



ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL

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Scholarship Policy – Senior School

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1. Awareness

The school provides information to parents of potential candidates regarding the possibility of obtaining scholarships in the following ways:

- Communications to parents of existing pupils.
- Admissions Information document.
- The School website.
- School Open Mornings.

2. Academic Scholarships

Scholarships are designed to attract candidates with exceptional potential to the School and are available to both internal and external candidates at the 11+ and 16+ entry points.

While a scholarship is primarily a prestigious honour recognising the recipient's academic excellence, most awards are worth up to 10% of the tuition fees.

The Application Process for 11+ Academic Scholarship

- **Step One.** All pupils registered to sit the 11+ assessments will automatically be considered for an Academic Scholarship.
- **Step Two.** A confidential school reference is sought from the candidate's current school.
- **Step Three.** Candidates will sit the entrance exam in Autumn Term. Successful candidates will be invited to attend a Group Activity Assessment.
- **Step Four.** Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster; and all decisions are final.
- **Step Five.** Parents will be notified whether their child has been offered a place at the School and, if applicable, the scholarship offer, on a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a member. This is typically in mid-February of the year of entry.
- **Step Six.** On receiving an offer of a place parents/guardians are required to sign an Acceptance Form confirming their child's place at the school and to accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

The Application Process for 16+ Academic Scholarship

Current St Benedict's pupils in the Upper Fifth (Year 11) are encouraged to apply for academic scholarships.

For pupils entering the Sixth Form at age 16+, those wishing to be considered for an academic scholarship must register for and sit the Scholarship Examination.

- **Step One.** Parents of external Scholarship candidates should discuss the application with the Head of their child's current school and seek their support.
- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Form, and Scholarship Application Form should be returned to the Head of Admissions by the advertised registration closing date.
- **Step Three.** Candidates sit the scholarship exam.
- **Step Four.** Following the exam, candidates will be invited to attend an interview with the Director of Sixth Form. This typically takes place in November and December of the year proceeding entry to the School.
- **Step Five.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the candidate's current school.
- **Step Six.** Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster; all decisions are final.
- **Step Seven.** Parents will be notified whether their child has been offered a place at the School and, if applicable, the scholarship offer, on a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a member. This is typically in mid-February of the year of entry.
- **Step Eight.** On receiving an offer of a place parents/guardians are required to sign an Acceptance Form confirming their child's place at the school and to accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

3. Art & Design Scholarships

Art & Design scholarships are available annually for award to pupils entering St Benedict's at 11+ and 16+.

We welcome applications for the Art & Design scholarship from Upper Fifth (Year 11) students studying Art & Design, although we expect these applications to be made with the support of the Head of Department.

While a scholarship is primarily a prestigious honour recognising the recipient's artistic and design excellence, most awards are worth up to 10% of the tuition fees.

The Application Process for 11+ and 16+ Art & Design Scholarship

- **Step One.** Parents of external scholarship applicants should consult with the Head of their child's current school and seek their support for the application. As a general guide, applicants should demonstrate substantial talent in fine art, whether in drawing, painting, sculpture, or, in the case of design, expertise in 3D or graphic design.

For **Sixth Form** candidates, it is expected that scholarship recipients will pursue Art & Design as an A Level subject.

- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Form and Art & Design Scholarship Application form should be submitted via the website by the advertised registration deadline date.
- **Step Three.** Candidates will be assessed based on their current skills and likely future development. This assessment will include a short interview with the Head of Art.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the candidate's current school.
- **Step Five.** Scholarship candidates will have to successfully complete the school's admissions criteria.
- **Step Six.** Parents will be notified whether their child has been offered a place at the School and, if applicable, the scholarship offer, on a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a member. This is typically in mid-February of the year of entry.
- **Step Seven.** On receiving an offer of a place parents/guardians are required to sign an Acceptance Form confirming their child's place at the school and to accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

4. Drama Scholarships

Drama scholarships are available annually for award to pupils entering St Benedict's at 11+ and 16+.

We welcome applications from Upper Fifth (Year 11) pupils studying Drama for a Drama scholarship, although we would expect this to be with the support of the Head of Department.

