Scholarship Policy

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Scholarships are first and foremost a public celebration of a student’s achievement. Quinton House scholars play an important part in school life and are expected to take a lead in the academic and extra-curricular activities of the whole school. In awarding a scholarship, Quinton House School will support the scholar in the continuous pursuit of excellence within their field, and, where applicable, liaise with external agencies to further support the student’s progress in the scholarship area.

Quinton House School celebrates students with a broad range of talents and skills and we recognise and reward outstanding talent across the curriculum. We therefore award scholarships in academia, the performing arts and sport. We also offer an all-rounder award for those students who are able to contribute significantly to the Quinton House School community in a number of different fields.

Students awarded a scholarship will be entitled to a reduction in fees of up to 25% for Years 7-11. This will be applied for the duration of the scholarship. At the end of the scholarship period, fees will revert to normal.

All scholarships awarded are at the Headmaster’s discretion following the assessment programme.

Scholarships are awarded for entry to Year 7. They are awarded until the end of Year 11, but will be subject to an annual review with the Headmaster.

**All scholarships are dependent on the very highest standard of behaviour, effort and attitudes to learning at all times. Throughout their time at the school, scholars are expected to:**

- Meet the highest standards within the scholarship field for his/her particular age;
- Behave as role models to younger pupils and ambassadors for the school;
- Represent the school and provide a service to the school as deemed appropriate by the Headmaster;
- Commit to school events, especially those related to the scholarship area.

The Headmaster may withdraw a scholarship at any point in the year for non-payment of school fees, poor pupil behaviour, lack of commitment and/or effort, attainment in the scholarship area falling below expected scholarship level and poor attendance at school.

**Academic Scholarships**

We offer up to three academic scholarships each year in celebration of outstanding academic ability. In keeping with the school’s ethos, our scholarships are intended to encourage and reward attitudes to learning that will set standards for others. Accordingly, we believe that academic scholarships should recognise and reward the
highest academic standard particularly in the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science.

The Quinton Scholarship, of a maximum of 25%, is awarded to a student progressing into the Senior School that attended the Junior School from at least the start of Year 5.

The two Upton Scholarships, of a maximum of 25%, are open awards available to all students joining the Senior School in Year 7.

The Headmaster may also make a specific ‘Exhibition Award’ in recognition of Scholarship examination performance and achievement to individual students that the school is not able to award a full scholarship. The maximum Award will be £1,200 and will be deducted termly from the tuition fee invoice at the rate of £400 per term for the first year of attendance in the Senior School. In exceptional circumstances, the Exhibition Award may be converted to a scholarship at the Headmaster’s discretion.

All students who would like to be considered for an Academic Scholarship will be required to sit a Scholarship Examination and to attend a Scholarship Interview with senior members of staff.

**Sport**

We offer up to two sports scholarships each year to students who will become leading sporting figures in the school and to those who are county, national and international competitors. We are looking to reward motivated leaders and team players who display not only natural talent but also sportsmanship.

Our sports scholars are expected to set the very best example to others through their high levels of motivation and commitment and support the school by assisting and representing the school in a range of sports and activities.

Students who would like to be considered for a Sports Scholarship will be required to submit a portfolio for assessment. This portfolio should provide clear evidence of their sporting achievements and must also include a reference from someone who has coached them.

Candidates will be invited to attend an interview with the Headmaster and will be asked to undertake a practical assessment overseen by the Director of Sport, this will include baseline fitness testing. Wherever possible, arrangements will be made for the Director of Sport to observe the candidate in action.

Whilst we are interested to receive applications from all talented young sportsmen and women, we look favourably on applicants with potential in our focus sports.

**Performing Arts Scholarships (Music, Dance and Drama)**

We offer up to two performing arts scholarships each year to students who have exceptional talent in the performing arts. Students awarded a performing arts scholarship are expected to be around Grade 5 in one or more instruments, which could
include voice, or be able to demonstrate the equivalent or higher level of achievement in dance or drama.

Performing arts scholars play a vital part in life at Quinton House and they should be prepared to show commitment to the life of the music and/or drama departments. They are expected to be active members of instrumental and vocal ensembles and/or school productions and show leadership to others in the school.

Students who would like to be considered for a Performing Arts Scholarship will be required to submit a portfolio for assessment. This portfolio should provide clear evidence of their achievements and must also include references from their instrumental teachers where applicable.

Candidates for performing arts scholarships will also be interviewed by the Headmaster and will be asked to undertake a practical assessment overseen by the Head of Music and/or Head of Drama.

**All-Rounder Scholarships**

We offer up to two all-rounder scholarships each year to students who will make an exceptional contribution to life at Quinton House.

Candidates for all-rounder awards must be academically able, demonstrate strong leadership potential and excel in one of the following areas: sport or the performing arts.

Please see individual awards for the information required on application.

**Scholarship Procedures for Entry to Year 7**

All students in Year 6 (External and Internal students) will be invited to sit the Quinton House School scholarship examination in January if they wish to be considered for either an Academic or All-rounder scholarship.

Those wishing to be considered for the Sport, Performing Arts or All-rounder scholarships should submit their portfolios of evidence prior to the Scholarship Interviews.

If the available scholarships are not filled at this point, students joining the school before the next application point may be considered.

Scholarships awarded at this time remain with the pupil until the end of Year 11.

**Decision Announcement**

Scholarships will be announced at Prize Giving in the Summer Term when ties will be awarded.
Quinton House School will commit to:

- Support each student in achieving their potential in their chosen area.
- Encourage students to strive for excellence and help them achieve their goals.
- Help guide students to balance their sporting/performing arts and academic commitments by liaising with students, parents, coaches and specialist teachers.
- Support training and competition opportunities and commitments as appropriate.
- Endeavour to create flexible timetables for students who compete at the very highest levels.
- Promote and acknowledge students’ successes within the school community.