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Scholarship Policy – Senior School

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1. Academic Scholarships

Scholarships are offered to attract applicants of high potential to the School and are available to both internal and external candidates at 16+ and 11+ entry points.

At the discretion of the Headmaster, existing pupils who show considerable academic promise and have a track record of excellent academic performance may also be invited to sit the 16+ scholarship assessments.

Students entering the Sixth Form at age 16+ who wish to be considered for an academic scholarship must register for and sit the Scholarship Examination. As a guide in deciding whether or not to apply, it is likely that successful applicants will be predicted to achieve a minimum of six Grade 8's at GCSE including, where appropriate, those subjects they intend to study at A-Level. A scholarship award is, first and foremost, an honour to the recipient, however in most cases a remission of 10% will be offered toward fees.

1.1 Awareness

Information provided by the School alerting the parents of potential applicants to the possibility of gaining scholarships is included in:

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

1.2 The Application Process at 11+

- **Step One.** All pupils registered to sit the 11+ assessments will automatically be considered for an Academic Scholarship.
- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Form should be returned to the Registrar by the advertised registration closing date.
- **Step Three.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the applicant's current school.
- **Step Four.** Applicants must sit the entrance exam in January, and may also be invited to attend an interview with the Headmaster.
- **Step Five.** Scholarships are awarded by the Headmaster. His decision is final, and there is no right of appeal.
- **Step Six.** Parents are advised whether their child is to be offered a place at the School and of the scholarship offer, if any, is to be made, at a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a part. This is usually the middle of February of the year of entry to the School.
- **Step Seven.** Parents are then required to sign an Acceptance Form accepting the place at the School and the conditions of the scholarship.

1.3 The Application Process at 16+

- **Step One.** Parents of external Scholarship applicants should discuss the application with the Head of their child's present school and seek his/her support.
- **Step Two.** In the year preceding entry to the School, the completed St Benedict's Registration Form, Sixth Form Application form and Scholarship Application Form should be returned to the Registrar by the advertised registration closing date.
- **Step Three.** Students will sit the scholarship exam and may also be invited to attend an interview with the Headmaster. This usually occurs in November and December of the year preceding entry to the School.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the applicant's current school.
- **Step Five.** Scholarships are awarded by the Headmaster. His decision is final, and there is no right of appeal.
- **Step Six.** The parents are advised whether their child is to be offered a place at the School and of the Scholarship offer, if any, is to be made, usually in December of the year preceding entry to the School.
- **Step Seven.** Parents are then required to sign an Acceptance Form accepting the place at the school and the conditions of the scholarship.

2. Music Scholarships

Music scholarships are available annually for award to pupils entering St Benedict's at 16+ and 11+. At the discretion of the Headmaster, existing pupils who show considerable promise and have a track record of excellent performance may also be invited to sit the music scholarship assessments.

A scholarship award is, first and foremost, an honour to the recipient. However, in most cases a remission of 10% will be offered toward fees.

2.1 Awareness

Information provided by the School alerting the parents of potential applicants to the possibility of gaining scholarships is included in:

- Communication to parents of existing pupils.
- The Admissions Information document.
- The School website.

2.2. The Application Process for 16+ and 11+ Music Scholarship

- **Step One.** Parents of external scholarship applicants should discuss the application with the Head of their child's present school and seek his/her support. As a guide in deciding whether or not to apply, it is likely that successful applicants 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 Form and Music Scholarship Application form should be returned to the Registrar by the advertised date.
- **Step Three.** Students will attend an audition and will also attend interviews with the Director of Music, and subsequently the Headmaster.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the applicant's current school.
- **Step Five.** 11+ applicants will sit the Entrance Exam in January.
- **Step Six.** Parents are advised whether their child is to be offered a place at the School and of the scholarship offer, if any, is to be made, at a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a part. This is usually the middle of February of the year of entry to the School.
- **Step Seven.** Parents are then required to sign an Acceptance Form accepting the place at the School and the conditions of the scholarship.

3. Sports Scholarships

Sports scholarships are available annually for award to pupils entering St Benedict's at 16+ and 11+. At the discretion of the Headmaster, existing pupils who show considerable promise and have a track record of excellent performance may also be invited to sit the sports scholarship assessments.

A scholarship award is, first and foremost, an honour to the recipient, however in most cases a remission of 10% will be offered toward fees.

3.1 Awareness

Information provided by the School alerting the parents of potential Applicants to the possibility of gaining scholarships is included in:

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

3.2. The Application Process for 16+ and 11+ Sports Scholarship

- **Step One.** Parents of external scholarship applicants should discuss the application with the Head of their child's present school and seek his/her support. As a guide in deciding whether or not to apply applicants 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. Applicants must be specialising in at least one of St Benedict's School's core performance sports (netball, hockey, athletics, rugby, 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 returned to the Registrar by the advertised date.
- **Step Three.** Applicants will be assessed on the evidence of their current performance and their future potential. They will also have short interviews with the Director of Sport, and subsequently the Headmaster.
- **Step Four.** A confidential School Reference is sought from the applicant's current school.
- **Step Five.** 11+ applicants will sit the Entrance Exam in January.
- **Step Six.** Parents are advised whether their child is to be offered a place at the school and of the scholarship offer, if any, is to be made, at a date set annually by the North London Consortium, of which the School is a part. This is usually the middle of February of the year of entry to the School.
- **Step Seven.** Parents are then required to sign an Acceptance Form accepting the place at the School and the conditions of the scholarship.

In all cases, the continuation of a Scholarship Award is also dependent upon the recipient making satisfactory academic progress and exhibiting appropriate behaviour and attitude. If, in the opinion of the Headmaster, a Scholar is not making satisfactory academic progress or exhibits poor behaviour or attitude, a warning will be issued. As a last resort, after due warning, the Headmaster reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship.

A Scholar who wishes to withdraw himself or herself from the Scholarship programme, must provide the Headmaster with a full half term's notice, in writing. Parental consent is also required in this instance.