



Eastbourne College

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Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications – Friday 21 October 2011

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For either type of entry into the Sixth Form, you will need to complete and return the Registration Form enclosed (or available from our website: www.eastbourne-college.co.uk) by the October deadline for scholarship applicants, or by the end of November for non-scholarship applicants.

Depending on availability, late applications will be considered and candidates will follow the usual entry procedure for Sixth Form. Your son or daughter will be invited to meet the Headmaster and tour the school and a House. Following your visit references will be requested from the current school Head and offers made, depending on GCSE predictions and space available.

Entry to Eastbourne College Sixth Form

Competition for entry to our Sixth Form is strong. As well as academic ability we seek pupils who wish to be part of a vibrant community to which they will contribute fully. There are two methods of entry to the Sixth Form at Eastbourne College;

- Scholarship entry (exams take place at the College in November of the preceding year of entry i.e. Year 11)
- Normal entry into the Sixth Form

Scholarship entry to the Sixth Form

The following scholarships are offered to boys and girls entering the College at Sixth Form level.

- Academic
- Music

Please note that in line with most top independent schools, the great majority of awards given at Eastbourne College will be between 5% and 20% of the day or boarding fee, but more may be offered in exceptional circumstances (up to a maximum of 50%). Scholarships may be supplemented on a means tested basis and in exceptional circumstances this can extend to 100% of the fee.

Academic

Papers for the Academic Scholarship will be taken in 3 chosen subjects from the list below. It is assumed these subjects are likely to be studied in the Sixth Form.

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Classical Greek
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics/ Further Mathematics
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Spanish

There will also be a General Paper and an interview. The papers will be taken at Eastbourne College unless the Registrar decides it is impractical. The academic examinations will take place on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 November, (i.e. the first term of Year 11). Your son or daughter is welcome to stay at the College overnight on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 November, if he or she is travelling from a distance.

The closing date for Academic Scholarship entries is Friday 21 October 2011.

All Sixth Form Academic Scholars have the privilege of joining the New Academy Society run exclusively for scholars and other pupils by invitation in the senior part of the school. The Society meets regularly for talks and discussions.

Music

Auditions will take place at the College on Monday 14 November. Candidates will be required to play two contrasting pieces of their own choice, together with one piece on their second and third (if any) instrument(s). They will also be asked to read at sight, and they will be given ear tests. Singing is desirable and candidates who offer it will be asked to sing a prepared song and to sing at sight. It is not necessary for candidates to have passed any grade examination, but the standard expected is grade seven or eight on their first instrument.

Winners of a Music Award will generally receive free music tuition on two instruments, including voice. Scholars of sufficient talent will be expected to play a full part in the choral and orchestral life of the College depending upon their ability. The Director of Music, Mr Graham Jones, is keen to hear and advise prospective candidates before the examination and can be contacted at the Music School on 01323 452338 or glj@eastbourne-college.co.uk

Criteria for both Scholarship applications

We expect potential academic scholars to have mainly A* predictions from their current school as well as a very positive reference. In assessing potential scholars we look for academic leadership and intellectual curiosity. We try to distinguish the bright from the well drilled, the inspired from the effective and we aim to uncover flair. Considerable time is taken to ensure that the process is fair.

All candidates must gain a strong reference from their present school to be allowed to sit the examination.

Current College pupils are also eligible to take the Academic and Music examinations, at the discretion of the Headmaster and on the advice of teachers and Heads of Department.

Candidates for the Scholarship exams who are not successful are normally offered a place at the College subject to gaining the minimum external entry requirements of B grades or better at GCSE. Candidates who are offered a Scholarship must also fulfill the minimum entry requirements.

Application procedure for Scholarship applicants

If you have not already done so, the next step is for you to complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it, together with the Registration Fee of £75 and the application form for either the Academic or Music Scholarship. The application forms for both Scholarships can be found in the back of this booklet. Please return all forms to the Admissions Secretary at the College address located on the back cover of this booklet. If a Registration form is not enclosed, please contact us or download from our website www.eastbourne-college.co.uk

The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 21 October 2011. After this deadline we will contact the present school of your son or daughter to request a reference and then confirm with you the details of the Scholarship examinations. In keeping with regulations governing all HMC schools, parents and candidates will be informed of the results of Scholarship examinations after 30 November and the closing date for acceptance will be within one week of the postmark date.