While a scholarship is primarily a prestigious honour recognising the recipient's dramatic excellence, most awards are worth up to 10% of the tuition fees.

The Application Process for 11+ and 16+ Drama Scholarships

- **Step One.** Parents of external Scholarship candidates should discuss the application with the Head of their child's current school and seek their support. As a guide in deciding whether or not to apply, it is likely that successful candidates will have been

involved in a number of productions and will have a range of acting skills and show particular promise as a performer.

In the case of **Sixth Form**, it is expected that successful candidates will take Drama and Theatre studies as an A level.

- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Form and Drama Scholarship Application form should be submitted via the website by the advertised registration deadline date.
- **Step Three.** Candidates will attend an audition and will have a short interview with the Head of Drama.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the candidate's current school.
- **Step Five.** Scholarship candidates will have to successfully complete the school's admissions criteria.
- **Step Six.** Parents will be notified whether their child has been offered a place at the School and, if applicable, the scholarship offer, on a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a member. This is typically in mid-February of the year of entry.
- **Step Seven.** On receiving an offer of a place parents/guardians are required to sign an Acceptance Form confirming their child's place at the school and to accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

5. Music Scholarships

Music scholarships are available annually for award to pupils entering St Benedict's at 11+ and 16+.

While a scholarship is primarily a prestigious honour recognising the recipient's musical excellence, most awards are worth up to 10% of the tuition fees.

The Application Process for 11+ and 16+ Music Scholarship

- **Step One.** Parents of external Scholarship candidates should discuss the application with the Head of their child's current school and seek their support. As a guide in deciding whether or not to apply, it is likely that successful candidates will have achieved a Grade 5 at 11+ and Grade 8 at 16+ or be the equivalent standard in their main instrument.
- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Music Scholarship Application form should be submitted via the website by the advertised registration deadline date.
- **Step Three.** Candidates will be invited to attend an audition followed by an interview with the Director of Music.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the candidate's current school.

- **Step Five.** Scholarship candidates will have to successfully complete the school's admissions criteria.
- **Step Six.** Parents will be notified whether their child has been offered a place at the School and, if applicable, the scholarship offer, on a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a member. This is typically in mid-February of the year of entry.
- **Step Seven.** On receiving an offer of a place parents/guardians are required to sign an Acceptance Form confirming their child's place at the school and to accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

6. Sports Scholarships

Sports scholarships are available annually for award to pupils entering St Benedict's at 11+ and 16+.

While a scholarship is primarily a prestigious honour recognising the recipient's sporting excellence, most awards are worth up to 10% of the tuition fees.

The Application Process for 11+ and 16+ Sports Scholarship

- **Step One.** Parents of external scholarship candidates should discuss the application with the Head of their child's current school and seek their support. As a guide in deciding whether or not to apply candidates are expected to be representing their county or above in their nominated sports and to demonstrate a commitment to the broader ethos of St Benedict's School through their co-curricular engagement. Candidates must be specialising in at least one of St Benedict's School's core performance sports (netball, hockey, athletics, rugby, football, cricket and fencing).
- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Form and Sports Scholarship Application form should be submitted via the website by the advertised registration deadline date.
- **Step Three.** Candidates will be invited to attend an assessment on their core sport performance followed by an interview with the Director of Sport.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the candidate's current school.
- **Step Five.** Scholarship candidates will have to successfully complete the school's admissions criteria.
- **Step Six.** Parents will be notified whether their child has been offered a place at the School and, if applicable, the scholarship offer, on a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a member. This is typically in mid-February of the year of entry.
- **Step Seven.** On receiving an offer of a place parents/guardians are required to sign an Acceptance Form confirming their child's place at the school and to accept the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

7. Removal or Withdrawal of Scholarship

The continuation of a Scholarship Award is contingent upon the recipient making satisfactory progress and demonstrating appropriate behaviour and attitude. If, in the unlikely event, a Scholar fails to meet these expectations, the Headmaster reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship.

Should a Scholar wish to withdraw from the Scholarship programme, they must provide the Headmaster with a written notice at least one full half term in advance. Parental consent is also required in this instance.