



WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL



West Buckland School Scholarships Programme For entry September 2022 For External Applicants

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Introduction

Welcome to our booklet that explains about West Buckland School's extensive Scholarships programme. It is important to distinguish between scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships are intended to give gifted children the opportunity to extend themselves in their particular specialism and take advantage of the correct pathways to do that, whilst bursaries are means-tested annually and are there to support a family financially with school costs.

Scholarships

Academic, Sport, Drama, Music and Art scholarships are available at various entry levels throughout the school.

Scholarships are awarded in a number of disciplines to pupils who show ability, potential and the passion to extend themselves and to take advantage of the first-class teaching, coaching and mentoring we provide.

At West Buckland we believe in investing in our pupils and our scholars will benefit from a programme that seeks to nurture and enhance their individual talents whilst also providing them with a full and rounded education. Our expectations for scholars are high and we wish them not only to develop individually, but also to act as role models for their peers and ambassadors for the School.

The value of a scholarship award is made at the Headmaster's discretion. All scholars are additionally entitled to apply for a means-tested Bursary.

Bursaries

Bursaries are available in order to grant access wherever possible to a pupil who may benefit from a West Buckland School education. These are means-tested and may be awarded independently of a scholarship to any pupil who meets our entrance requirements. Families receiving financial bursaries will be reviewed annually.

Any bursary award that is made is confidential and disclosure of information on individual awards may lead to the award being withdrawn.

Expectations of a Scholar

The level of commitment expected of a scholar is high. All scholars will be expected to participate enthusiastically in the life of the school, be a credit to the School and set a good example to other pupils. They will be expected to contribute in activities relating to their scholarship discipline. All awards will be monitored for appropriate attitude and effort. Scholars who do not meet our expectations may have their Award withdrawn. We hope that parents will support and encourage the pupil to work hard and achieve their potential in their chosen areas.

All scholars, regardless of their scholarship discipline, will be expected to maintain a good attitude to learning. All scholars will be expected to go through the normal process of registration and application for entry to the school.

The Process

A candidate must be registered with the school in order to submit a scholarship application. A registration form (available from the Admissions Manager or on the website) and a fee of £85 should be submitted to the Admissions office, before any student can be considered for scholarship.

All applicants should provide a copy of their latest school report and copies of any certificates that are relevant to the application. Any other testimonials and demonstrations of ability that are required are listed below. All applications will be considered by the Headmaster and/or relevant Head of Department.

Awards are made based upon performance in the assessment/audition and/or interview and supporting documentation of previous achievements.

Year 7 Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students entering West Buckland in Year 7, based on the assessment of standardised tests, as well as prior school performance and a meeting with the Headmaster.

Students are able to come in to sit the assessment at West Buckland at a time convenient to them. Students who live overseas or far away can sit the assessment at their own school under supervision of a teacher, by arrangement.

In order to sit the entrance assessment, external students must first register by emailing: admissions@westbuckland.com or calling 01598 760178.

Expectations of an academic scholar

Academic students are expected to be model students in attitude and achievement and take an active role in all aspects of school life.

Enrichment:

Scholars will be monitored in their studies by their tutors and, in addition to high quality classroom teaching, have the opportunity to attend age appropriate academic extension a variety of enrichment events, such as creative writing workshops, Math-e-magicians, Biology Club and Junior Socrates.

What to do next:

Candidates should contact the Admissions Manager to register for entry to West Buckland School at admissions@westbuckland.com

Drama Scholarships:

Drama scholarships are awarded to top performing candidates entering West Buckland in Year 7. All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama scholars will be expected to perform regularly in productions and workshops. They should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities, including technical elements of stage production.

Enrichment:

- Free LAMDA exam entry
- Access to drama workshops
- Visits to local productions

What to do now:

To apply you will need a reference from a Teacher or Leader that you have done some drama with. You will also need to submit a short piece of writing of no more than 250 words entitled 'The best production I have seen at a theatre, and why it is'. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form.

