

WHAT IS SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarships are offered for entry at 13+ and 16+ and recognise a pupil's excellence in a particular discipline. At Bede's we offer scholarships in Academics, Art, Dance, Drama, DT, Music, Performing Arts (Music and Drama) and Sport.

A scholarship award will usually bring with it a small fee remission. More importantly scholarships are given with a commitment from us to develop and extend each scholar's talents, by providing expert tuition and coaching within a supportive culture that challenges each child to expect more of themselves.

In turn, our scholars are required to contribute positively to the life of the School and set a good example to others. A scholar's school commitments to the discipline in which he or she holds the award take precedence over commitments outside of school.

Scholarship awards range between 5% and 20% of tuition fees (day fees). For more information contact the Scholarship Manager, Sally Wellings at sally.wellings@bedes.org.

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APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Before you can apply for a scholarship, your son or daughter must have been through our admissions process and been offered a place at Bede's Senior School.

The process begins with an initial visit to the school for a tour and chat with one of our senior staff members, followed by the completion of our Registration Form and payment of £125 registration deposit. We will also ask you for school reports and for your son or daughter to fill out a Getting to Know You Form.

16+ Entry: Places are offered on the basis of Admissions Interview, current school reports and GCSE predictions.

13+ Entry: All children applying for a place in our First Year must have first attended a Bede's Experience Day.

Bede's Experience Days are carefully structured to offer prospective pupils a mixture of challenge and enjoyment. The day consists of a group task, a group discussion, an individual interview, a verbal and non-verbal reasoning test, and after lunch, a choice of activity from Sport, Music, Drama, Animal Management or Art. Most children attend Bede's Experience Days when they are in Year 7.

Offers of a place are made shortly after the day.

To begin the admissions process, please contact our Admissions Office, either by email: admissions@bedes.org or calling on 01323 356600.

1. Once your child has been offered a place at Bede's, you can then submit your scholarship application, making sure it arrives before the application deadline.
2. Applicants will then be shortlisted and successful candidates will be invited to attend the relevant Scholarship Day.
3. Applicants can apply for a scholarship in two disciplines only. If an award is made in two areas, only one can be accepted, although we will occasionally make joint awards.

16+ INTERNAL CANDIDATES

Scholarship application for Sixth Form is welcomed from those pupils currently in the Upper Fifth. Internal candidates should use the same application form on P9, ticking the Internal Candidate box.

The criteria for scholarship award, stated under each discipline heading, also applies to internal candidates, however relevant Heads of Department will be consulted as to whether they accept an application.

Internal candidates for all disciplines other than academic, will take part in the full scholarship day, working alongside external candidates. Academic candidates will be required to sit an examination and will be required to give a five-minute presentation of a subject of their choice and interviewed by a panel consisting of the Academic Deputy Head, the Head of Sixth Form and the Scholarship Manager.

BURSARIES

If, in order to attend Bede's, your child will need additional financial support beyond the scholarship award, we will ask you to fill out a Statement of Financial Circumstances Form, which will need to be completed in advance of scholarship. You must therefore let us know before scholarship application whether you will need such support. Where appropriate, home visits will be made to bursary applicants.

Only in exceptional cases will combined scholarship and bursary offers amount to more than 50% of tuition (day) fees.

The value of any award made, whether it is scholarship or means-tested fee remission, must remain confidential between the parents and the School and an award might be withdrawn if this is breached.

KEY DATES

16+ SCHOLARSHIPS

	ACADEMIC, ART, DT DRAMA, MUSIC, SPORT	DANCE
Application deadline	7th October 2019	6th January 2020 By invitation only
Scholarship competition dates	Academic 4th and 5th November 2019 Art 5th November 2019 Drama 6th November 2019 Music 5th November 2019 Sport 8th November 2019	8th February 2020
Results	Early December 2019	Mid-February 2020

13+ SCHOLARSHIPS

	ART, DT, DRAMA, MUSIC, SPORT	ACADEMIC	DANCE
Application deadline	6th January 2020	22nd November 2019	6th January 2020 By invitation only
Scholarship dates	Sport 31st January 2020 Art 3rd February 2020 DT 3rd February 2020 Music 4th February 2020 Drama 5th February 2020	7th February 2020	8th February 2020
Results	Mid-February 2020	Mid-February 2020	Mid-February 2020
Academic Assessment Days		26th November 2019 5th December 2019	

NB Performing Arts candidates for both 13+ and 16+ will be invited to attend the scholarship days for the two disciplines of their choice. Those choosing Dance, must have already been offered a place in the Legat Academy of Dance.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

Our curriculum is designed to stretch and engage and to enable pupils to find the success that will open doors for them, as they look beyond school to higher education and work.