The Academic Scholarship examinations will take place on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 November, (i.e. the first term of Year 11).

Bursaries in recognition of financial need

Bursaries are **separate** from scholarship awards. They can be made available where financial means dictate and can add to scholarship award amounts. They are all means-tested, according to the guidelines laid down by the Charity Commission, and parents are asked to complete a financial circumstances form. **The deadline for receipt of a completed Financial Circumstances Form is Friday 28 October for all scholarship entries.** Enquiries should be made to the Registrar in the first instance. Please return all documentation to the Admissions Office, Eastbourne College, Old Wish Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4JY.

Non-Scholarship or normal entry to the Sixth Form

Entry requirements and application for entry

We will expect candidates to have mainly B or above predictions for GCSE from their current school and a good academic reference.

If you would like your son or daughter to be considered for entry to the Sixth Form at the College in September 2012 we would like to invite you to visit us, meet the Headmaster, have a tour of the College with a current Sixth Form pupil and visit a House. This should be done, if possible, by the end of Year 10 and certainly by the end of the Michaelmas Term 2011. To arrange a visit please contact Eve Deacon on 01323 452323 or edeacon@eastbourne-college.co.uk who will be happy to make an appointment for you.

At this stage, if you have not already done so, the next step is for you to complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it, together with the Registration Fee of £75. Early Registration is recommended; Registrations will be accepted in the order that they are received, and offers made subject to availability.

Before an offer of a place, we will contact the present school of your son or daughter after your visit and request a reference. Any offer made will be subject to a pupil gaining mainly grade A*-B predictions from their current school as well as a very positive reference.

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The Bernard Drake Award

The Bernard Drake Award has been initiated and funded by a former College pupil who went on to study Economics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. It has been set up in recognition of the inspirational teaching of Bernard Drake who joined the Eastbourne College staff in 1967, introduced Economics as a stand-alone subject and became the first Head of a new Economics department in 1970 until his retirement in 1996. The department continues to thrive and is one of the College's most successful academic departments.

1. This will be a two year award for a place in the Sixth Form.
2. The award will be given to a pupil who would not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from a College education and who has applied for an academic scholarship. Means testing would occur once suitable candidates have been identified.
3. The opportunity provided by this award will be advertised to interested parties on an annual basis, and it is hoped that the recipient will be identified in November of each year when Sixth Form scholarship candidates are assessed. It is not possible to apply directly for the award.
4. Academic scholarship candidates who are able to demonstrate initiative and the pursuit of excellence will be considered and the award will be given to the strongest eligible candidate.
5. Those considered for the award need to be ambitious, hard-working and keen to make the most of the other opportunities on offer at the College. They would be expected to contribute to and be fully involved in the life of the school.
6. Award recipients will be required to write a report on the progress they have made at the end of the Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth years. This report should focus on the way in which they have used their time at the College to develop their academic interests. Any courses or experiences during holiday time and related to furthering their studies will be encouraged.



The Scoresby-Jackson Science Award

The Scoresby-Jackson Science Award is a result of a generous legacy from the will of Thomas Scoresby-Jackson who was a pupil at the College from 1925 to 1929. The Scoresby family, late of Whitby, Yorkshire, were well-known for their exploration of the polar regions of the globe and Mr Scoresby-Jackson wished to help pupils to study science subjects at A-Level.

1. This will be a two year award for a place in the Sixth Form, available every other year, and worth up to 50% of the day fees.
2. The award will be given to a pupil who would not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from a College education and who has applied for an academic scholarship. Means testing would occur once suitable candidates have been identified.
3. The opportunity provided by this award will be advertised to interested parties as required, and it is hoped that the recipient will be identified in November of each year when Sixth Form scholarship candidates are assessed. It is not possible to apply directly for the award.
4. Academic Scholarship candidates who wish to study at least three science subjects at A-Level will be considered and ideally they will go on to read a science-related degree at university. As well as the natural sciences, Mathematics, Computing, and Design and Technology count as sciences for this purpose. Candidates who are able to demonstrate initiative and the pursuit of excellence will be considered and the award will be given to the strongest eligible candidate.
5. Those considered for the award need to be ambitious, hard-working and keen to make the most of the other opportunities on offer at the College. They would be expected to contribute to and be fully involved in the life of the school.
6. Award recipients will be required to write a report on the progress they have made at the end of the Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth years. This report should focus on the way in which their interests in Science and related issues are developing, and on their overall experience of Eastbourne College. Any courses or experiences during holiday time and related to the study of Science, will be encouraged.

