength, co-ordination and general sporting aptitude.
- Through games sessions when, where possible, sports such as football, netball, hockey, rugby and cricket will be assessed.
- Candidates who particularly wish their swimming to be assessed will attend a squad session at the end of the day which will mean a later finish.

On application, please provide supporting evidence from teachers and coaches with reference to participation in teams, competitive successes, standards attained and general attitude and aptitude. This is particularly important where the main sport is unlikely to be assessed on the scholarship day as outlined above. (e.g. gymnastics, tennis etc).

Equestrian Scholarships

Equestrian Scholarships will be awarded to those able to make an excellent contribution to the equestrian squad at Claremont School. Scholars must demonstrate they are able to ride competently and compete regularly.

Scholars will be expected to take an active role in equestrian events where possible and should provide details and/or results of any recent competitions they have participated in (i.e. dressage scores, official event photographs etc.), as well as any information on regular training sessions in which they are involved.

Candidates will be assessed on:

- Riding ability.
- Horse husbandry skills and stable awareness.
- Equine knowledge (parts of the horse, common ailments and competition procedures).

All candidates will be required to demonstrate their skills and knowledge (both mounted and un-mounted) and will be expected to present themselves in the correct riding attire. Candidates are expected to have access to their own mount.

The assessment will be at a mutually-agreed date and time close to, but not on the set assessment dates.

Additional terms and conditions

Additional terms and conditions of scholarship awards to which parents must agree before accepting the award:

All scholarships will be valid for 5 years, up to, and including, Year 11.

- Termly fees due, less any award made and accepted, must be paid on time as agreed with the school.
- The level of award is a strictly confidential matter between the parent and Claremont School and should not be discussed with, or disclosed to, any other party at any time.
- High standards of behaviour are expected from all pupils at all times, including the utmost respect for other people and property.

The Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship award if any of these conditions are not fulfilled.

Bursaries and Financial Hardship

Scholarships are designed to reward outstanding potential and achievement. These awards normally come with a financial discount attached to them - Major Awards (up to 30%) and Minor Awards (up to 20%). Claremont also offers Discretionary Bursaries (up to 15%) for those students who, while not scholars, we feel would benefit significantly from a Claremont education. Any of these awards can be supplemented through a mean tested process. If your child will require additional financial help you must complete a financial circumstances form in advance of the scholarship application.

Anyone wishing to seek bursarial help should contact Admissions via admissions@claremontschool.co.uk for further details.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is the recognition of academic, sporting, or artistic excellence, following assessment by Claremont School. Scholars receive a reduction on school fees, opportunities to develop further in the areas that a scholarship is awarded, and, most importantly, tailored coaching and support throughout the school in the respective areas of the award offered.

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

Both give financial assistance but are completely separate in their assessment. Scholarship awards are given to pupils who have demonstrated excellence and ability in their chosen scholarship area. A bursary can be given in recognition of financial need and can be applied for on behalf of any pupil who is registered with the School, regardless of ability. A bursary can also supplement a scholarship award amount. Bursaries are means-tested, so parents are asked to complete a financial circumstances form which is then assessed by the Principal. These are available on request from the admissions team via admissions@claremontschool.co.uk or on 01424 751555.

How are scholarship candidates assessed?

The decisions on the distribution of scholarships are made by the Scholarship Committee, made up of the Principal of Claremont, the Headmaster of Claremont Prep School and the Assistant Head Academic with advice taken from the leaders of the various areas where scholarships are offered. If there are not suitable candidates the school reserves the right not to award any given scholarship.

How do I apply?

In order to enter for a scholarship you will need to complete the form below and return it to admissions@claremontschool.co.uk

Where can I get more general information and advice about entry into the Year 7?

Please contact the admissions team on 01424 751555 or by email admissions@claremontschool.co.uk to arrange a tour of the School.



Year 7 Scholarship Application Form 2024/2025

Any scholarship awarded will be effective from **September 2024**.



Applicant Details

Candidate's full name:

Date of birth:

Name of parent/carer:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Dietary requirement/
Allergies/Medical Alerts

Please tick which scholarship(s) you would like your child to be considered for. *You may choose more than one:*

Academic Scholarship

All-Rounder Scholarship

Co-Curricular Scholarship

Please tick which scholarship(s) you would like your child to be considered for.

Art

Drama

Music

Sport*

Equestrian

* Please outline briefly the sport(s) in which you would like to be assessed (where possible):

Please name the topic of personal interest that your child would like to present to the Headteacher:

Current school:

Name of Headteacher:

School address:

Postcode:

Intended Senior School:

The information provided within this form will be processed by Claremont School in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. By providing the information requested, you are giving your consent for the data to be processed by Claremont School.

Signature of parent/carer:

Date:

Nursery & Prep School

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