16+

Who should apply?

Candidates should:

- Be predicted a minimum of five GCSEs at Grades 8-9 and all predictions should be Grade 7 or above.
- Be planning to take at least two subjects that are recognised as being conventionally academic at A Level.
- Have their sights set on applying to Oxbridge or other Russell Group Universities.

What is the process for selection?

Candidates will:

- Sit a baseline test that includes vocabulary, Maths, skills and non-verbal sections.
- Sit an examination paper in either Maths, Science or English.
- Give a five-minute presentation on a subject of their choice. Normally this will relate to one of the A Level subjects they plan to study or a topic about which they are particularly passionate.
- Be interviewed by a panel consisting of the Academic Deputy Head, the Head of Sixth Form and the Scholarship Manager.
- Take part in team exercises.

Presentation: We are looking for evaluative content and candidates often find the presentation easier to approach by posing a question. **Candidates should let us know at the time of application if they wish to use PowerPoint to support their presentation.**

13+

Potential academic scholars must have attended an Assessment Day, as Academic Scholarship is by invitation only.

During the Assessment Day, the candidate will be asked to give a short verbal presentation on a particular topic that will be given at least two weeks before the day. They will also attend master classes in Maths, Science and English.

Candidates will be notified within two weeks as to whether or not they will be invited to sit Academic Scholarship.

Who should apply?

Candidates should be in the top sets for Maths, Science and English.

What is the process for selection?

Examination papers in Maths, Science, English and one option paper
Presentation and contribution at Assessment Day.

ART AND DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

Art at Bede's has a worldwide reputation, regularly winning plaudits and awards.

Candidates will spend a day experiencing all that the Art Department has to offer - Fine Art, Graphics, Photography and Ceramics. Art scholars contribute an important role to the Bede's Art Department leading by example in their work and attitude. There is an extra 'Art Scholars' activity programme, where scholars are encouraged to reach their potential.

Who should apply?

Scholarship candidates should display ability and passion for the following:

- Observational and analytical skills
- Ability to use materials with control and precision
- Breadth and depth of approach and understanding of contextual studies within Art and Design
- A clear passion for Art and Design and desire to achieve
- Candidates' portfolios should demonstrate evidence of a variety of skills and interests

Process for selection?

- Assessment of portfolio of work that contains a variety of media
- Extended still-life drawing test or Design and Technology test
- Interview with Head of Art or Head of DT

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

Drama at Bede's is of the very highest standard and there are many performance opportunities throughout the year.

As well as taking part in the weekly Drama Scholars' programme, scholars are expected to audition for all school productions and contribute to lunchtime showcases and Drama Assemblies.

Young Drama scholars are given opportunities throughout their time at Bede's to take major roles on stage or backstage. Our Junior School Productions enable our younger scholars to take lead roles early in their Bede's career, as well as many large roles being available in our main school production each year.

16+

Audition Day consists of two lessons with current Sixth Form pupils in physical theatre and textual or practitioner study. Candidates will perform two contrasting monologues of a minimum of two minutes and maximum of three minutes in duration. If the candidate wishes to sing a song, they can do so after their monologue performances.

13+

Audition Day consists of a workshop involving team games, physical theatre and a devising activity and exploration of text extracts and characterization. Candidates perform a dramatic monologue that can be either contemporary or classical and strictly no more than two minutes in length. Candidates will be asked to stop after two minutes. All candidates are invited to sing if they wish to and they should bring a sound track on a device or sing acapella. The song should be one verse and one chorus only.

Candidates are encouraged to wear comfortable, loose clothing and trainers for audition.

Who should apply?

Scholarship candidates should display the following:

- Excellent vocal skills, clear articulation and projection
- Stage presence
- Imagination and creativity
- Contribution to current school drama

Process for selection?

