



EDGBASTON HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarships & Bursaries Information Booklet



The difference between a bursary and a scholarship

A scholarship is awarded in recognition of a girl's academic ability and potential, assessed through the entrance examination and performance at interview. It is awarded irrespective of the financial means of the girl's family. Scholarships can be awarded up to a 50% remission of fees.

A bursary is means tested meaning that the value of the bursary is related to income and financial resources of a girl's family. To be awarded a means tested bursary a prospective pupil must first pass the school's entrance examination. Bursaries can be awarded up to a 50% remission of fees.

Scholarships can be combined with bursaries in cases of need.

Sixth Form Scholarships

Academic

Scholarships may be awarded annually for subject scholars up to the value of 10% of the school fees. Subject scholarships are awarded to existing EHS students on the basis of academic performance and commitment to school academic life. External candidates take examination papers in two subjects that they have chosen for A Level study and are then invited to attend an interview with the Headmistress. A report is also requested from their current school. Suitable candidates should have predicted GCSE grades of 9, 8 or 7 in the subjects in which they will be tested.

Music

A Music Scholarship is offered each year to a student entering the Sixth Form, which can be up to a value of 50% remission of fees. This is open to both internal and external candidates. Sixth Form musicians play a valuable role in the musical life of the school and the Music Scholar will be expected to encourage all members of the school to participate in musical activities, lead rehearsals and represent the Music Department at all public occasions. The successful candidate would be expected to undertake the A Level Music course.

There is much competition for the Sixth Form Music Scholarship and we expect girls to have reached a minimum standard of Grade 7 on their principle study instrument. Candidates can play a second study instrument although this does not need to be at the same level. Girls will need to attend a practical music audition conducted by the Music School to qualify. These practical tests will include a performance of one piece on each instrument or voice they are offering for assessment, sight reading, sight singing and aural tests. Applicants also undertake a written examination, which will be similar to Grade 5 theory, with additional challenging questions. Girls are encouraged to bring their own accompanist but if this is not possible one will be provided. In this case, the necessary music for the school's accompanist must be brought on the day of the Scholarship Exam to allow the school accompanist time to prepare.

11+ Scholarships

Each year the following named scholarships can be awarded to Year 7 girls (age 11).

The Chamberlain Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees scholarship awarded to a girl entering Senior School from the Preparatory School.

The Dixon Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees scholarship awarded to a girl entering Senior School as an external candidate from the state sector.

The Anthea Cadbury Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees scholarship to be open to all girls entering Senior School at Year 7.

The Martineau Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees awarded for Music to be open to all girls entering Senior School at Year 7. There is much competition for the Martineau Music Scholarship and we expect girls to have reached a minimum standard of Grade 5 on at least one instrument. Girls will need to attend a music audition conducted by the Music School to qualify. Applicants undertake a listening examination, which will include listening tests, theory questions and a short essay about their music making activities and

concerts they have attended. This written paper is followed by practical tests to include a performance of one piece on each instrument or voice they are offering for assessment, sight reading, sight singing and aural tests.

Girls are encouraged to bring their own accompanist but if this is not possible one will be provided. In this case, the necessary music for the school's accompanist must be brought on the day of the main Entrance Examination to allow the school accompanist time to prepare.

Academic Merit

EHS Scholarships up to the value of 4 full tuition fees are available for Year 7 entrants. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

All girls who sit the Senior School Entrance Examination are automatically considered for an academic scholarship so there is no need to register for this separately. The Martineau Music Scholarship must be applied for separately; if you wish for your daughter to be considered for this then please note your interest on the Registration Form at the time of registering.

All EHS Scholarships are conditional on satisfactory progress and on a girl continuing her education at Edgbaston High School until she has completed her Advanced Level courses and examinations. Should these conditions not be fulfilled the School reserve the right to require that the full value of the scholarship be repaid. In exceptional circumstances The School will accept a pupil leaving EHS before the end of Year 13 and not have to pay back her scholarship.

