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AESG Scholarship Programme

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Scholarships



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Overview

At Alderley Edge School for Girls, we are keen to nurture and recognise exceptional talent. Scholarships hold a position of honour at AESG and a scholarship will allow your daughter to play a key role in the life of the School and will open a world of opportunities from which she can expand her learning.

We do not offer a reduction in fees for scholarships but offer an extensive programme of opportunities relevant to each

Scholarship; Academic, Art, Music, Sport or Performing Arts. We want the girls themselves to benefit from the Scholarship opportunities available to them during their time at the School and flourish in their chosen field.

Scholarships are available to girls joining the Senior School in Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form and will be reviewed annually against the expectations set out for each Scholarship. If a pupil is no longer meeting the criteria then the scholarship will not be awarded for the following academic year.

Academic Scholarships

Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form

Academic scholars are chosen as being amongst the brightest academically in their cohort, destined for outstanding results. More significantly, they should also show a certain flair and independence of mind. They should be engaged, curious, self-reliant and willing to take the initiative. They should enjoy challenge and be both resilient and reflective. They should show leadership and empathy as well as be confident in their ability to keep on improving.

The Sixth Form Scholarships are known as Lawrence Fawcus Scholars named after the Chair of Governors of the newly merged Alderley Edge School for Girls. These are awarded based on girls who have outstanding GCSE results, usually levels 8 and 9.

Assessment for Candidates

The Academic Scholarship will be based on performance in the Entrance Exam (Y7), Assessments (Y9) or an external Y9 Exam and GCSE Results (Sixth Form). Each girl will also be interviewed by the Headmistress. The Scholarship will be reviewed annually and will be subject to continued academic success and a commitment to an independent and enquiring approach to study.

Opportunities for Academic Scholars

Academic Scholars will be encouraged to attend bespoke opportunities, such as workshops, lectures or seminars, specifically tailored to academic enrichment. In addition, Scholars will be given opportunities to improve their leadership skills, for example through developing one of the academic enrichment clubs.

Opportunities include:

- 500 Words Writing Competition
- Blue Sky Thinking
- Business Language Qualification
- Careers Talks
- Debating Competitions
- Girls Night Out Jodrell Bank
- Historical Association Essay
- HPQ/EPQ
- ISA Competitions
- Linguistics Olympiad
- Maths UKMT
- Mock Trial
- MOOCS
- Oxbridge Talks
- Oxford University Trip
- Philisocoffee
- Science Crest Awards
- Science Olympiad
- Spelling Bee (External)
- STEM Challenge Days
- Youth Speaks

Whilst there is no fee remission, many of the above opportunities will be free of charge to Academic Scholars.

Expectations Of Academic Scholars

Academic Scholars will play a full and active role in the academic life of School and strive for academic excellence across the full range of their academic subjects. They are expected to maintain high standards in attainment and effort as well as displaying a positive attitude towards their academic development.

As role models, Scholars will set an example to other girls through their commitment, engagement and attendance at clubs and lectures, highlighting their intellectual curiosity and natural aptitude for learning. They may be entered into competitions and academic awards and the school will be proactive in demonstrating their achievements to the school and wider community. They will be asked to attend Open Events and to speak with parents about Academic opportunities at AESG.



Art Scholarships

Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form

The Art Department aims to foster creativity, competence, cultural understanding, critical thinking, independence, risk taking and a life-long love of art. We are seeking to reward exceptional talent and those who are creative and have an inquiring mind.

Assessment for Candidates - Year 7

Scholarships will be awarded to talented artists who have a clear passion and flair for the subject.

The Portfolio

As part of the assessment process, pupils are required to show a portfolio of their work. The portfolio must comprise a minimum of eight pieces completed during the last two years. Work can be of any size and media but the selection should represent the skills and ability of the candidate.

At least one piece should have been undertaken independently outside of School. Candidates should be prepared to give a guided viewing of their portfolio.

Practical Assessment

Candidates will be required to undertake an observational drawing and painting task. A reference from an Art teacher will be required. The reference will be requested directly by the Admissions Office.

Year 9

If the pupil is not at the school then they will follow the criteria for Year 7 Pupils.

We are looking for an outstanding achievement in internal examinations. We would expect pupils to be involved in extra-curricular opportunities throughout KS3.

