



OSWESTRY SCHOOL

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**Scholarships,
Exhibitions & Bursaries
for entry into
Oswestry School**

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Scholarships and Exhibitions are offered to candidates on entry to the Senior School at 9+, 11+, 13+ and 16+, i.e. for those children moving into Year 5, 7, 9 and 12 respectively, in the September of the year in which they sit the scholarships.

Each award is made at the discretion of the Headmaster and is tenable from the beginning of the academic year following the Scholarship examination. It will be held until a pupil leaves the School, provided that, in the opinion of the Headmaster, satisfactory progress is maintained.

The amount of the award may be varied at the discretion of the Headmaster. Scholarships will be awarded up to a value of 50% of fees, Exhibitions awarded will be of a lesser value, up to 25% of fees.

Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster and subject to the conditions laid down, (see later section), but are unlikely to exceed 25% of fees.

The Headmaster, Mr P Stockdale, is delighted to meet prospective candidates with their parents, by appointment, at any time before entries are made.

Forms of application are available from:

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Scholarships and Exhibitions

1. Candidates must be under 10 years of age (for 9+), under 12 (for 11+), under 14 (for 13+) and under 17 (for 16+) on 31 August in the year of the Scholarship examination.
2. Scholarships are available *up to* the value of 50% of the tuition fees, Exhibitions *up to* the value of 25%.
3. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster and the amount and nature of the awards may be varied and variously described by the Headmaster.
4. Candidates for *academic* and *all-round* Scholarships/Exhibitions are required to sit the Oswestry School Scholarship examination (appropriate to their age group) which is usually held in late January or February. This will consist of papers in: English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning.
5. Shortlisted candidates may be required to return with their parents for interview shortly after the examinations have been taken.
6. Awards are reviewable annually and normally tenable for the whole of the pupil's time at Oswestry School. However, their continued tenure will depend on satisfactory performance in all sections of the School. It is a condition that candidates in receipt of any award will remain at Oswestry School until the conclusion of their A level studies.
7. At the discretion of the Headmaster the following scholarships may be awarded:
 - Academic
 - Music
 - Art
 - Sport

Academic Scholarships

1. Award(s) will be made *up to* the value of 50% of fees at the discretion of the Headmaster.
2. Candidates will be expected to sit the Scholarship examinations and awards will be made on the basis of performance in those examinations and by interview with the Headmaster.
3. The award is reviewed annually but if, in the judgement of the Headmaster, satisfactory progress is maintained, is tenable throughout a pupil's education at the School.

Music Scholarships

1. Award(s) will be made up to the value of 50% of fees at the discretion of the Headmaster.
2. Candidates will be auditioned by the School's Director of Music.
3. Candidates will be required to:
 - a. play two contrasted pieces on the instrument(s) they offer. Credit will be given to those offering two or more instruments. Suggested length: 11+ 2-3 minutes; 13+ 3-4 minutes; 16+ 5 minutes.
 - b. take part in aural and sight reading tests commensurate with the candidate's level of performance.
 - c. demonstrate (i) an awareness of musical elements and (ii) competency in appropriate scales and arpeggios.

Standards	9+	Grade II or above*
	11+	Grade III-IV or above*
	13+	Grade V-VI*
	16+	Grade VII-VIII*

(*Potential is more important than the level of attainment but the above grades are typical of the standards expected.)

4. Where candidates offer one instrument only, the higher grade requirement is the minimum expected. 13+ and 16+ entrants offering more than two instruments will be required to offer a short study on each additional instrument.
5. The successful candidate(s) will be required to satisfy the general standards of admission to Oswestry School.
6. The award is reviewed annually but if, in the judgement of the Headmaster, satisfactory progress is maintained, is tenable throughout a pupil's education at the School. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a strong commitment to personal progress and to make a full and active contribution to the musical life of the school as advised by the Director of Music. Preference will be shown to candidates who elect to study Music at GCSE/AS/A level.