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition.

At the audition you will be expected to recite a poem of your choice, from memory. You will also be interviewed by the Head of Drama, during which you may produce a scrapbook of your drama involvements.

Important Information:

If you receive an invitation for an interview/audition, please ensure that the Registration form, the registration fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the interview. Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com (for external candidates only).

Music Scholarships:

Music Scholarships are awarded to top performing candidates entering Year 7. All applicants for music scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

For assessment for a Year 7 Music Scholarship Award we are primarily looking for potential. As a rough guideline, you should be grade 2+ standard, although need not have taken the exam. We are looking for someone with a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

We can offer a trial audition to those candidates who are not sure if they are of the required standard. If you would like to arrange a convenient time, please contact the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at nxs@westbuckland.com

Expectations of Music Scholars

Music scholarships are offered to those pupils who show ability, commitment and potential in their chosen instrument at audition. In addition to grade achievement, a fundamental passion and musical ambition will be looked for, along with a willingness to participate and contribute to the rich musical life of the school.

Enrichment:

- Free music lessons
- Participating in external music workshops and tutorials
- Encouraged to attend external concerts
- Access to music department facilities and rehearsal rooms

What to do next:

Return your fully completed Achievements Form and letter of reference to the Admissions Registrar as soon as possible.

Your child's application will be reviewed by the Director of Music and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship which will consist of an audition and an interview with the Director of Music.

An accompanist will be provided, and you will need to send your music to the Director of Music, at least a week before your audition.

Important Information:

If your child receives an invitation to the final stage, please ensure that the Registration Form, Registration Fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the audition. All documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com (for external candidates only).

Sports Scholarships

Available to students entering West Buckland from Year 7 and based on assessment and references. All applicants for sports scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school.

West Buckland School has a strong reputation for sport and this is nurtured through the provision of Sport Scholarships to pupils who demonstrate exceptional skills across several sports. Scholarships are an understanding between both students and the school, for mutual benefit of both parties. The principal aspects and expectations are outlined below.

Perspective Sports Scholars should:

- Be a sporting role model to others
- Behave with integrity and demonstrate a respectful nature when participating in all sports
- Be able to manage appropriate academic engagement, whilst achieving as a sports person
- Be highly competitive, and have a desire to perform to the best of their abilities - regardless of the standard

- Be an integral member of our major sports squads - across all three terms, including full commitment to all training and fixtures
- Desire and drive to improve all aspects of their physical performances
- Representing West Buckland School sport in a positive light both in and out of school
- Be proud of being a sports Scholar, and work with the school to manage the commitment to school sport across the year
- Be proactive as a scholar
- Always aim to develop further as a sportsperson: technical development; physical development; work/life balance and off-pitch management (hydration, nutrition, time management, recovery)
- Compulsory attendance at any sports scholarships workshops throughout the year
- Be available to attend any meetings with a sporting mentor
- Lead by example and participate in all house sports events (if required)
- Sports mentoring

Sports Scholars Enrichment Programme:

- Opportunities to represent the school at the highest level
- Advice on lifestyle management, nutrition, goal setting, technical development and injury prevention
- High performance sport-specific coaching in our major sports (different programmes for different sports)
- A sports scholarship mentor
- Group and individual strength and conditioning coach
- Advice on how development in sport can boost career prospects
- High level coaching throughout their time at West Buckland School
- Competitive fixtures
- The use of our outstanding facilities to include the newly fitted fitness suite.
- Pre-season training

What to do next:

The child applying for the scholarship should write a letter of application (word processed), of no more than 500 words. This should include some, or all of the following:

- Your biggest sporting achievements
- What would you bring to sport at West Buckland?
- What makes you stand out from other children your age?
- Why you should be considered for a sports scholarship?
- What is your short and long term sporting ambition?

This should be sent, clearly labelled with your name and current year groups, to the Admissions Office at admissions@westbuckland.com. Your application will be reviewed by the Director of Sport and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship.

