



Berkhamsted Scholarships and Awards

It is the Governors' policy to award Scholarships and Exhibitions on merit to pupils whom Governors wish to attract to Berkhamsted because of the contribution that they are able to make to School life, be that academic, musical, sporting, creative or as potential leaders.

- a. The maximum Scholarship shall usually be 10% of the school fees.
- b. In exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Principal, higher awards may be awarded.
- c. Exhibitions may also be awarded, where the amount is at the discretion of the Principal.
- d. Scholarships and Exhibitions are only awarded on entry to Berkhamsted and thus are not available to pupils within the School.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit alone on entrance to the School.

Who can apply?

Applications are welcome from pupils who qualify from their performance in the Entrance Examination and sit Scholarship Examinations in English, Mathematics and other appropriate subjects. These are usually only at 9+, 11+, 13+ and 16+. The Barbara Russell Scholarship is available for Sixth Form entry only and is provided by the Berkhamstedian Foundation. Pupils must have predicted grades of at least 6A* at GCSE and have a supporting reference from their present school.

For the Barbara Russell Scholarship, candidates will be required to submit an extended essay covering a subject area of their choice and will be questioned by an academic panel.

How much is the Scholarship worth?

The maximum value of the award is 10% of the School fee with additional means-tested funding available up to 50% of tuition fees. All awards may be varied at the absolute discretion of the Principal.

Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the pupil's time in the School. However, Scholarships may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student to whom an award was made is not making the most of the opportunities available to him/her.

Age	Title	Method of Assessment
9+	The Major Open Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Head of Preparatory School • Scholarship Examination follows Entrance Examination
11+	The Major Open Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Examinations in English, Mathematics and a general paper including Geography, History and Science follow Entrance Examination
13+	The Major Open Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Examinations in English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Modern Languages and Latin follow Entrance Examination
16+	The Major Open Scholarships <i>Including the Barbara Russell Scholarship</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with academic panel • Extended essay • At least 6 A* predicted GCSE grades

Music Awards

Who can apply?

Music Awards are given for musical ability to those who have attained the entrance criteria for the School.

How do I apply?

The Director of Music will be pleased to see prospective candidates or answer any enquiries. Pupils are assessed by audition, which will consist of a performance of two contrasting pieces on two instruments. In addition there will be aural tests, sight-reading (instrumental and singing), and an interview with members of the Music Department. Choral Awards are also available.

It is expected that the award holders will study music to at least GCSE and make a full contribution to the musical life of the School throughout their time in the School.

How much is the Scholarship worth?

For the Music Scholarship the maximum value of the award is 10% of the tuition fee and free tuition on two instruments (including singing and/or Music Theory tuition) if the tuition is taken in School. Additional funding is available up to 50% of tuition fees. All awards may be varied at the absolute discretion of the Principal.

For a Music Exhibition the maximum value of the award is free tuition on up to two instruments (including choral and/or Music Theory tuition) so long as the tuition is taken in School. All awards may be varied at the absolute discretion of the Principal.

Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the pupil's time in the School. However, Scholarships/Exhibitions may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student to whom an award was made is not making a significant contribution to the musical life of the School.

Age	Title	Method of Assessment	Indicators of Suitability
9+	Music Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews with Head of Preparatory School and Director of Music • Audition on two instruments • Aural tests • Sight reading (instrumental or singing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 2/4 in two instruments
11+	Music Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Director of Music • Audition on two instruments • Aural tests • Sight reading (instrumental or singing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4/5 in two instruments
13+	Music Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Director of Music • Audition on two instruments • Aural tests • Sight reading (instrumental or singing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 in two instruments
16+	Music Awards <i>Including the Webb Scholarship</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Director of Music • Audition on two instruments • Aural tests • Sight reading (instrumental or singing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7/8 in two instruments

The Art Scholarship

Who can apply?

The Art Scholarship is awarded for artistic and creative ability to those who have attained the entrance criteria for the School.

How do I apply?

The Head of Art and Design will be pleased to see prospective candidates or answer any enquiries. Pupils are assessed on the basis of the presentation of a Portfolio of work, a practical test and an interview. The award is renewable annually dependent on continued commitment to the subject.

It is expected that the award holders will study Art to at least GCSE and a creative subject to A level.

What is the Scholarship worth?

The maximum value of the award is 10% of the tuition fees with additional funding available up to 50% of tuition fees. All awards may be varied at the absolute discretion of the Principal.

Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the pupil's time in the School. However, Scholarships may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student to whom an award was made is not making a significant contribution to the artistic life of the School.