Art Scholarships

1. Award(s) will be made up to the value of 50% of fees at the discretion of the Headmaster.
2. Candidates may be required to submit a small portfolio of their recently completed and unaided work.
3. Candidates will be required to attend for a short interview with the Head of Art. This is likely to take place in the week prior to the academic scholarship.
4. Due regard will be taken of reports from his/her current school regarding the candidate's art ability and potential.
5. The successful candidate(s) will be required to satisfy the general standards of admission to Oswestry School.
6. The award is reviewed annually but if, in the judgement of the Headmaster, satisfactory progress is maintained, is tenable throughout a pupil's education at the School. The successful candidate will be required to make a full contribution to the production of art work during their stay at the School.

Sport Scholarships

1. Award(s) will be made up to the value of 50% of fees at the discretion of the Headmaster.
2. The trials will be conducted by the School's Physical Education teachers.
3. Candidates will be required to:
 - perform in their own area of expertise wherever possible. If this is not possible, (due to say injury, lack of facilities, or out of season), then a written testimonial from their coach should be submitted.
 - be involved in activities with Oswestry School students to see how they interact in team situations.
 - undergo a series of physical tests to measure current fitness and try to establish their future potential for physical development.
4. Successful candidates will already be playing at county level, or show the potential to be capable of doing so.
5. The successful candidate(s) will be required to satisfy the general standards of admission to Oswestry School.
6. The award is reviewed annually but if, in the judgement of the Headmaster, satisfactory progress is maintained, is tenable throughout a pupil's education at the School. The successful candidate(s) will be required to enter fully into the sporting life of the school, which includes being available to represent the school in sporting fixtures.

Sixth Form Scholarships and Exhibitions

1. In the interests of maintaining a strong academic Sixth Form the School's Board of Governors provides a generous scholarship fund, allowing the number of awards to vary according to the quality of the field of candidates.
2. All awards, up to the value of 50% of fees, are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster and may be varied in amount and variously described by him.
3. The value of the scholarship/exhibition may be increased in the form of a bursary in case of need.
4. Offers of a Sixth Form Scholarship will be dependent on good GCSE results, and the continuation of the award will depend on satisfactory progress throughout a scholar's Sixth Form career.
5. Closed Scholarships/Exhibitions are awarded to pupils of Oswestry School taking into account the following:
 - i. the pupil's academic record at Oswestry School and perceived potential, having particular regard to subjects to be pursued at A level
 - ii. performance in the School's mock examinations (and in some cases GCSE examination results)
 - iii. performance in a General Paper Examination
 - iv. an interview with the Headmaster
6. Open Scholarships/Exhibitions are awarded to candidates in attendance at schools other than Oswestry School, taking into account the following:
 - i. performance in a General Paper and one other subject paper of their choice in the Sixth Form Scholarship examinations
 - ii. a School Report or Record of Achievement which should state the results of GCSE mock examinations and predictions of GCSE results
 - iii. an interview with the Headmaster of Oswestry School
 - iv. in the case of later awards, performance at GCSE will be taken into account
7. Sixth Form Scholarships/Exhibitions may be awarded after the Scholarship Examinations, and in August after the publication of GCSE results.
8. Shortlisted candidates may be required to return for interview after the publication of Sixth Form Scholarship Examination results.
9. Sixth Form Scholarships/Exhibitions will be advertised in the local press and at any School event relating to entry into the Sixth Form.

10. In the event of the scholarship fund being fully subscribed, the title and rank of scholar may be awarded, at the Headmaster's discretion, to those who have achieved outstanding results and who merit the award, regardless of remission of fees. The School is aware of the value of such prestigious awards to the future careers of all worthy candidates.

Additional Notes

Scholarships and Exhibitions may be awarded to those currently enjoying some form of fee remission e.g. sibling, Bellan discount (Year 5), fees paid in advance etc., **but in these circumstances, only the difference between the award and the remission would be provided.**

Bursaries

1. Bursaries are available to those who have fulfilled the normal entrance requirements for the age of entry.
2. The value of Bursaries varies according to the financial circumstances of parents. Financial need will be the overriding consideration for bursary awards but are unlikely to exceed 25% of fees.
3. Parents applying for Bursaries will be required to complete an ISBA recognised application form.
4. Bursaries awarded are subject to annual re-application and consequent review.
5. Bursaries may be awarded in addition to a Scholarship or Exhibition.



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