



Eastbourne College

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Eastbourne College offers academic scholarships to boys and girls with outstanding academic talent. In line with most top independent schools, the great majority of academic awards given at Eastbourne College are between 5% and 20% of the day or boarding fee but more may be offered in exceptional circumstances (up to a maximum of 50%).

Academic awards may be supplemented on a **means-tested** basis and in exceptional circumstances this means-tested funding may extend to 100% of the fee.





The College has an academic reputation that is highly regarded in the region. In the recent ISI inspection the inspectors reported: *pupils successfully aspire to and achieve academic excellence*.^{*} Its academic reputation is based on a number of key factors:

Superb academic results

Pupils excel in the exam hall while continuing to scale great heights in their artistic, cultural, musical and sporting lives.

- At A level, 83% of pupils achieved A*, A or B in the summer of 2011 and 60% of all Year 11 GCSEs were graded A* or A
- Rated against all other schools in the country on the basis of 'value added' (comparing the underlying ability of the cohort with its exam results), the College came in the top twenty-five

Highly qualified committed teaching staff

- With almost 80 full-time specialist subject teachers and over 15 part-time teachers, the school is able to deliver excellent teaching across a range of subjects
- Staff are hugely committed to the development of pupils through every strand of the College curriculum – both academic and in all areas outside the classroom
- Staff regularly give of their time beyond the timetable to ensure pupils make the best possible progress in their academic work

- Departments are frequently open during the evenings and give additional support during weekends and holidays. Revision days prior to the start of term are common and staff run a diverse range of academic trips to enrich pupils' experiences
- The staff to pupil ratio is good with an average class size across the whole school of sixteen and an average class size in the sixth form of eight

^{*} ISI Inspection Report November 2008



Broad curriculum

*"The academic curriculum is balanced, broad and appropriate"**

With 23 subjects to choose from at GCSE and 22 at A-level, combined with a timetable that is highly flexible, pupils are generally guaranteed their first choice of options.

An academic structure exists to challenge the most gifted

- All academic departments differentiate effectively within the classroom, offering the brightest pupils a specially amended curriculum to stretch them and provide a deeper insight
- pupils wherever appropriate are put into sets according to their ability
- accelerated programmes operate in a number of departments

A special programme of support and tutoring for academic scholars

*"Pupils think critically and creatively"**

The programme is co-ordinated by David Ruskin (Assistant Head – Teaching and Learning). All academic scholars are automatically members of the Hayman Society in Years 9, 10 and 11, the New Academy in the Lower Sixth and the Casson Society in the Upper Sixth. These societies exist to challenge and stimulate gifted and talented pupils beyond the curriculum. They provide creative and imaginative opportunities, introducing the concepts of debate and intellectual enquiry. Discussion groups, workshops and cultural visits are organised regularly as well as the annual Headmaster's Challenge essay. Recent events have included a trip to Auschwitz and Birkenau and a visit to Down House, the home of Charles Darwin.

Those applying to Oxford or Cambridge become part of the Oxbridge Programme to support their application. This includes guidance on further reading, individual tutorials, pre-interview master classes and informal discussion groups.



Superb facilities include

- a new multi-million pound whole school facility incorporating a music school, recording studio and exhibition space opened in September 2011
- an award winning state-of-the-art science building
- a new Design and Technology centre opened in 2003
- almost every classroom is equipped with a digital projector, networked computer and interactive whiteboards
- a comprehensive Learning Resources centre
- a new digital language laboratory for modern languages

Examples of academic endeavour at the highest level

Generations of Eastbournians have striven to achieve academic excellence and notable recent achievements include:

- Top GCSE students in the country in 2009 and 2010 with 14 A*s
- Frequent successes in the National Mathematics Olympiad
- Award winners in the Institute of Biology's 2011 Olympiad
- Winner of the 2009 Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) 175 Schools competition to design a Parliament for the future
- Winners of the Research Council Junior Science Race
- Frequent winners in the International Chemistry Olympiad
- 13 offers to Oxford and Cambridge in 2011
- Award winner in the top ten in the Physics 2011 Olympiad
- Winner of the Eastbourne European Movement Public Speaking Competition
- Successive wins in the Rotary Club's annual Sixth Form Challenge
- Three times winners of the Sussex Languages Olympiad and winner of the prestigious Spanish Ruta Quetzal Spa Competition
- 75% of Upper Sixth formers secure places at Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell group of universities, annually



Recognition and responsibility

Academic scholars are recognised as key individuals within year groups but with this recognition comes an expectation that they will set high standards in the way they conduct themselves both in the classroom and around the school.

The example they set should make them natural leaders amongst their peer group and we hope they will both enjoy and make the most of this responsibility. We are looking for academic scholars who will act as 'yeast' enabling others around them to 'rise'.





We expect our academic scholars to

pursue
excellence

you try to do the best you can
we help you to achieve more
than you believed you could

participate

you enter fully into the life of
the school

you encourage, enable and
enrich others in the classroom
and in the wider community

display
integrity

you keep going when the
going is tough

we help you learn to take
responsibility for your
decisions



An Eastbourne College
academic scholar will be
challenged, inspired and
engaged in the classroom
and beyond



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