Important Information:

If you receive an invitation for an interview/audition, please ensure that the registration form, the registration fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the interview. Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com.

Year 9 Scholarships

Academic Scholarship:

Available to students entering West Buckland in Year 9, based on the assessment of standardised tests, as well as prior school performance and a meeting with the Headmaster.

The tests can be taken at any stage during the year prior to the September of entry. However, early application is strongly advised, as scholarships will be closed once all awards have been made.

In order to sit the entrance assessment, external students must first register by emailing: admissions@westbuckland.com or calling 01598 760178.

Expectations of an academic scholar

Academic students are expected to be model students in attitude and achievement and take an active role in all aspects of school life.

Enrichment:

Scholars will be monitored in their studies by their tutors and, in addition to high quality classroom teaching, have the opportunity to attend age-appropriate academic extension a variety of enrichment events, such as creative writing, Math-e-magicians, Socrates and modern languages Film Clubs. Make a Difference (MAD) Monday offers extension activities such as STEM and Level 2 Project.

What to do next:

Candidates should contact the Admissions Manager to register for entry to West Buckland School at admissions@westbuckland.com

Art Scholarships:

Available to an outstanding internal or external student intending to study art at GCSE-level. Applications are invited throughout the year prior to entry. However, early application is advised as the scholarships will be closed once awards have been made.

Am I the right standard?

A Year 9 Art Scholarship is available to an outstanding candidate intending to study art at GCSE-level. Award of the scholarship will mean a high degree of status both within the Art Department and the wider school community. You should be proficient at drawing and currently working to improve your technical ability. Equally important is that you are inquisitive and passionate about artist's techniques and approaches to creativity and how it affects your own artistic development.

The title of 'art scholar' is not wholly dependent on technical ability. Candidates with specific specialisms or contemporary and conceptual practices will also be considered.

Expectations of an Art Scholar:

The position will be one of responsibility and trust and there will be an expectation that the art scholar will lead by example and assist with the showcasing of art at West Buckland. This could include helping to promote the work of the Art Department at various school events including open days and open evenings, workshops and exhibitions.

Enrichment:

As well as having access to our outstanding art facilities, our scholars get involved with workshops and mentoring programs and have the opportunity to work closely with professional artists to develop techniques and learn about life as a working artist. Scholars are also asked to create a piece of artwork to leave for the school as a legacy.

What to do now:

For assessment for a Year 9 Art Scholarship Award candidates will be required to attend a 30-minute interview with the Head of Art and submit a portfolio of work which should be a minimum of six pieces. This can come in the form of a traditional portfolio or clear digital images. In addition, you will be asked to complete a short set task to present at the interview, details of which will be given when you are invited to the interview.

Important Information:

If you receive an invitation for an interview/assessment, please ensure that the Registration form, the registration fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the interview. Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com (for external candidates only).

Drama Scholarships:

Drama Scholarships are awarded to top performing candidates entering West Buckland in Year 9. All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama scholars will be expected to perform regularly in productions and workshops. They should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities, including technical elements of stage production.

Enrichment:

- Free LAMDA exam entry
- Access to drama workshops
- Visits to local productions

What to do now:

To apply for the Drama Scholarship, a reference from a teacher or Leader that you have done some drama with. You will also need to submit a short piece of writing of no more than 500 words entitled 'My involvement in Drama'. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form.

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition. For this you will be expected to:

- a) Perform 1 monologue of your own choice. The monologue should be no less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes and be performed from memory.
- b) Attend an interview with the Head of Drama. During this interview you may wish to produce a scrapbook of your drama involvements.

