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OVERVIEW

We are delighted to tell you about our Scholarship awards and programme at Westholme.

Scholarships are offered at the Principal's discretion, at two entry points: Year 7 and Year 12.

They are highly prestigious awards for talent and excellence in a number of fields, and these are detailed further in this booklet.

Scholarships carry a financial award as a remission off termly fees and the amount is determined by the Principal. Additional means-tested Bursary assistance may also be available if circumstances permit. Normally, Scholarship awards continue for the entire period the pupil is at Westholme, subject to continued high standards of conduct and achievement.

Scholarships are special awards and Scholars are special students. They are role models for the community and set an example in all they do. In return, in addition to financial recognition, they receive the benefits of their talent enrichment programmes and a myriad of stretching and rewarding opportunities.

“Being granted a Scholarship at Westholme has changed my life, and that is not an exaggeration. I have benefitted from first class, personalised teaching, unique leadership opportunities, fantastic networking and careers guidance. Being a Westholme Scholar has set me up for life.”

Current INSPIRED Sixth Form Student.



INSPIRED SIXTH FORM ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Our INSPIRED Sixth Form Academic Scholars are given a specialised programme of events over the duration of the Sixth Form, focused on developing their 21st Century skill set and ensuring they have the opportunity to showcase why they are the academic elite in the school. Students can volunteer to take part in a number of specialised activities, each of which gives students focused tuition and opportunities to practise and hone the skills in debate, public speaking, analytical thinking, financial awareness and much more. Examples from within the programme include The Plato Programme, which focuses on great thinkers and scholars, such as artists, philosophers, writers and political thinkers, culminating in the “Plato Exhibition”, which is led by the students themselves.

Our Current Affairs group enjoy regular debates about news items, our Spotlight series allows students to prepare and lead an assembly, deliver performances on stage to a unique audience, prepare a vlog or a segment for WSS News. Academic scholars are also given the opportunity to take part in the Kidscape Mentoring Programme, a national initiative teaching students the skills of becoming a mentor for younger students, enabling them to deal with sensitive issues in a mature manner or become an academic support in a particular subject. We also expect our senior scholars to apply for a leadership role in either our Student Executive or wider INSPIRED Leadership Team.

They are all Subject Captains and ambassadors in their disciplines, acting as a support for staff, ensuring departmental initiatives, events and clinics run smoothly throughout the year. These initiatives ensure our academic scholars are pushed to demonstrate why they have been granted such a prestigious award to study at our INSPIRED Sixth Form.

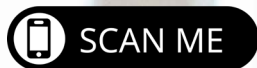
The INSPIRED Academic Scholarship is an award that covers up to 25% remission of school fees for both years of study in Years 12 and 13. A limited number of means-tested bursaries up to 100% are available.

Eligibility for the Scholarship:

- Predicted 4 GCSE grade 8s or higher
- Fully completed Application Form

If successful, you will be invited to an interview with the Principal.

To request an INSPIRED Academic Scholarship application form, please contact the Registrar on 01254 506070.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships are available for award to students entering Year 7 following the results of the Entrance Examination, interview and reference from the relevant primary school and on other talents as identified by the Principal. The Academic Scholarship is awarded on performance and cannot be applied for.

Following the Entrance Examination, the Principal selects a small group of high performers to return in February to sit an academic scholarship assessment.

The results of this assessment determine whether the Principal will make an offer of an Academic Scholarship.

Most awards are circa 10-25% but for exceptional candidates, the maximum 50% remission may be considered by the Principal.





DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Being a Dance Scholar at Westholme will give your son/daughter the opportunity to be an ambassador for Dance within the school. Now available to take for GCSE and A Level, Dance is an exciting and challenging part of the curriculum and the co-curricular activities within school. As well as being involved in a variety of productions and performances, we will also provide opportunities for our dance Scholars to undertake workshops and classes with industry professionals regularly throughout their time at Westholme. All of our scholars will be expected to be an active member of dance and performing arts societies throughout their time at the school, and with their continued commitment to dance at Westholme, they will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by mentoring other students as they progress into Upper Senior INSPIRED and Sixth Form.

Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate a commitment to dance, and have previous dance experience in any discipline. Candidates will be expected to be able to demonstrate strong, technical skills, appropriate to their current level and chosen genre, as well as an ability to respond to choreography. Candidates may also be able to demonstrate a commitment to dance through involvement in extra curricular activities outside of school, and may be able to discuss dancers and performances that have inspired them.

Prior to assessments, students should prepare a routine of approximately 1 minute in length to demonstrate their technical skills in their chosen genre. References and letters of recommendation from current teachers for dance institutions outside of school are welcome though not required.

During the assessment students will participate in a group warm up and will then dance their routines individually for the dance teacher. They will then be taught a short combination to dance together in a group.

Most awards are in the region of 10-25% but for exceptional talent, the maximum award for each scholarship of 50% of termly tuition fees could be considered by the Principal.

These awards are conditional upon the continued commitment of the recipient to the dramatical life of the School. High standards of conduct, assumption of responsibility and a strong work ethic will be expected from all students and the Scholarship could be withdrawn if such conditions are not kept.

If you have any queries regarding this Scholarship, please contact our Registrar.

The assessment day for applications is 2 February 2023.



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DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Being a Drama Scholar at Westholme provides the opportunity to be an ambassador for drama and the performing arts within the school. Scholars will be involved in a variety of productions and performances and will be expected to be active members of performing arts societies throughout their time at the school. With continued commitment to drama at school, they will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by mentoring other students as they progress. Previous drama experience in any discipline, and a demonstrable commitment to drama and the performing arts is desirable, although all applications will be considered on the merit of the individual performer.

