

Through our 11+ scholarships, we aim to recognise those pupils who show talent and potential, as well as high levels of interest in a particular area. The Latin word 'schola' refers to leisure time given to learning and, therefore, at the heart of what it means to be a scholar is the idea that scholarliness grows from a dedication to something that manifests itself as a willingness, an eagerness even, to devote your time to pursuing excellence in a particular field. Our awards are intended to nurture talent and potential in the fields of academia, art, drama, music and sport.

Children who are talented in sport, music, drama or art may also offer a maximum of two elements for practical assessment. Children will be seen by teachers in the relevant departments and they are encouraged to submit supporting references /reports in advance.

Scholarships are worth 10% of the basic fees and these are non means tested, however can be augmented by means tested bursary support. The level of financial assistance is determined by an assessment of parental means via completion of a Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances (bursary form).

Our full policy on scholarships and bursaries is available on our website www.vinehallschool.com

If you have any queries please contact our Admissions on 01580 883090 or by email at: admissions@vinehallschool.com

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Pupils will sit papers in English and Maths. Pupils who apply for this scholarship should be performing at the top of their year group academically. Should they win an award, pupils will be expected to display a high level of maturity, diligence, initiative and independence in their approach towards their studies during Years 7 and 8. There would be an expectation to be involved in some co-curricular activities, as well as possibly taking on certain responsibilities which relate to their role.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

When applying for an Art Scholarship at Vinehall School, candidates should demonstrate a true passion for the Creative Arts. This enthusiasm will be clear to see, not only through their work but also from the pupil's ability to recall visits to galleries and art events in the wider community.

Prospective candidates will be asked to bring to the assessment a selection of their artwork, which demonstrate a range of skills. On the day, candidates will be asked to sit a drawing test, lasting one hour and thirty minutes. During this time, they will be asked to capture a still life arrangement using line and tone.

Art Scholars will be expected to attend Art Club, to enter competitions and to work on their own projects. Pupils will be encouraged to build on their portfolio both in school and in their own time.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Drama Scholarships are awarded to candidates who can express their distinct talents and have obvious enthusiasm and commitment for drama and theatre. They must have a desire to be regularly and actively involved in supporting the Drama Department at Vinehall, participating in performances and plays or in co-curricular drama activities. We expect that Scholars will watch productions regularly, read plays and seek to further their knowledge and experience in Drama and Theatre.

Candidates will be required to perform an acted audition piece of their own choice (a maximum of three minutes) to the Director of Drama. This piece should be from a published play so they can discuss the character and context of the monologue at interview. The scene should be memorised and delivered with a full awareness of the importance of vocal technique, as well as physical response (facial expression, movement, gesture, posture). Candidates will also sight-read a piece of unseen text. They will be expected to discuss their interest in drama and why they have applied for the scholarship in an interview with the Director of Drama.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Children applying for a Music Scholarship should be prepared to demonstrate outstanding commitment towards the musical life of the school by participating in ensembles, choirs and concerts, and be prepared to set high musical standards amongst their peers. They should demonstrate an enthusiasm for all things musical and expect to make sacrifices in order to practise and pursue their passion.

It is likely that children will have reached Grade 3 (ABRSM) on their first instrument; however, a child's musical potential is of equal, if not greater, importance and will be taken into consideration. During an interview, candidates will be expected to perform two contrasting pieces, scales appropriate to their Grade and discuss their current musical experiences. Candidates are usually expected to sing and aural and sight reading tests may also be given.

SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Children applying for a Sport Scholarship should be able to demonstrate exceptional ability and potential in two of the major sports on offer here at Vinehall. These pupils will be working well beyond the expected level of their year group with a strong understanding of the key principles and tactical ideas of the major sports at school. They will have strong game sense and awareness in team related sports and will shine in 'A team' situations. They will be able to perform well under pressure, lifting their performance when challenged. These pupils will have appropriate fitness and athletic levels required to perform at a high level. Conduct, attitude and effort in both training and matches will be taken into account.

Pupils who receive this award will be expected to uphold the highest standards of attitude and sportsmanship, acting as a role model for their peers and sport as a whole at Vinehall. They will be expected to represent the school in any fixtures/events for which they are selected during the week and, occasionally, at the weekend.

Assessments are likely to involve fitness/agility tests as well as a number of games-based scenarios, which will be observed by the Director of Sports.

THE NEXT STEPS

Please complete and return the attached application form, together with a completed registration form and registration

fee of £75 (if you have not already done so) before your child's assessment day.

If you require a Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances, please contact the Admissions department who will send the relevant form. Completed statements, together with supporting documentation, must be returned as soon as possible otherwise we may not be able to consider your application for September 2024 entry.

Please return completed forms by post to:

Admissions Department

Vinehall School

Robertsbridge

TN32 5JL

Or by email to: admissions@vinehallschool.com

Vinehall

11+ Scholarship Application Form September Entry 2024



PUPIL INFORMATION

Surname:

First Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Male

Female

Current School:

Name of Head at Current School:

Contact Telephone Number:

Email Address:

CONFIRMATION

I/We confirm that I/We would like our child to be entered for Scholarship assessment.

Signature One:

Signature Two:

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY

Please circle the scholarship category required. You can choose a maximum of two practical categories in addition to the academic category.

Academic

Drama

Art

Music (please specify which sport you would like assessed)

Sport (please specify which sport you would like assessed)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please attach a copy of your child's latest school report and provide details of any relevant academic achievements (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

Please provide details of any musical instruments played, grades taken, orchestras and choirs etc. (please attach a separate sheet if necessary). References from music teachers should also be attached.

Please provide details of sports played, levels attained, club membership, courses undertaken (please attach a separate sheet if necessary). References from sports coaches should also be attached.

Please provide details of art or drama activities, clubs, certificates etc. (please attach a separate sheet if necessary). References from teachers should also be attached.

What are your plans for your child's future school (from age 13)?