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Scholarship Information for September 2020 entry

Scholarships

Scholarships are numerous and highly prized but no longer attract a fee remission. They are awarded in recognition of proven talent and potential. Scholarships currently exist to recognise distinctive academic ability or special talent in Art, Design Engineering and Technology, Drama, Music and Sport. A significant number of General Scholarships are offered to reward all-round talent and leadership. All scholarships are won in open competition and are awarded solely on merit. Scholars are expected to provide the School with intellectual and cultural leadership. All scholarships are underpinned by bursary assistance if the financial circumstances of the individual family necessitate it.

Bursaries

Financial help towards the payment of fees in cases of proven need is available in some instances. This assistance is available in the form of bursaries which vary in size according to circumstance; some may be as high as 100%. Bursaries are not solely dependent on scholastic merit but are awarded to pupils who are likely to gain most from an Oundle education and who will contribute fully to the life of the School. The pupils in question must comfortably satisfy the School's academic entry requirements and continue to work to capacity as they progress through the School. Parents who feel that they may need the support of a bursary are encouraged to discuss the matter with the School well in advance of the child's due date of entry. Decisions regarding bursary assistance are made approximately two years ahead of entry. Judgements are dependent on a supporting reference from a candidate's previous school, an informal interview and on scrutiny of the family's financial circumstances. Some preliminary assessment may be required early in the process

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Scholarships at 11+

Candidates must be under twelve on 1 September 2020

Junior Entrance and Junior Academic Scholarship Combined Examinations

(Four awards available)

- *Friday 17 and Saturday 18 January 2020*

Candidates to join the Berrystead (boarding) or Scott (day) houses at age 11 take common papers in Mathematics, English, Science and an Ability Test. They may be invited to sit a further paper if their performance in these papers suggests they have scholarship potential. This paper will contain extension questions in Mathematics and English. The assessment takes place in Oundle when candidates for the Berrystead stay in Houses or with members of staff. If necessary, papers for overseas candidates can be sent abroad.

Junior Music Scholarship *(Two awards available)*

- *During the week of the Junior Entrance Assessment*
- *Closing date: Monday 2 December 2019*

Awards are made on the basis of an audition and interview. Candidates usually offer two instruments one of which can be Voice, with at least one at Grade 5 level or higher, although it is not necessary to have taken the examination. Candidates will be asked to perform two pieces on their first instrument and one on their second. Please provide a copy of the music to be played at audition as well as the piano accompaniment when returning the entry form. Any music award includes free tuition on specified instruments. Parents and schools of prospective candidates are urged to contact the Director of Music in advance.

Scholarships at 13+

Candidates must be under fourteen on 1 September 2020

Academic Scholarship *(Fifteen awards available)*

- *Preliminary papers at prep schools: week beginning Monday 27 January 2020*
- *Final papers at Oundle: Wednesday 6 to Saturday 9 May 2020*
- *Closing date: Friday 3 January 2020*

Examiners are looking for outstanding talent and potential in particular subjects, or even one particular subject, backed up with sound overall performance. Age is taken into account. Candidates who are not already registered for entry to Oundle will be requested to do so at a cost of £250. Parents or guardians are required to sign a declaration to the effect that they will accept any scholarship offered by Oundle and withdraw from any scholarship examinations at other schools. *The Grocers' Scholarship is awarded annually at the end of the Third Form.*

Preliminary Examination

Candidates are examined in Mathematics, English, Science, French and Latin. Questions are similar to, but slightly easier than, those in the final papers. The 45 minute French paper takes the form of a guided composition and candidates may refer to a bilingual dictionary. Most candidates will be offered firm places at Oundle on the basis of the qualifying papers, even if they are not invited to take the final papers.

Final Examination

Seven compulsory papers are taken at Oundle:

Mathematics I 1½ hours, Mathematics II 2 hours, English 2 hours, French 2 hours, Science 2 hours

General Paper: 1½ hours [*either History, Geography or Theology, Philosophy and Religion*],

Latin 1½ hours

Optional papers in Greek, German or Spanish of 1½ hours

Candidates from schools where Latin is not taught will be exempted from this paper.

Syllabuses and Papers

Mathematics: Calculators are not allowed for any Mathematics papers. Questions will assume only topics from the Common Entrance and the Common Scholarship syllabuses. However, candidates are expected to adapt and extend algebraic and other methods already covered, and to be familiar with numbers in standard form.

English: Questions will include a comprehension and an imaginative composition.

General Paper: Candidates are given all three papers and have five minutes before the examination begins to choose **one subject** from History, Geography and Theology, Philosophy and Religion. Questions are designed to test intellectual curiosity and the ability to think independently.