Drama is an important part of the curriculum and co-curricular life at Westholme. It can be taken as a subject at both GCSE and A Level and pupil achievement is high. Through the study of drama we aim to encourage creativity, perseverance and a co-operative spirit where imagination and dedication work in conjunction.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

Successful candidates will demonstrate a passion and enthusiasm for drama as both performer and spectator. Candidates should demonstrate skills such as imagination, strong vocal and physical control, as well the ability to work within an ensemble cooperatively and supportively.

The following would also be beneficial:

Successful candidates may demonstrate their enthusiasm for the subject through their participation in co-curricular clubs or shows. They will enjoy visiting the theatre and discussing productions they have seen.

Drama Scholarships are available for award on entry to Year 7 following an audition, supplemented by a reference from the student's current drama teacher. Candidates should prepare a solo monologue of about 1 minute in length. Pupils will also be asked to join in some drama games and improvisation to assess potential.

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Music Scholars showcase musical excellence across school. Music Scholars benefit from accessing a range of high-quality co-curricular opportunities, including direction of these when appropriate. There are additional opportunities such as masterclasses throughout the year targeted at music Scholars, with visiting professionals delivering tailored inspirational guidance. Music Scholars are expected to show commitment to developing their musical skill through regular tuition, contribution to school groups and performing regularly in order to develop instrumental skill, social musical interactions and confidence.

Applications for Music Scholarships are invited from Year 6 musicians who are of grade three standard or above on an instrument or voice. Each year, we publish a list of shortage instruments for which the requirements are relaxed. The higher the standard of performance, the greater the Scholarship award available, up to 50% for outstandingly talented musicians.

What we expect:

Pupils continue to learn and develop on their instrument / voice, having lessons either in school or with a teacher outside of school, taking exams when appropriate.

Pupils contribute keenly and reliably to co-curricular music. This will include attending relevant co-curricular ensembles and being available for events, including those which fall outside of normal school hours.

Pupils take opportunities to perform as appropriate. This will include playing in school assemblies, concerts and on tours.

Pupils study GCSE Music; we would encourage them to also study A Level Music but this is not essential.

What we will provide:

Enhanced opportunities for performance including assemblies, concerts (Scholars may be invited to perform amongst school ensembles in the main concerts each year)

Trip opportunities for younger Scholars to join older pupils. Years 7-9 Scholars will be invited to join GCSE and A Level Music trips to concerts.

Guidance in ensemble direction as appropriate – this will be in an area relevant to a Scholar's musical interests, at an age and a stage in their musical development where it is useful.

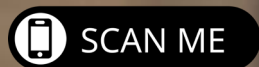
Scholars will, when appropriate, lead sections in orchestra or swing band, or run sectional rehearsals in ensembles or choirs.

Instrumental and vocal masterclasses will be tailored to the current cohort of scholars in order to provide extra inspiration.

Music Scholarships are available for award on entry to Year 7 following a music audition, supplemented by a reference from the student's current music teacher. Candidates should be of at least grade 3 standard on one or more musical instruments (the voice is classed as an instrument), although it is not essential for them to have taken a grade 3 examination.

Most awards are between 10-25% but for an exceptional musician, the maximum award of 50% of termly tuition fees may be considered by the Principal. These awards are conditional upon the continued commitment of the recipient to the musical life of the School.

The assessment date for applications is 1 February 2023.



SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Being awarded a Sport Scholarship at Westholme School is a great achievement. Sports Scholars will be able to showcase their skills and physical abilities across a number of sports at local, regional and national level. Our experienced PE staff will support Sports Scholars throughout their time at school and able to offer expert advice and feedback that assists each Scholar to develop and make progress in sport. It is presumed that Sports Scholars will show great determination to fulfil their potential and strive to be the best that they can be. They are expected to be an ambassador for the School, leading by example in all PE and Games lessons and behaving with integrity and respect. They must attend and contribute towards weekly co-curricular training sessions for different sports and must be available for selection and regularly represent the School in sporting fixtures. It is encouraged that Scholars are proactive in volunteering their time for sport throughout the year, for example assisting with officiating, organising and delivering of sports events. These types of events will help Scholars to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills which are vital in modern sport.

Candidates are expected to show excellence in at least one sport, performing this sport at national, regional or district level. This includes any academy or talent programmes (references required). Successful athletes will be required to show commitment to the sporting life of Westholme and to be ambassador of school sport. In addition to a written application, candidates will be asked to attend an assessment day where they will be formally assessed in a number of sporting activities and have an interview with the Director of Sport. Candidates are encouraged to bring any supporting information to the assessment day.

What we offer:

Opportunities to develop leadership capabilities during competitive matches and on the training field.

Opportunities to assist the coaching of others in their chosen sports as an introduction to the Sports Leaders Programme in the Inspired Sixth Form

Free access onto the SLQ Sports Leaders Level 2 course during Year 12.

One-to-one personal feedback on performance through our specific specialist coaches.

Use of our external links and associations to help each scholar progress on our player/athlete pathways and reach representative level achievement.


Flexibility within the curriculum to allow players to attend their academy and/or specific elite training.

Attendance at specific workshops on fitness, healthy diet and well-being.

Sport Scholarships are available for award on entry to Year 7, most awards are in the region of 10-25% but for exceptional talent, the maximum award for each scholarship of 50% of termly tuition fees could be considered by the Principal. The Sport Scholarships are conditional upon the student's commitment to the sporting life of Westholme and will be awarded following a practical skill and fitness test, an interview with the Director of Sport and a written testimonial from the student's current sport club or coach. Candidates are expected to demonstrate excellence in at least one sport.

The assessment date for applications is 2 February 2023.



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