



Abbotsholme School *every moment matters*

Exhibition Scholarships at Abbotsholme

Background

Abbotsholme School is now offering Exhibition Scholarships for pupils who have significant talent in the areas of Art, Drama, Music and / or Sport. These awards are non-financial awards.

Exhibition Scholarships can be awarded to a pupil from Year 5 upwards in the areas of Sport and Music, and Year 9 upwards in the additional areas of Art and Drama. They are awarded throughout the year, unlike Academic Scholarships which have a specific morning assessment once per year.

Exhibition assessment outline by Year Group of Entry

Year 5

- Sport Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of PE on a taster day, and will also have an interview with Head of Prep
- Music Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Director of Music on a taster day, and will also have an interview with Head of Prep.

Year 7 entry

- Sport Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of PE on a taster day, and will also have an interview with the Headmaster
- Music Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Director of Music on a taster day, and will also have an interview with the Headmaster.

Year 9 entry

- Art Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of Art on a taster day, and will also have an interview with the Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take Art GCSE, and be working towards gaining a 9/8.
- Drama Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of Drama on a taster day, will also have an interview with the Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take Drama GCSE, and be working towards gaining a 9/8.
- Music Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Director of Music on a taster day, will also have an interview with the Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take Music GCSE, and be working towards gaining a 9/8.
- Sport Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of PE on a taster day, and will have an interview with Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take PE GCSE, and be working towards gaining a 9/8.

Year 12 entry

- Art Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of Art on a taster day, and will also have an interview with the Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take Art A Level, and be working towards gaining at A*.
- Drama Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of Drama on a taster day, will also have an interview with the Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take Drama A Level, and be working towards gaining at A*.
- Music Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Director of Music on a taster day, will also have an interview with the Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take Music A Level, and be working towards gaining at A*.
- Sport Exhibition: The candidate will be tested by the Head of PE on a taster day, and will have an interview with Headmaster. Pupils will be expected to take PE BTEC, and be working towards gaining at D*D*.

General guidelines for each:

Art

Candidates for Year 9 will be asked to:

1. Present a portfolio of work and the candidate will be expected to talk about her work with the Head of Art.
2. Produce an observational drawing of still life within the time allocation of approximately 35 minutes to one hour. The Art Department will provide all relevant stimulus and all necessary materials.

Candidates for Year 12 will be asked to:

1. Present a portfolio of work showing ability in a variety of media. Photographs and ceramic works can form part of the artwork and the candidate will be expected to talk about her work with the Head of Art.
2. Show some knowledge of major artists during informal discussions with the Head of Art. A question such as 'Who is your favourite artist?' will be a probable starting point.
3. Produce an observational drawing of still life within the time allocation of approximately one hour and twenty minutes. The contents of the still life will be made up of man-made and organic form. The Art Department will provide all relevant stimulus and all necessary materials.

Drama

A number of awards will be made annually to candidates who demonstrate significant ability as stage performers combined with strong commitment to working as part of a creative team. Successful candidates will in addition display such personal qualities as enthusiasm, initiative, imagination and dedication as well as be able to demonstrate their ability to inspire and motivate others. Candidates (both external and internal) may apply for the award at Year 9 and Year 12.

Pupils should show that their interest spans to dramatic involvement outside of school in one of a number of ways including but not limited to LAMDA, Trinity and Youth Theatre.

Year 9 and 12 candidates

Candidates will be asked to:

- perform a two-minute speech (Year 9 candidates) and three-four minute speech (Year 12 candidates) from a piece of scripted drama that has been chosen, prepared and learnt with the aim of showing the candidate's vocal and physical skills to best advantage. The piece will ideally demonstrate some range or contrast
- take part in a group improvisation exercise
- attend an interview with members of the drama department staff

Music

Candidates for entry into Year 5

Pupils entering at this level should have a minimum of Grade 1 on one instrument.

Candidates for entry into Year 7

Pupils entering at this level should have a minimum of Grade 3 on one instrument.

Candidates for entry into Year 9

Pupils entering at this level should have a minimum of Grade 5 on one instrument and Grade 3 on another.

Candidates for entry into Year 12

Pupils entering at this level should have a minimum of Grade 7 on one instrument and Grade 5 on another.

Music scholars are expected to play a full part in the musical life of the school participating in choirs and orchestras. It is anticipated that all music award holders will study music at GCSE.

Sport

An Exhibition scholarship will be awarded to candidates show that they have the potential to be county standard or higher in at least one (and in Year 9 and 12 entry at least County or Regional level), but preferably two of our major sports: hockey, netball, rugby, tennis or cricket.

Candidates for Year 5 and 7

Candidates will be expected to complete an assessment will comprise of multi-skilled tasks, which will look at coordination, and speed, as well as looking at core skills and team play in sport.

Candidates for Year 9 and 12

Candidates will be expected to nominate a chosen sport in which they would like to be assessed. The assessment will comprise of multi-skilled tasks, which will look at coordination, agility, speed and fitness, as well as looking at core skills and team play in their chosen sport.

All candidates will be asked to provide written references from their current Headteacher and Head of Art / Drama / Music / Sport.