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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 or Spanish:** 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, Spanish or French:** 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*)**

- *Postponed to the 2021 Michaelmas Term*
- *Closing date: Monday 4 January 2021*

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*)**

- *Postponed to the 2021 Michaelmas Term*
- *Closing date: Monday 4 January 2021*

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

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who will be pleased to discuss matters with parents or teachers.

### **Drama Scholarship (*One award - The Donaldson Scholarship*)**

- *Postponed to the 2021 Michaelmas Term*
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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 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*)**

- *Postponed to the 2021 Michaelmas Term*
- *Closing date: Monday 4 January 2021*

**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 25 January 2021*
- *Closing date: Monday 4 January 2021*

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 natural ability and interest as much as to test actual performance; based more on potential than on actual attainment. Candidates will be asked to sing a verse of an unaccompanied folk song. All candidates will be given a sight-reading test and an aural to test pitch, tonality and rhythm. 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 15 October 2020. 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.

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## **Sport Scholarships (*Five awards available*)**

*Scholars and Exhibitioners will benefit from the Dedicated Athlete Programme which provides nutrition, leadership and sport psychology workshops, alongside athletic development sessions.*

- *Postponed to the 2021 Michaelmas Term*
- *Closing date Monday 4 January 2021*

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. Where schedules allow, we will endeavour to organise a member of our sports staff to watch a candidate train or play under match conditions prior to the assessment day.

### **For enquiries please contact**

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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
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The School reserves the right to vary the number of awards according to the strength of applications