- Contribution to devising and physical theatre group workshops
- Performance of two monologue (16+), one monologue (13+)
- Responses to tasks
- Exploration of text extracts and characterisation
- Interview with the Director of Drama

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

Bede's pupils make music every day and have the chance to perform in major concerts in front of audiences ranging from 400 plus to more intimate occasions. As well as performing in our beautiful recital room, Bede's musicians perform regularly outside of school and participate in music tours. A number of ensembles, choirs and bands offer opportunities for the whole spectrum of music making: classical music, jazz, folk, barbershop, rock and popular music. Our Music Technology suite and recording studio house the latest industry-standard equipment and software.

13+ Music candidates should have reached a minimum of Grade 5 or equivalent and 16+ Grade 7 or equivalent in their main instrument/voice.

Candidates should prepare two pieces of music to perform on the day on one or more instruments, that can include voice. Sight-reading will be asked on the instrument of the candidate's choice and will be followed by an aural test and some general questions from the Director of Music.

During Scholarship Day, candidates will have the chance to be involved with informal rehearsals and music making, as well as experiencing Bede's music technology facility. Candidates will also have the opportunity to work with our visiting music teachers, among them some of the top musicians in their field.

Candidates should attach copies of examiners' reports from their most recent music examinations, where applicable, to their application form, and those wishing to be accompanied on the piano should remember to bring the relevant music with them on the day. If a candidate plans to bring their own accompanist, the school must be told at the time of scholarship application.

Successful candidates receive free, weekly tuition during term time in their first instrument.

Who should apply?

- Applicants should be able to demonstrate musical ability of at least Grade 5 (13+), Grade 7 (16+) on at least two instruments (or voice).
- Applicants should be passionate about music making.
- Grade examinations do not have to have been taken.

Process for selection?

- Candidates are required to prepare two contrasting pieces lasting no more than 10 minutes in total.
- Candidates may perform on any combination of instruments or voice.
- Candidates will be interviewed by the Director of Music about their past and present musical activities and may bring with them evidence to support this.
- Candidates can expect to be given tests of aural recognition, sight-reading or improvisation, appropriate to level of entry.
- Commitment to contributing to a busy and active music department.

LEGAT DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

The Legat School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance is a centre for artistic and academic excellence offering intensive vocational dance training in classical ballet, contemporary dance and choreography, underpinned by pupil focused creative learning and mentoring.

A faculty of professional dancers, teachers and guest artists from within the professional dance industry leads the Legat Academy. Supplementary residential workshops in other dance genres, taught by leading guest teachers and choreographers are offered throughout the year.

Our alumni dancers have successfully secured places at leading conservatoires and on degree courses, and have gone on to become professional dancers, teachers, choreographers and creative leaders.

As well as their dance studies, Legat pupils follow an academic programme of up to seven GCSE subjects and three A Level subjects.

To be eligible for a Legat scholarship, pupils need first to have successfully passed a preliminary Legat audition and been offered a place at Bede's.

Who should apply?

Candidates should:

- Demonstrate an exceptional talent for dance
- Have a natural sense of movement and physicality
- Have a good range of movement and flexibility
- Have excellent musicality and sense of performance
- A physique suited to the rigorous demands of intense dance training

Process for selection?

16+ entry: Excellent level of classical ballet and contemporary dance technique, good performance quality and openness to exploring new ways of moving.

13+ entry: Good classical ballet technique and potential in contemporary dance.

Please note that the closing date for 16+ and 13+ Legat Scholarship Application is 6th January 2020.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

Candidates applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship audition in two disciplines of their choice from Dance, Drama and Music. They will have the opportunity to be involved in the third discipline, but to a lesser level. Candidates applying for Dance as one of their disciplines, must have first been offered a place in the Legat Academy of Dance. Sixth Form candidates offering Dance, will not know scholarship outcome until February. Please see key dates on P3.

Who should apply?

Candidates should:

- Demonstrate strong talent in two of the disciplines
- Have a natural stage presence
- A good sense of performance
- Have imagination and creativity
- Demonstrate leadership potential

Process for selection?