Important Information:

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Music Scholarships:

Music Scholarships are awarded to top performing external candidates entering West Buckland in Year 9. All applicants for music scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

For assessment for a Year 9 Music Scholarship Award we are looking for potential. As a rough guideline, you should be grade 4+ on your principal study instrument. A second study instrument/voice would be an advantage. You should have a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

We can offer a trial audition to those candidates who are not sure if they are of the required standard. If you would like to arrange a convenient time, please contact the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at nxs@westbuckland.com

Expectations of Music Scholars

Music scholarships will be expected to participate enthusiastically in all facets of the music programme at school, including being part of ensembles, choirs, orchestras or bands. Music scholars are role models within the department and must show commitment and contribute at all times.

Enrichment:

- Free music lessons
- Participating in external music workshops and tutorials
- Encouraged to attend external concerts
- Access to music department facilities and rehearsal rooms

What to do next:

Return your fully completed Achievements Form and letter of reference to the Admissions Registrar as soon as possible.

Your child's application will be reviewed by the Director of Music and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship which will consist of an audition and an interview with the Director of Music.

An accompanist will be provided, and you will need to send your music to the Director of Music, at least a week before your audition.

Important Information

If you receive an invitation for an interview/audition, please ensure that the Registration form, the registration fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the interview. Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com (for external candidates only).

Sports Scholarships

Available to external UK candidates, based on assessment and references. All applicants for sports scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

West Buckland School has a strong reputation for sport and this is nurtured through the provision of Sport Scholarships to pupils who demonstrate exceptional skills across several sports. Scholarships are an understanding between both students and the school, for mutual benefit of both parties. The principal aspects and expectations are outlined below.

Perspective Sports Scholars should:

- Be a sporting role model to others
- Behave with integrity and demonstrate a respectful nature when participating in all sports
- Be able to manage appropriate academic engagement, whilst achieving as a sports person
- Be highly competitive, and have a desire to perform to the best of their abilities - regardless of the standard
- Be an integral member of our major sports squads - across all three terms, including full commitment to all training and fixtures
- Desire and drive to improve all aspects of their physical performances
- Representing West Buckland School sport in a positive light both in and out of school
- Be proud of being a sports Scholar, and work with the school to manage the commitment to school sport across the year
- Be proactive as a scholar
- Always aim to develop further as a sports person: technical development; physical development; work/life balance and off-pitch management (hydration, nutrition, time management, recovery)
- Compulsory attendance at any sports scholarships workshops throughout the year
- Be available to attend any meetings with a sporting mentor
- Lead by example and participate in all house sports events (if required)
- Sports mentoring

- **Sports Scholars Enrichment Programme:**
- Opportunities to represent the school at the highest level
- Advice on lifestyle management, nutrition, goal setting, technical development and injury prevention
- High performance sport-specific coaching in our major sports (different programmes for different sports)
- A sports scholarship mentor
- Group and individual strength and conditioning coach
- Advice on how development in sport can boost career prospects
- High level coaching throughout their time at West Buckland School
- Competitive fixtures
- The use of our outstanding facilities to include the newly fitted fitness suite.
- Pre-season training

What to do next:

The child applying for the scholarship should write a letter of application (word processed), of no more than 500 words. This should include some, or all of the following:

- Your biggest sporting achievements
- What would you bring to sport at West Buckland?
- What makes you stand out from other children your age?
- Why you should be considered for a sports scholarship?
- What is your short and long term sporting ambition?

This should be sent, clearly labelled with your name and current year groups, to the Admissions Office at admissions@westbuckland.com Your application will be reviewed by the Director of Sport and if approved you will receive an invitation to the next stage of the Scholarship.

Important Information:

If you receive an invitation for an interview/assessment, please ensure that the Registration form, the registration fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the interview. Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com (for external candidates only).

Sixth Form Scholarships

Academic Awards

All students entering West Buckland in the Sixth Form are eligible to apply for an Academic Award.

Candidates for a Sixth Form academic award should be looking at achieving a high number of grade 7-9s at GCSE in all subjects. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Structure of the Academic Awards

Academic Scholarship – A title which is awarded for excellence in academic attainment, progress and potential. This will be awarded to a very small group of students. A financial award for students who show academic attainment, potential and progress is at the Headmaster's discretion.