Age	Title	Method of Assessment
11+	Art Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Head of Art and Design • Portfolio of work • Practical Test
13+	Art Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Head of Art and Design • Portfolio of work • Practical Test
16+	Art Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Head of Art and Design • Portfolio of work • Practical Test

The Drama Scholarship

Who can apply?

The Drama Scholarship is awarded for commitment to and achievements in Drama to those who have attained the entrance criteria for the School.

How do I apply?

The Head of Drama will be pleased to see prospective candidates or answer any enquiries. Pupils are assessed on the basis of an audition, a Drama workshop and evidence of previous commitment to and achievements in Drama. The candidate is expected to be studying a GCSE in Drama or Performing Arts and must choose to study AS Theatre Studies in the Sixth Form. They would be expected to provide evidence of commitment to Drama in a school context. The award is renewable annually dependent on continued commitment to the subject.

What is the Scholarship worth?

The maximum value of the award is 10% of the tuition fees with additional funding available up to 50% of tuition fees.

All awards may be varied at the absolute discretion of the Principal.

Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the pupil's time in the School. However, Scholarships may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student to whom an award was made is not making a significant contribution to Drama in the School.

Age	Title	Method of Assessment	Indicators of Suitability
13+	The Drama Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Head of Drama • Audition • Evidence of previous commitment to and achievements in Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant roles in productions • Potential team leadership of Drama projects • LAMDA Grades 4/5
16+	The Drama Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Head of Drama • Audition • Evidence of previous commitment to and achievements in Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant roles in productions • Potential team leadership of Drama projects • LAMDA Grades 7/8

The Sports Scholarship

Who can apply?

The Sports Scholarship is awarded for commitment to and achievements in Sport to those who have attained the entrance criteria for the School.

How do I apply?

The Directors of Sport will be pleased to see prospective candidates or answer any enquiries. Pupils are assessed on the basis of the presentation of a Portfolio of achievements in any one sporting area. The candidate is expected to have representative experience at county level or above and provide evidence of commitment to sport. They will be assessed during a panel interview which will include the Directors of Boys' and Girls' Sport. The award is renewable annually dependent on continued commitment to the subject.

What is the Scholarship worth?

The maximum value of the award is 10% of the tuition fees with additional funding available up to 50% of tuition fees.

All awards may be varied at the absolute discretion of the Principal.

Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the pupil's time in the School. However, scholarships may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student to whom an award was made is not making a significant contribution to Sport in the School.

Age	Title	Method of Assessment	Indicators of Suitability
11+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel interview with Directors of Sport • Portfolio of achievements in any one sporting area • Practical Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least county representation
13+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel interview with Directors of Sport • Portfolio of achievements in any one sporting area • Practical Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least county representation
16+	<p>The Sports Scholarship <i>Including the Ian Player Scholarship</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel interview with Directors of Sport • Portfolio of achievements in any one sporting area • Practical Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least county representation

Incent Awards

Awards are awarded to talented pupils from financially or socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

- a. They are awarded to enable pupils who would not otherwise be able to attend Berkhamsted, to afford to do so.
- b. Candidates must demonstrate academic potential or have a particular talent(s) or skill(s) so that they will make a significant contribution to some other area of School life.
- c. The Award shall be up to 100% of the school fees, and, where appropriate, will also include financial assistance for the following areas:
 1. School uniform and sports kit
 2. Travel to and from school
 3. School Trips and expeditions
 4. Extra lessons e.g. Music, Drama etc. if applicable

Whilst most applications for Incent Awards will be received from candidates who are presently in maintained sector schools, Berkhamsted does work with a number of feeder schools in the independent sector who offer awards on a similar basis and thus will entertain applications from pupils who are presently in receipt of means-tested awards of this nature.

Incent Awards are given for the duration of the pupil's time in the School. However, Incent Awards may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student to whom an award was made is not making the most of the opportunities available to him/her.

Age	Title	Method of Assessment
9+	The Incent Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Principal • Qualification by Entrance Examination • Scholarship assessments in relevant area (Academic, Music, Drama, Art, Sport) follow Entrance Examination
11+	The Incent Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Principal • Scholarship assessments in relevant area (Academic, Music, Drama, Art, Sport) follow Entrance Examination
13+	The Incent Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Principal • Scholarship assessments in relevant area (Academic, Music, Drama, Art, Sport) follow Entrance Examination
16+	The Incent Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Principal • Scholarship assessments in relevant area (Academic, Music, Drama, Art, Sport)

How To Apply

If you would like to apply for any of our Scholarships, please write to the Principal at the address below and enclose your son or daughter's curriculum vitae. This should include all information relevant to your application (e.g. level of music or acting grades, county representation). If applying for a Music or Sports Scholarship, please state what instruments or sports your child plays.

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