Pupils will be asked to show a portfolio of their own work, complete an assessment and be interviewed by the Head of Art.

Sixth Form

Pupils must have achieved grade 8/9 in Art GCSE and demonstrate a commitment to the subject.

Pupils will be asked to show a portfolio of their own work, complete an assessment and be interviewed by the Head of Art.

Opportunities for Art Scholars

We are committed to inspiring creativity and passion, as well as artistic talent in a variety of forms and a range of media. The opportunities for Art Scholars at AESG is vast and many will be paid for by School.

They include:

- Entry into ISA Art Competitions
- Internal Art Competitions
- Opportunity to have work submitted for the Living Edge Exhibition
- Artist talks, workshops and gallery visits (no costs for Art Scholars)
- KS3 Support to complete Bronze Arts Award
- Lead and take part in Art and Aperture Club

Expectations Of Art Scholars

Art Scholars will play a full and active role within the Art Department. They are expected to maintain high standards in their work as well as displaying a positive attitude towards the subject.

As ambassadors of Art, Scholars will set an example to other girls through their commitment, engagement and attendance at clubs and lectures, highlighting their creativity and appreciation for Art. They may be entered into competitions and awards and the School will be proactive in demonstrating their achievements to the School and wider community. They will be asked to attend Open Events and to speak with parents about Art opportunities at AESG.



Sport Scholarships

Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form

We are passionate about providing a pathway for elite training and development in sports. Our Sports Scholarship programme focuses on our holistic approach of creating a foundation for performance which includes movement mechanics, speed/power, performance, nutrition and performance lifestyle. At its core are our Strength & Conditioning programmes and workshops.

Sport Scholarships are awarded to girls who demonstrate exceptional talent and potential in sport, and who can contribute to the life of School through high sporting achievement. Potential Sport Scholars are expected to be of a high standard in their chosen sport(s). The major sports at AESG are netball, hockey, athletics, tennis and rounders. Applicants are expected to have the potential to play at regional level and above, and will regularly represent the A team in matches.

Assessments for Candidates

The assessment will comprise:

- A hockey practical (all to participate for numbers)
- A netball practical (all to participate for numbers)
- Physical fitness assessment

For sports which are not assessed on the day, please provide a short recording of a performance in a competitive game. A recording should be submitted on a USB stick and should be in a competitive environment. For example, a 100m race, two sets in tennis or half of a hockey match.

A reference from a Sports teacher and coach will also be required. The reference will be requested directly by the Admissions Office.

Pupils will also be expected to supply details of achievement, for example a selection letter if a county player or proof of ranking for athletics.

Opportunities for Scholars

We will provide a framework for girls to excel in sports performance, both individually and in teams. We will provide opportunities to access high quality coaching and support to excel in their chosen sport(s). Sports Scholars will take part in the Angela Jackson workshops, which include a variety of topics including physical and mental strength training, nutrition and sports psychology.

Sports Scholars will be enrolled into a Strength & Conditioning Programme, which includes movement dynamics, landing mechanics, core stability, sprint mechanics and ongoing assessments. There will also be an opportunity for trips and visits outside of the classroom. Whilst there is no fee remission the above opportunities will be free of charge to Sports Scholars.

Expectations of a Sport Scholar

Sport Scholars will be expected to be confident performers and have a commitment to all fixtures and training. They will play an active role in the sporting life of the School and direct and coach younger pupils as well as be a role model for other pupils.

We expect Sports Scholars to be coachable and be able to take on board any feedback to improve performance. They will be ambassadors for the scholars' programme and the School at all times. We expect girls to be all-rounders and should be able to play three sports and represent the A team in all of these. This means that they are dedicated to all training sessions and extra-curricular fixtures. Sports Scholars will be proactive in demonstrating their achievements to the school and wider community. They may also be asked to attend Open Events and to speak with parents about Sport opportunities at AESG.

Hockey

Girls should be playing at club level, A team standard, and also have potential to reach the England Hockey Player Pathway. Girls must be committed to extra-curricular practices and be available for all fixtures.

Netball

Girls should be playing at club level, A team standard, and also have potential to reach the England Netball Player Pathway. Girls must be committed to extra-curricular practices and be available for all fixtures.

Athletics

Girls must make an outstanding contribution and demonstrate dedication to athletics, both in School and at Club level. They are expected to have won medals or participate in athletics at county level.