Bursaries

The School governors are committed to offering children, who meet the academic criteria for entry to Edgbaston High School, access to the education on offer at Edgbaston High School by providing eligible parents the opportunity to apply for financial support through the school's bursary fund. This support is dependent upon the financial circumstances of parents and funding is offered towards tuition fees only. At Edgbaston High School annual income is derived solely from fee income, and, as such, the funds available are limited.

Bursaries can be awarded on entry to Reception, Year 3, Year 7 and Sixth Form. The deadlines for applying for Year 7 and Sixth Form bursaries, each academic year, are published on our website. Any application received after this date is unlikely to be considered as the funding will have been allocated. Applications for bursaries for Reception and Year 3 can be submitted at any point in the academic year prior to the year of entry for which you are applying, but may not be accepted, despite fulfilling the criteria, if the bursary funding for that year has already been assigned.

There are strict criteria for all applications for bursaries, and to ensure fairness it is necessary that these are adhered to:

1. Combined gross income of both parents must be less than £70,000
2. Both parents should be in paid employment
3. Applicants must be UK residents and work in the UK

In addition, assets worth £300,000 or more will be taken into account when deciding on whether to award a bursary.

The application for a bursary must meet any published deadline for submission. Parents can request an application form to apply for a bursary on the Registration Form. When the Registration Form is received by Edgbaston High School, a Bursary Application Form asking for financial information is sent to the family to be completed and returned by the published deadline. Parents are required to supply documentary evidence to support their application and incomplete applications will not be processed. Applications that meet the criteria will be forwarded to the independent reviewers and to complete the process they will visit the home of the applicants to conduct their review. Parents are advised of whether the school is able to offer any financial support by post, dispatched in a formal offer letter, along with the outcome of their daughter's entrance examination.

Any bursaries that are awarded are subject to an annual financial review. Any award can be adjusted in value upwards or downwards as a family's income changes. The School also reserves the right to withdraw a bursary or reclaim past payment if provided with false information relating to income or assets. In the event of unsatisfactory work, poor conduct or failure to adhere to the terms of the Parent Contract, The School reserves the right to withdraw bursaries at the discretion of the Headmistress.

Bursary awards are unlikely to exceed 50% for an individual applicant. This is to ensure that bursaries can be awarded to a larger number of pupils.

Reception and Year 3

Bursaries equivalent to five full fee places can be awarded annually to pupils entering Reception. Existing pupils, who attend Nursery and Kindergarten, are eligible to apply for these bursaries (if they meet the published criteria), as well as pupils applying to join in Reception. If awarded, the bursary in Reception commences after the pupil is no longer eligible for 15 free hours of child care. In Year 3, bursaries equivalent to 3 full fee places can be awarded annually to those entering the year group. As with Reception bursaries, existing pupils and new entrants are eligible to apply for the bursaries if they meet the published criteria.

Year 7

Bursaries equivalent to three full fee places can be awarded annually to pupils entering Year 7. These are not subject to academic ranking, but can be awarded in conjunction with a scholarship.

Sixth Form

Bursaries equivalent to two full fee places can be awarded annually to pupils entering Sixth Form. They are normally reserved for pupils of The School whose parents have been full fee paying but due to their financial situation would benefit from support to allow their daughter to undertake two years in the Sixth Form. These are not subject to academic ranking, but can be awarded in conjunction with a scholarship.

Hardship Bursary

The purpose of the Hardship Bursary is to have funds available to offer financial assistance when need arises which can be used to subsidise tuition fees. Such cases may involve a family tragedy, serious illness or a parent unexpectedly losing his/her job.

How to apply:

Requests for Registration, Music and Bursary application forms should be directed to the Admissions Office on 0121 454 5831 or admissions@edgbastonhigh.co.uk. Dates for the completion and return of these application forms can be found on the school website www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk. All bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Headmistress and there is no appeals process.