Frequently asked questions...

What is a scholarship?

A Scholarship is the recognition of academic merit, and/or musical or artistic excellence, following assessment by the College. Scholars receive a remission on school fees and importantly, tailored coaching and support in the Sixth Form.

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

Both give financial assistance but are separate in their assessment. Scholarship awards are given to pupils who have demonstrated excellence and ability in their chosen scholarship area.

A bursary can be given in recognition of financial need and can be applied for on behalf of any pupil who is registered with the College, regardless of ability. A bursary can also supplement a scholarship award amount.

Bursaries are means-tested, so parents are asked to complete a financial circumstances form which is then assessed by the Finance Bursar in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines. Financial circumstances forms are available on request from the Admissions Secretary.

Which scholarship should my son or daughter apply for?

See the section on page 4, *Criteria for Scholarship applications* for general information. For specific advice on the Academic Scholarship please contact our Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning) Mr D J Ruskin on djrskin@eastbourne-college.co.uk or phone 01323 452300.

For advice on the Music Scholarship and/or studying A level Music, it is recommended that you contact our Director of Music in the first instance, Mr Graham Jones. He can be reached on 013232 452339 or by email on gljones@eastbourne-college.co.uk. You may wish to arrange a meeting for an informal evaluation.

How are scholarship candidates assessed?

The academic scholarship papers are marked by our Heads of Department in the subjects offered by each candidate. These marks are then collated and assessed in a meeting of senior staff to determine which candidates have met our expectations for a scholarship award.

Candidates for the Music scholarship are assessed by members of staff in the Music department, both at audition and interview. This feedback and marking is then collated and assessed in a further meeting with the Registrar and Headmaster.

What are the fees?

The fees for day pupils are £17,985 annually or £5,995 per term and for boarding the fees are £27,315 annually or £9,105 per term.

Where can I find out about A level subject choices?

Please consult our booklet entitled *Choices for the Sixth Form 2010-2012* for more details about specific subjects. For each subject offered you can contact the Head of Department as listed.

Where can I get more general information and advice about Sixth Form entry?

Please do contact us if you have any questions about Sixth Form entry or scholarships. The Admissions Secretary, Eve Deacon is available to take your call on 01323 452323 or email edeacon@eastbourne-college.co.uk. The Registrar, Mr Luigi Chu can be contacted via email on lchu@eastbourne-college.co.uk or by phone on 01323 452351.



Eastbourne College Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Application Form

This application form should be completed and returned to the Admissions Secretary at the College address below, no later than Friday 21 October 2011. On receipt, the Admissions Secretary will contact your son or daughter's school for a confidential reference. If this concerns you, please let the Registrar, Mr Luigi Chu, know in writing when you return this form.

Name of candidate :	
Name & address of present school : Name of Head:	Please state the 3 subjects to be offered in the examination: 1. 2. 3.
Name of parent/s to whom results should be communicated:	

Please tick the relevant box;

- I give my permission for the College to contact his/her present school for a report.
- I have already registered my child with Eastbourne College by completing a Registration Form
- I enclose a completed Registration Form and the Registration fee of £75
- Regardless of the outcome of the scholarship, we wish to apply for a means-tested bursary

Signature of parent:	Signature of parent:
Date:	Date:

**Please return this form (and the Registration Form with £75 if you have not registered) to;
Admissions Secretary, Eastbourne College, Old Wish Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4JX**



Eastbourne College Sixth Form Music Scholarship Application Form

This application form should be completed and returned to the Admissions Secretary at the College address below, no later than Friday 21 October 2011. On receipt, the Admissions Secretary will contact your son or daughter's school for a confidential reference. If this concerns you, please let the Registrar, Mr Luigi Chu, know in writing when you return this form.

Name of candidate :		
Please state the instruments played (includes singing):	Grade achieved:	Date exam taken:
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
Name & address of present school :		
		Postcode:
Head:	Director of Music:	
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Name of parent/s to whom results should be communicated:		
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Please tick the relevant box;

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