

**SCHOLARSHIP POLICY****Whole School**

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INTRODUCTION

LVS Ascot believes in celebrating success and achievement across all aspects of the education spectrum and school life.

Scholarships provide two benefits to those students in receipt of them. Firstly, a scholarship is a public acknowledgement of a pupil's outstanding ability or talent; so, the scholarship brings with it recognition and a responsibility for that child to continue working hard towards their potential in their discipline(s).

In addition, we strive to ensure that scholarship holders receive, as part of their scholarship, educative experiences that extend and develop their talents. Holding a scholarship brings responsibilities to demonstrate positive attitudes, behaviour, and commitment to pursuing excellence.

AIMS

The aims of this policy are:

- To ensure prospective candidates from all socio-economic backgrounds are clear about LVS Ascot's criteria and procedure for awarding scholarships.
- To clarify the expectations of scholarship students during their studies at LVS Ascot.
- To explain the diverse types of scholarships on offer to students at LVS Ascot.
- To clarify renewal of scholarship procedures and how existing students can gain a scholarship.

APPLICATION & AWARDING PROCEDURE

Each year LVS Ascot offers a limited number of scholarships which is open to all prospective students. To apply for a scholarship a student must declare their interest when making their initial application to the school either at Year 7 entry or Year 12 entry.

All prospective students must complete the specified admissions procedures as set out within the Admissions [Policy](#) and on our schools [website](#).

DEPARTMENT SET CRITERIA

In Year 7, applicants may apply for an academic scholarship and/or specialist Scholarship in Performing Arts, Sport, and Art. The school also accepts applications outside of these categories for applicants with a particular talent not covered i.e., creative writing, app development etc. These are awarded at the start of Year 7 and will continue through to Year 11 with periodic review each academic year.

All LVS Scholarships are referred to as "Spirit of LVS Ascot Scholarships".

Similarly in Year 12, the *Spirit of LVS Ascot Awards*, are not subject defined but are for academic and/or excellence in other disciplines. These awards are awarded in Year 11 for students entering the Sixth Form and will last until the end of Year 13.

In addition to an interview with a member of the school's Senior Management Team (SMT), a GL Assessment CAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) test, must be completed by all Scholarship applicants.

All applicants must adhere to the following criteria which is subject discipline specific.

Academic Scholarships

Applicants entering Year 7, must complete both an English and Mathematics Scholarship exam. These are then reviewed of both English and Mathematics test papers by the relevant Heads of Department. Feedback is then provided to the SMT for consideration before a final decision is taken.

For applicants who score an average of over 120 in their standardised scores for English, Maths, Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning, an academic Scholarship will be considered. These pupils will then be highlighted in rank order by the Deputy Head to the Principal for final decision.

Once awarded an Academic Scholarship will permit the holder access onto the Scholarship programme. Activities may include:

- Weekly enrichment lessons taught by department staff
- Half termly Scholar lunches, where scholars come together for subject-specific enrichment sessions
- Access to sessions with external speakers and trips in subject discipline(s)
- Scholarship mentoring with staff managing the programme

Sports Scholarships

Applicants are invited to attend a Sports scholarship day. Here applicants perform a plethora of sporting activities, designed to show skill in their chosen area(s). All applicants will then meet with the Director of Sport to discuss sporting successes to date for the applicant. Members of the Sports department take part in this day and feedback into a department meeting for consideration. This feedback meeting will be attended by a member of the school's SMT and department to finalise applicants in rank order.

Once awarded, the department will provide enrichment activities. These may include:

- Access to a bespoke conditioning app for all Sport scholars with their own personalised programmes, managed by the department
- Trips to sporting fixtures that will benefit the scholar
- Opportunities for bespoke small group sessions with invited guests from the sporting world.

Art Scholarships

For applicants that demonstrate exceptional ability in Art and Design, this Scholarship may be of interest. Applicants are invited to submit a portfolio of evidence to the Head of Art for consideration, before attending an art day at school, to display their techniques within the discipline. This day will entail being observed by the art department while carrying out a range of artistic activities. A member of the school's SMT will attend the day to observe the selection process in action. The department will then consider all applicants and a rank order will be provided to the Principal for final consideration.

Once awarded, enrichment activities will be carried out by the department on a termly basis. These may include:

- Weekly enrichment lessons taught by staff
- Lessons or trips with other year groups where that will benefit the scholar
- Opportunities for guest artists to come into school for art workshop events

Performing Art Scholarships (Dance, Drama and Music)

Applicants will be invited into school for a day of performances in their chosen discipline(s). These will be reviewed by the Head of Performing Arts and another member of the department.

Applicants will be provided with clear instructions before the day of monologues/performance/musical pieces, that will need to be performed. An interview with the Head of Performing Arts will then be carried out to assess the applicants' strengths and potential in their chosen discipline(s).

Once the day concludes, the department will provide rankings of each applicant to the school's SMT for consideration and for the Principal's final approval.

Once awarded, enrichment activities will be carried out by the department on a termly basis. These may include:

- Weekly enrichment lessons taught by staff
- Lessons or trips with other year groups where that will benefit the scholar
- Opportunities for Scholars to participate in dance/drama/music performances and workshops across the school year.
- Opportunities for award holders to complete national qualifications and to compete in national competitions in their discipline(s).

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The student who is the subject of a Scholarship is required to work hard and contribute positively to the life of the school, and to set a good example to others.

The parents of an award holder are expected to support the school and encourage the student in achieving the purposes of an award. All successful applicants and their parents/guardians must sign the Scholarship School contract which will outline roles and responsibilities of the school, Parents/Guardians and of the award holders themselves.

All Scholarships will continue if the annual review is satisfactory. Parents will be communicated with by a member of the school's SMT should any concerns be raised throughout the academic year.

A Scholarship may be terminated on the following grounds (with one term's notice in writing)

- The parents have not satisfied the school's requirements in supporting the Scholar
- The annual review was not satisfactory, and the award holder has failed to respond to appropriate targets for improvement.

If there are any concerns about performance and progress, targets will be set mid-year for review at the end of the academic year. These targets will be confirmed in writing to the parents of the award holder.

- If behaviour is such that the student has been asked to leave the school, the award will cease immediately, and without notice.

Please note that if Scholarship holder leaves the school for good while possessing an award, these Scholarships may not necessarily be re-offered out to the general school population.

If a Scholarship was declined by the applicant upon being granted the award, please note that these may not be re-offered again to them in the future. Instead, the school's SMT will consider the waiting list and judge whether the award can be re-issued to a new person.

Any appeals to the final awarding of Scholarships must follow the School's Complaints [policy](#) procedure.

All Scholarships are awarded on the sole discretion of the Principal. All Scholarship offers are confidential to the receipt and to the school.

The Principal's decision is final in all relation to all Scholarships, and the school reserves the right to change its Scholarship programme at any time if necessary.