Expectations

Students who accept the offer of an academic award are expected to maintain an excellent attitude to learning throughout their time in the Sixth Form. This will apply to learning in class, homework set by their teachers, independent learning and a commitment to attend super-curricular events and activities such as lectures, conferences and in-school societies.

Students who accept the offer of an Academic Scholarship are expected to fulfil the above requirements but there are additional commitments to broader and deeper independent learning and full attendance at events and activities under the direction of the Head of Academic Extension.

If Academic Scholars do not fulfil the expectations outlined above, it is possible that the 'title' will be removed, and it will revert to a Headmaster's Award.

Enrichment:

Scholars will be supported in their studies by relevant teachers and are expected to take part in a variety of opportunities, including:

- Wider reading beyond the formal curriculum
- Tutorials—one-to-one tutorials with relevant department specialists
- Aldiss Society—series of academic extension lectures
- Medical Society for aspiring health professionals including doctors, dentists and vets
- Conferences and events aimed at students with high aspirations
- Phoenix Society— Sixth Form debating society
- Maths Club for aspiring mathematicians, physicists and engineers
- Relevant preparation and advice for those making applications to Oxbridge and other competitive courses on personal statements, admissions tests, essay writing and interviews.

What to do next:

Students who apply for an Academic Award should complete the Achievements Form (see below).

The application should be supported with a copy of his/her most recent school reports and most recent predicted GCSE grades. In addition, there should be a hand-written personal statement, addressed to the Headmaster, explaining why he/she would like to be considered for an Academic Award and what they have done to further their academic breadth in their chosen subjects.

Interviews for students who are short-listed take place two weeks after the deadline. This comprises of an academic meeting with the Sixth Form Interview Panel and an interview with the Headmaster, together with a short written task.

Art Scholarships

Available to an outstanding student joining West Buckland in the Sixth Form and intending to study art at A-level. All applicants for art scholarships must have met the academic requirements of entry to the school. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

A Sixth Form Art Scholarship is available to an outstanding candidate intending to study art at A- level. You should be proficient at drawing and currently working to improve your technical ability. You should also have built up a significant portfolio of your work. Equally important is that you are inquisitive and passionate about artist's techniques and approaches to creativity and how it affects your own artistic development.

The title of 'art scholar' is not wholly dependent on technical ability. Candidates with specific specialisms or contemporary and conceptual practices will also be considered.

Expectations of an Art Scholar:

The position will be one of responsibility and trust and there will be an expectation that the art scholar will lead by example and assist with the showcasing of art at West Buckland. This could include helping to promote the work of the Art Department at various school events including open days and open evenings, workshops and exhibitions. In Year 13, the Art Scholar will be commissioned to produce a piece of work bearing his/her name that will be left for the school to exhibit permanently on the school campus. This is a position of responsibility and leadership that will enhance a CV and be beneficial in supporting applications for further study at colleges and universities.

Enrichment:

As well as having access to our outstanding art facilities, our scholars get involved with workshops and mentoring programs and have the opportunity to work closely with professional artists to develop techniques and learn about life as a working artist. Scholars are also asked to create a piece of artwork to leave for the school as a legacy.

What to do next:

Students who apply for a Sixth Form Art Scholarship should complete the Achievements Form, including in it their predicted exam grades and details of your interest and participation in Art. This should be accompanied by an example of your work.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview with the Head of Art and submit a portfolio of work which should be a minimum of ten pieces. This can come in the form of a traditional portfolio or clear digital images. This can include GCSE pieces and/or other pieces of work that support the application. It is also important that at least one sketchbook is brought to interview that clearly presents your investigation and critical reflections. In addition, you will be asked to complete a short set task to present at the interview.

Important Information:

If you receive an invitation for an interview/assessment, please ensure that the Registration form, the registration fee and supporting documents are provided prior to the interview. Documents should be sent to the Admissions Registrar admissions@westbuckland.com (for external candidates only).

