



SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY

General

The School is a harmonious community united by a desire to learn. Part of our commitment to preparing students for their adult life lies in maintaining a socially inclusive ethos and, as such, we are dedicated to giving able pupils of any background the chance to join our community. To make this possible, we offer a number of scholarships and awards to support and reward able pupils.

What is a Scholarship?

A Scholarship is a prestigious award which recognises a very high standard of achievement in a competitive examination or assessment, carrying with it the title of 'scholar' for the successful student. It is not linked to parental income, but can involve financial support of between 5% and 80% of school fees. If the Scholarship is withdrawn, a term's notice will be given by the School, and full fees will be payable from the start of the following term. Should this result in the parents' decision to withdraw a pupil from the School, the normal period of notice will apply: one term's notice must be given, or fees paid in lieu of notice.

Academic Scholarships and Awards (duration, Year 7 – Year 11)

Academic scholarships (Headmaster's Scholarships) and awards are given to pupils of outstanding ability at age 11+, based on their performance in the Year 7 entrance examination in January. **An interview may also be required following the examination.** Pupils already in Year 6 who wish to be considered for a Scholarship will need to sit the Year 7 entrance examination. A Scholarship is valued at up to 25% of school fees and is not means-tested. Once awarded, the Scholarship will remain in place for the duration of the pupil's education at Leicester High School for Girls, subject to academic standards being maintained and at the Headmaster's discretion.

The Scholarship is not means-tested, however, the School are keen to encourage applications from families who may not currently be considering an independent education.

Music Scholarships and Awards (duration annual, Year 6 – Year 13) Auditions take place annually and will be awarded to pupils who demonstrate particular potential and aptitude. **There are three different levels of award with varying values, up to £1,000.**

At audition, candidates must be prepared to play two contrasting pieces on their main instrument and one piece on a second instrument. For the purpose of the examination, voice can be offered as one instrument. Aural tests will also form part of the audition.

Scholarship awards will remain in place for the duration of an academic year and are subject to musical commitment in school and at the Headmaster's discretion. Scholars are welcome to re-apply annually for awards.

Any successful candidate will be expected to take a full and active part in the musical life of the School and will sign a contract with the Head of Music to ensure this.



The LHS Sixth Form Scholarship

A Scholarship of up to 25% is available to one, exceptional girl joining the Sixth Form. A personal statement, grades and references from their current school will be requested and shortlisted girls will be invited to attend an initial interview with the Head of Sixth Form and the subject heads of her chosen A Levels. If successful at this initial interview, girls will be invited to attend a final interview with the Headmaster.

The Scholarship is not means-tested, however, the School are keen to encourage applications from families who may not currently be considering an independent education.

Sir Thomas White Scholarship

This Scholarship provides a fully funded place at Leicester High School for Sixth Form study. To be eligible candidates must have: been educated in the Maintained Sector, high GCSE predictions, and meet the means-testing criteria set out by the Sir Thomas White Trust.

A personal statement, grades and references from their current school will be requested and shortlisted girls will be invited to attend an interview with Sir Thomas White Trustees, who will make the final decision.

Availability of funds

The award of scholarships /awards is at the discretion of the School and subject to the availability of funding and cannot be guaranteed. The School reserves the right not to offer scholarships / awards in any given year.

The Sir Thomas White Scholarship is funded by an external Trust and therefore its availability and award is at the discretion of the Trust.

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