



EDGBASTON
HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarships & Bursaries Information Booklet 2023-24



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SCHOLARSHIP AND A BURSARY?

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

A **bursary** is means-tested e.g. the value of the bursary is related to income and financial resources of a pupil'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.

SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS (16+)

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.

Instrumental Awards - 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.

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS (11+)

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

The Chamberlain Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees - this scholarship is awarded to a girl entering Year 7 in Senior School from our Preparatory School.

The Dixon Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees – this scholarship is awarded to a pupil entering Year 7 in Senior School as an external candidate from the state sector.

The Anthea Cadbury Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees – this scholarship is open to all pupils entering Senior School at Year 7.

The Martineau Scholar. Up to 50% tuition fees awarded for Music - open to all pupils entering Senior School at Year 7. There is much competition for the Martineau Music Scholarship and we expect pupils to have reached a minimum standard of Grade 5 on at least one instrument. Pupils 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. Pupils 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 four full tuition fees are available for Year 7 entrants. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

All pupils sitting 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 at the time of registering.

All EHS Scholarships are conditional on satisfactory progress and on a pupil continuing education at Edgbaston High School until she has completed her Advanced Level courses and examinations. Should these conditions not be fulfilled the School reserves 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. Bursaries can be awarded as follows:

- On entry to Reception and Year 3 – deadline **Friday 9 February 2024**
- On entry to Year 7 – deadline **Wednesday 27 September 2023**
- On entry to Sixth Form – **deadline Friday 26 January 2024**

Applications received after these dates are unlikely to be considered as the funding will have been allocated.

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.

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

Bursary applications must meet any published deadline for submission. Parents should request how to apply at time of registering. 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.

To complete the process, applicants that meet the criteria will have an interview with an independent reviewers. Parents are advised of the School's decision by post, dispatched in a formal offer letter, along with the outcome of their daughter's entrance examination.

Bursaries awarded are subject to an annual financial review and any award can be adjusted in value upwards or downwards as a family's income changes. The School 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 childcare.

In Year 3, bursaries equivalent to three 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 stay 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 their job.

HOW TO APPLY

All enquiries should be directed to Admissions via admissions@edgbastonhigh.co.uk or 0121 454 5831. Dates for the completion and return of application forms can be found on the school website www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Headmistress and there is no appeals process. For further information please refer to the School's Bursary Policy.

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