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YEAR 9 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP



Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our Scholarship provision here at Pangbourne College. Pangbourne College is a NACE Challenge accredited school, one of only a few independent senior schools with a Sixth Form to have this accolade in the United Kingdom. This award is only given to schools that demonstrate excellence in teaching and learning, leadership, and challenge across the board, and our scholarship programmes are at the very heart of that.

Holders of scholarships can expect recognition across the College. Each one of your child's teachers will know that they are talented within a particular aspect of the curriculum or, in the case of Academic Scholars, exceptionally able across the board. It is this individualised care for every child, every lesson, that makes our able provision so impactful. Every one of the Scholarship pathways has their own programme, expertly designed to help your child flourish in that area, and eventually lead in it, as they progress through the College.

Each scholar is recognised as a leader in our community and is expected to take full ownership and accountability for their role, judged against our Flag Values and Academic Standards. In exchange, we offer the finest level of enhancement of their skillset to help them pursue their passion. This year in particular is even more exciting as we launch our *Devitt and Moore Award*, which all Scholars in Years 9-11 will complete to build a suite of skills to prepare them for further study and life outside of our community.

I invite you to read through this booklet and see for yourself the fantastic diversity of opportunity that every prospective scholar can expect at Pangbourne College. Our small size and award-winning more able provision means that we can assure you that your child will indeed flourish as a scholar in our special community.

I hope to meet you soon.

Best wishes,

Jack Sims, MSci, PGCE Head of Scholarship and Challenge



Pangbourne College offers a limited number of scholarships to pupils who demonstrate superb potential in academic ability or in a major co-curricular specialism. The following pages describe the entry criteria, scholarship programme benefits, and expectations.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Holding a Scholarship at Pangbourne College is recognition of a pupil's potential in their specialism, as well as to participate actively in the life of the College. Scholars are College leaders, and their contribution as a positive role model in their specialism allows for positive growth to happen. As such, while the College does not provide automatic fee remission for Scholarship holders, we do recognise award holders with a dedicated scholarship programme.

All Scholars can expect additional opportunities depending on the type and specialism of the award they are holding. We want Scholars to dive into their area and show their passion, whilst also upholding all of our Flag Values in all that they do. Most importantly, all Scholars work closely together throughout the College and help to carry out positive contributions to support their peers.

Scholars will regularly meet during ensembles and meetings. There is also an annual and prestigious Scholars' Dinner, which is a significant date in the College calendar.

APPLYING FOR FEE ASSISTANCE

The scholarship award does not carry automatic fee reduction. Pupils who are awarded a scholarship or exhibition may be eligible for additional assistance with payment of school fees in the form of means-tested financial assistance. This is traditionally known as a 'bursary', and the bursary application process is run in tandem with an application to Pangbourne College. The means-testing process is administered by the Bursar. Click here for the [Bursary Policy](#).

HOW SCHOLARSHIPS WORK

Year 7 Scholarships last for two years and conclude at the end of Year 8. All of the programmes prepare pupils for entry into a Year 9 Scholarship, the assessments of which take place during Year 8.

Pupils may apply for One Scholarship only. However, if a pupil is applying for an Academic Scholarship, then they may choose another as well.

Upon confirmation of a Scholarship, a pupil will be asked to sign our Scholarship Agreement, which pledges to uphold the highest standards and to contribute fully to that discipline. This is constantly reviewed throughout their time at the College.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN ACADEMIC SCHOLAR?

Academic Scholarships are the most important scholastic awards made by the College and are based on academic merit in a range of subjects and the potential to produce an outstanding performance at GCSE.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PANGBOURNE ACADEMIC AWARD HOLDER?

Academic Scholars will receive **£100.00** each year to spend on academic resources, which could be for wider reading to supplement their studies. Additionally, all Academic Scholars will meet together weekly and discuss key academic ideas. This could include discussing a text together, carrying out a balloon-style debate, writing whole-school publications, or simply making use of the opportunity to get to know their peers.

All Academic Scholars will also be recognised across the College as *exceptionally able*, meaning that all classroom teachers will be able to recognise this and stretch them accordingly. This is part of our Academic Challenge philosophy and we expect Academic Scholars to take a leading role in this.

Like all Scholars, Academic Scholars will complete a Devitt and Moore Senior Award each year. This prestigious project involves selecting a novel topic and demonstrating understanding through a way of choice. For more information, please see our Devitt and Moore booklet.

The Scholarship Award does not carry automatic fee reduction. Where appropriate, scholarship award holders may benefit from fee remission in the form of a means-tested bursary. Applications for bursaries may be submitted alongside the scholarship application.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF A PANGBOURNE SCHOLAR?

Holders of Academic Scholarships are expected to play a leading role in encouraging others to challenge themselves academically. They will demonstrate this through excellent effort shown both in their subjects, but also in their contribution to the College.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

All candidates must apply each year and attend the College for assessment for one day.

Those candidates applying for Year 9 Scholarship must be under 14 years old on 1 September of their year of entry into the College.

To be awarded an Academic Scholarship, a candidate will have to do well in the written exams and interview. They must also demonstrate an excellent attitude towards learning and be a good role model to others.



Scholarship Award Calendar for 2025 entry

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP	APPLICATION CLOSING DATE	SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT DATE
Academic	No application required	Awarded for potential high performance shown during the entrance assessment.
Art & Design	29 November 2024	28 January 2025
Drama	29 November 2024	28 January 2025
Music	29 November 2024	28 January 2025
Sport	18 October 2024	16 November 2024 - Assessment will take place for applicants on the same day as the entrance assessment.
YEAR 9 SCHOLARSHIP	APPLICATION CLOSING DATE	SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT DATE
Academic	29 November 2024	24 February 2025
Art	29 November 2024	28 January 2025
Drama	30 September 2024	18 November 2024
Music	30 September 2024	19 November 2024
Sport	30 September 2024	7 November 2024

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To apply for a scholarship, please download our application form from our website and send this over to our admissions team or contact our admissions team for further details.

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