French: Five sections each of 20%: (1) oral test of 15 minutes; (2) listening comprehension test; (3) reading comprehension; (4) guided composition; (5) Cloze test.

In (2) and (3) questions and answers may be in English or French. (Candidates may refer to a bilingual dictionary in all sections except the oral and listening comprehension tests.)

Science: A practical and written paper, each lasting one hour. The written paper has sections on Chemistry, Biology and Physics, each lasting 20 minutes. Calculators are allowed.

Latin: One passage of Latin prose for translation into English, and a choice of either comprehension questions on some Latin poetry or composition into Latin of some English sentences. Lexical help is given with each section of the paper.

Greek, German or Spanish: We would like to encourage more candidates for these subjects. A sound performance counts positively; a weak performance is not a handicap.

We welcome candidates with lively general knowledge, which we regard as a useful indicator of scholarship potential.

Art Scholarship (*Two scholarships available*)

- *Wednesday 6 May 2020*
- *Closing date: Friday 3 January 2020*

Candidates submit a portfolio of at least ten mounted pieces of recent work together with sketches and drawings which demonstrate their commitment to and interest in the subject. The Head of Art interviews candidates, giving them an opportunity to discuss their work. They also undertake practical tests. Promise, as well as achievement, is taken into account.

Design, Engineering and Technology Scholarship (*Two scholarships available*)

- *Wednesday 6 May 2020*
- *Closing date: Friday 3 January 2020*

Candidates are to submit an individually chosen project and portfolio. The Design element must display their ability to understand the background to the project, define the aims (work to a design brief), consider alternative solutions (in the form of sketches) and evaluate the outcome. The Engineering element will display, through any medium, their ability to make the design project, be it an artefact, electronic circuit, working model or computer program. Candidates will be

expected to take a 45 minute aptitude paper and an individual one hour practical assessment followed by a 15 minute interview by the Head of Design, Engineering and Technology. These different facets of the scholarship assessment process are designed to gauge the holistic capabilities and potential of each applicant. Enthusiasm for the subject, promise and quality of the finished project are also taken into account. Candidates will be required to bring their projects to Oundle. Further details are available from the Head of Design, Engineering and Technology who will be pleased to discuss matters with parents or teachers.

Drama Scholarship

One award - The Donaldson Scholarship

- *Sunday 1 March 2020*
- *Closing date: Friday 3 January 2020*

On the audition day candidates will be asked to perform a prepared, learnt monologue taken from a scripted piece of drama. This should be chosen to show the candidate's physical and vocal ability to best advantage. There will also be a group improvisation session and an interview with a member of the Oundle drama staff. Wherever possible, a member of the Oundle drama staff will visit a candidate's present school to see them performing in a major role in a school production prior to the final auditions held at Oundle. If there is no suitable production however, this should not be seen as barring a candidate's application.

General Scholarship (*Twelve awards available*)

- *Sunday 1 and Monday 2 March 2020*
- *Closing date: Friday 3 January 2020*

Head Teachers are invited to nominate candidates of good academic ability who will contribute significantly to school life. Entry forms are available to Head Teachers on request. Candidates will take part in a range of activities during their stay at Oundle. These will be a mixture of group and individual tasks, designed to allow us to assess such qualities as: social and communication skills; mental dexterity; physical dexterity (including a sports assessment); influencing and leading others by argument and example; genuine interest in two or three activities outside the school curriculum. At an early stage of their stay they will be asked to write a personal profile, using a form that we provide. This will invite candidates to write about themselves and their interests in response to a series of prompts. If candidates would like to have a music audition or drama interview as part of their assessment, Head Teachers are asked to let us know this in advance (i.e. when they put names forward). **Candidates who are also trying for an Academic Scholarship will be assessed for both awards when they come to Oundle in May.**

Music Scholarship (*Ten scholarships available*)

Scholars and Exhibitioners will benefit from free tuition on one or more instruments during their time at Oundle

- *Week beginning Monday 27 January 2020*
- *Closing date: Friday 3 January 2020*

Awards are made on the basis of audition and interview; there is no written paper. Candidates usually offer two instruments, with at least one at Grade 6 level or higher, although it is not necessary to have taken the examination. They should prepare two contrasting pieces for each instrument. The audition is designed to discover signs of talent and interest as much as to test actual performance; based more on potential than on actual attainment. Ability to sing will be taken into consideration. Special encouragement is given to choristers as one award will be offered each year to a chorister from a cathedral or collegiate school. Any music award includes free tuition on specified instruments. Please provide a copy of the music to be played at audition as well as the piano

accompaniment when returning the entry form. Further details are available from the Director of Music who will be pleased to discuss matters with parents or music teachers.