16+ and 13+ entry: Criteria given under individual disciplines and interview with the Director of Performing Arts.

SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS (13+ AND 16+)

Bede's offers Individual and Team Awards for Sport. An Individual Award is only given for our three core sports – Cricket, Hockey or Football. Applications from those who have significant achievements in other sports, particularly netball and tennis, will be considered for a Team Award and will be asked to trial in their chosen sport and one of our core sports.

Successful scholars are automatically selected for the relevant Sport Academy. This usually allows them to choose their sport as part of the curriculum timetable and they will receive two hours coaching per week in small group sessions and one hour, every two weeks, Strength and Conditioning training. In addition there are skill-based sessions throughout the week, all-year round activities and a comprehensive fixture list.

The **Scholars' Development Pathway** is an opportunity open to all sports scholars in the first three years at Bede's, and offers detailed information on physical profiling, sports psychology and nutrition and includes external academy visits. The programme is led by our expert team of coaches and utilises their contacts within sport, and offers guest speakers, lecturers and hands-on workshops.

Sport Exhibitions. At 13+ entry Bede's also offers Exhibitions in our three core sports. These are awarded to candidates who are not quite of scholarship standard, however they are offered a development pathway through membership of the Academies. These do not carry any financial award.

Who should apply?

- Candidates should have achieved a high standard of performance in one of our core sports and would usually be at County or National level. Applications from those who have significant achievements in other sports will be considered, particularly netball and tennis, but only in conjunction with ability in one of the core sports.
- A committed and dedicated approach to sport and a genuine aptitude to achieve.
- A good standard of personal health and fitness.

What is the process for selection?

All applications are accepted only on review by the Heads of Sport

- Assessment Day trials in chosen sport(s)
- Personal fitness
- References where appropriate

THE DAVID BAKER AWARDS (FOR 13+ ENTRY)

These scholarships are given in honour of our distinguished former Chairman of Governors, Mr David Baker. They are awarded to individuals who stand out as being an exceptionally strong, all-round candidate. Candidates cannot apply directly for the award. Candidates offered a David Baker Award will normally have applied for two scholarship disciplines, one of which will probably be Academic. Amounts awarded for a David Baker Scholarship range from 5% to 20% of fees.

RESULTS

We hope to announce 16+ Scholarship Awards in mid-December 2019 and 13+ Scholarship Awards in mid-February 2020. If you are successful, you will have ten days in which to accept the scholarship and a place at Bede's.

PART 2: REFERENCES AND EVIDENCE

Evidence

Please submit copies of any supporting evidence you feel is relevant to your son or daughter's application, along with this form. Evidence may include:

- exam certificates
- competition results
- press clippings
- theatre or concert programmes
- photographs of achievements
- personal best times
- a side of A4 explaining a student's motivation and interest

Tennis players should tell us the name of their club and coach, number of years with their coach, number of sessions a week and their LTA ranking.

Please note: Pupils in some scholarship fields (eg Academic, Art, DT) may not have supporting evidence outside of their recent school reports, references or portfolios. In these instances, no additional evidence is required.

PART 3: FINAL CHECK-LIST

Please tick to confirm you have included the following documents with your scholarship application **and completed an Admissions Interview:**

REQUIRED	Included with this form:
1 Subject-specific reference (eg by current DT Teacher.) Academic candidates may wish to provide several references relating to their strongest subjects.	
2 Relevant supporting evidence	
3 Completed Admissions Process	
4 Predicted GCSE results	

Please return your scholarship application to:

The Scholarship Team
Bede's Senior School
Upper Dicker
East Sussex
BN27 3QH

OUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All scholarship candidates are judged on their apparent merits and the school reserves the right not to make an award if there are no candidates judged to be of a sufficient standard. Although general feedback may be given on a candidate's performance, we do not release individual marks or papers.

The value of any award – scholarship or means-tested - must remain strictly confidential between parents and the school. Pupils should not be told the value of the award.

Bede's Scholarships are tenable throughout a student's school career - subject to his or her continued contribution within the area in which the award has been made and role-modelling within the school. However, scholarships are reviewed annually and the school reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, the student is performing below expectation or if the recipient's conduct at school falls below the standard expected, in accordance with the school's terms and conditions.

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