Drama Scholarships

Drama Scholarships are awarded to top performing internal and external UK candidates entering Sixth Form. All applicants for drama scholarships must have met the academic requirements for entry into the Sixth Form.

Expectations of Drama Scholars

Drama Scholars will be expected to study Drama at A-level and to have already passed Drama at GCSE. They will be expected to perform regularly in productions and workshops and should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres. Scholars must be willing to get involved in the many facets of the Drama Department's work and activities, including technical elements of stage production.

Enrichment programme:

- Free LAMDA exam entry
- Access to drama workshops
- Visits to local productions
- Opportunity to direct a junior play

What to do next:

To apply for the Drama Scholarship, you will need to supply your GCSE Drama certificate, a reference from a drama-based associate in authority and evidence of involvement in drama clubs/ competitions etc and a list of productions. This can be submitted by filling in the Achievement Form.

You will also need to submit an essay of 1000 words maximum on a Drama Practitioner of your choice and how they have influenced Drama.

If you are short listed, you will be sent an invitation to attend an interview/audition. For this you will be expected to:

- Perform 2 monologues – one Greek or Shakespearean and the second from a play written post 1890. The monologues should be no fewer than 3 minutes and no longer than 4 minutes and be performed from memory.
- Attend an interview with the Head of Drama. During this interview you may wish to produce a portfolio of your drama involvements.

Important Information:

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Music Scholarships

Music scholarships at Sixth Form are available to internal and external UK candidates who show considerable talent and passion for music.

Music scholarships are awarded based on audition and interview. Applications are accepted throughout the year prior to enrolment. However, early application is advised as scholarships will be closed once awards have been allocated.

Am I the right standard?

For assessment for a 16+ Music Scholarship Award, we are again looking for potential. As a rough guideline, you should be at grade 6 / 7 and study a second instrument at grade 4+ or have a good vocal ability. You should have a passion for the subject married with enthusiasm. A proven background of participation in concerts and/or ensembles will be essential.

We can offer a trial audition to those candidates who are not sure if they are of the required standard. If you would like to arrange a convenient time to come in, please contact the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at nxs@westbuckland.com

Expectations of Music Scholars

Music scholarships will be expected to participate enthusiastically in all facets of the music programme at school, including being part of ensembles, choirs, orchestras or bands. Music scholars are role models within the department and must show commitment and contribute at all times.

Enrichment:

- Free music lessons
- Participating in external music workshops and tutorials
- Encouraged to attend external concerts
- Access to music department facilities and rehearsal rooms

What to do next:

Return your fully completed Achievements Form and letter of reference to the Admissions Registrar as soon as possible. Your application will be reviewed by the Director of Music and if approved you will receive an invitation to audition.

At audition:

- You will need to present two contrasting pieces on your first study instrument.
- Sing a song you know OR perform on a second study instrument.
- You will need a letter of reference from your first instrument study teacher.
- You will be expected to sight-read and play scales for your grade.

An accompanist will be provided and you will need to send your music to the Director of Music, Mr Nick Smith, at least one week prior to the audition.

Important Information:

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Sports Scholarships

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- Be a sporting role model to others
- Behave with integrity and demonstrate a respectful nature when participating in all sports
- Be able to manage appropriate academic engagement, whilst achieving as a sports person
- Be highly competitive, and have a desire to perform to the best of their abilities - regardless of the standard
- Be an integral member of our major sports squads - across at least 2 terms, but as a minimum, this should be regular and committed participation in a major sport each term (regardless of the level of performance), including full commitment to all training and fixtures
- Desire and drive to improve all aspects of their physical performances
- Representing West Buckland School sport in a positive light both in and out of school
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What to do next:

The child applying for the scholarship should write a letter of application (word processed), of no more than 800 words. This should include some, or all of the following:

- Your biggest sporting achievements
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