There will be a training day for potential scholars on Thursday 3 October 2019. This day offers training in various musical skills and master classes, when performance is assessed and advice is given for greater confidence at the auditions in January.

Sport Scholarships (*Five awards available*)

- *Monday 18 November 2019*
- *Closing date Monday 28 October 2019*

These awards are focused on talented players of the four major team sports played at Oundle. Schools are invited to put forward exceptional players in rugby, hockey, netball or cricket. Candidates are expected to excel in at least one of these games and it is anticipated that most will have played their strongest sport at a significantly high level. Those put forward should also have impressive personal qualities, strategic thinking and demonstrate sporting leadership. Assessment will involve, over the course of a day spent at Oundle, skills tests, participation in games and an interview. Reports from Heads of Sport and coaches are required in support of all applicants. Please contact the Director of Sport to organise a visit by a member of staff to watch candidates play under match conditions.

Scholarships at 16+

Candidates must be under seventeen on 1 September 2020

Academic Scholarship and Entrance Examinations (*Two awards available*)

- *Friday 8 to Sunday 10 November 2019*
- *Closing date: Thursday 10 October 2019*
- *Suitable candidates will have confident predictions of achieving grades 7, 8 and 9 in their GCSEs with special talent in subjects to be taken at A Level*

Candidates must be registered with the School in advance. Registered candidates are asked to submit predicted GCSE grades and a CV. Candidates will be shortlisted in advance of the entry weekend and those chosen asked to come to Oundle to sit the examinations and to take part in the interviews and other assessments. All candidates sit two subject papers, which are usually to be studied at A level or Pre-U, and a two-hour General Paper. If candidates have a project or a piece of original work which is of a high enough standard to provide evidence of particular ability, it may be submitted in advance once they have been asked to attend the assessment weekend. If they have not already done so, parents and candidates are invited to visit the School before the examinations by arrangement with the Registrar.

Art Scholarship (*One Scholarship available*)

- *Friday 8 November 2019*
- *Closing date Thursday 10 October 2019*

Candidates for this Scholarship are required to undertake a three-hour drawing examination and present a portfolio of their work at interview. The work should be carefully mounted on card and presented in an A1 folder. Of course, three-dimensional pieces may also be brought for inspection with supporting sketch books and written projects (if pieces are too large to carry, good quality photographs are acceptable).

Design, Engineering and Technology Scholarship *(One scholarship available)*

- *Friday 8 November 2019*
- *Closing date Thursday 10 October 2019*

Candidates will be asked to sit a one-and-a-half-hour examination made up of two 45-minute sections designed to test not only their current understanding of the subject but also their imagination and inventiveness. One of the two sections will be a problem-solving exercise, using annotated sketches to display a solution to a given brief. Candidates will also be required to present at interview a project of their own design and making. The project must be accompanied by a portfolio which displays the progression from initial brief, through planning and manufacture to evaluation. It is expected that, at this level, candidates will be able to demonstrate their practical knowledge of fabrication processes.

Music Scholarship *(One Scholarship available)*

- *Friday 8 November 2019*
- *Closing date Thursday 10 October 2019*

Awards are made on the basis of an audition and interview; there is no written paper. Candidates usually offer two instruments, with at least one at Grade 8 level or higher, although it is not necessary to have taken the examination. Candidates should prepare two contrasting pieces for each instrument. Ability to sing will be taken into consideration. Any music award includes free tuition on specified instruments. Further details are available from the Director of Music who will be pleased to discuss matters with parents or music teachers.

Sport Scholarships *(Three awards available)*

- *Interview with Director of Sport on Friday 8 November 2019*
- *Closing date Thursday 10 October 2018*

These awards are focused on talented players of the four major team sports played at Oundle in rugby, hockey, netball or cricket. Candidates are expected to excel in at least one of these sports and it is anticipated that they will have played their strongest sport at representative level. Those put forward should also have impressive personal qualities and demonstrate sporting leadership. Assessment will involve an interview and may include a skills test. Reports from Heads of Sport and coaches are required in support of all candidates and, wherever possible, a member of the Oundle sports staff will travel to see them play under match conditions.

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- *All Awards are conditional upon success in the entrance examinations*
 - *The Head makes herself responsible for candidates during their stay in Oundle*
 - *Tenure of any award depends upon continued satisfactory progress; award holders' progress is reviewed annually by the Deputy Head Admissions in consultation with Academic and Pastoral staff*
 - *The School reserves the right to vary the number of awards according to the strength of applications*