Tennis

Girls should be fully committed to a club and School and have the potential to reach the LTA Player Pathway. They should be available for all extra-curricular clubs and fixtures.



Performing Arts Scholarships

Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form

Performing Arts form a valuable part of community life at AESG. Performers work with the Drama and Dance department to hone their skills and rehearse their pieces to ultimately perform to the School and wider community. Performing Arts Scholars will benefit from our purpose designed drama and dance studio and our Performing Arts Hall, which is a bespoke facility dedicated to performances.

Assessments for Candidates

Candidates are expected to have a vast array of experience in the Performing Arts to include in a portfolio for consideration, showing evidence of drama/dance clubs the pupils have taken part in and productions they have been involved in as well as live theatre they have seen. They should also include any examinations they have completed such as LAMDA or Dance exams and any other evidence to support their application.

The assessment will consist of an interview with the Head of Dance and Drama, a performance of the candidate's chosen audition piece and a group activity.

Interview Candidates will need to be able to discuss:

- Why they feel they should be considered for a Performing Arts Scholarship
- Their experience in their chosen skill
- Their contribution to Performing Arts to date
- To talk about a performance that they have seen that they particularly enjoyed or have found particularly interesting



Audition

Candidates are to choose ONE audition piece from a selection provided by the School, (we expect that candidates will learn their chosen text ahead of the audition) or / perform a two-minute piece of dance. Candidates must bring their own music on a device which can be plugged into a speaker.

Group Activity

Candidates will take part in a workshop where they must demonstrate their skills in choreography and improvisation. A reference from a Dance / Performing Arts teacher will be required. A reference will be requested directly by the Admissions Office.

Opportunities For Performing Arts Scholars

Performing Arts Scholars will be invited to an 'invite only' Drama and Dance Club and Scholars are given the opportunity to audition and take part in the various ISA Arts Competitions, some of which are held at regional host schools with a variety of Independent Schools from across the UK attending.

The Scholars will take roles in the school production and they will also showcase their talents in the Performing Arts Soirée in the Summer term. Scholars will be invited to attend workshops led by outside companies and professionals. There will be no fee remission for Performing Arts Scholarships, however a programme of theatre visits, visiting actors and workshops will be available at no cost to the Scholar.



Expectations of a Performing Arts Scholar

We expect Performing Arts Scholars to audition to perform in the school production. Being a Performing Arts Scholar does not necessarily guarantee that you will automatically be selected for a role, but you should be prepared to try out.

You should ensure you are aware of events within the Department and be prepared to promote those events within the School, acting as part of the School's wider ambassador system. You should keep yourself informed about theatrical trends and developments through your Scholarship Programme of theatre visits and play reading.

Performing Arts Scholars will be proactive in demonstrating their achievements to the school and wider community. They may also be asked to attend Open Events and to speak with parents about Performing Arts opportunities at AESG.



Music Scholarships

Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form

The aim of the Music Department is to help girls fulfil their potential as musicians by involving themselves fully in the musical activities that are on offer. Our Music Scholars will have fun developing their playing and/or singing, and gain in confidence as a performer, as well as inspiring others who hear them play.

Criteria for Applicants

Interview

Candidates will discuss their application with the Director of Music and should prepare a portfolio of their achievements to date including awards and music examinations.

Audition

Candidates will be asked to perform either one instrument(s) or voice, or one piece on each. A reference from a Music teacher will be required. The reference will be requested directly by the Admissions Office.

Opportunities for Music Scholars

Music Scholars will have the opportunity to perform in assemblies, school productions and lunch time music concerts in the community. There will be no fee remission for a Music Scholarship, however there will be opportunities to attend workshops run by the Royal Northern College of Music and / or the Guildhall School of Music. There will also be a number of trips to musical performances such as concerts at The Bridgewater Hall.

Expectations for a Music Scholar

A Music Scholar will be expected to maintain high standards of musical excellence and to be an ambassador for Music within the School through personal practice and enthusiastic participation. All Scholars will be expected to work towards a higher grade each year and complete theory classes. It is expected that girls will have achieved at least Grade 3 on their main instrument or voice in one or more area. All Scholars will be expected to complete the Arts Award, by the beginning of Year 9. Music Scholars are expected to play a full role in the musical life of the School.

Sixth Form Scholars will be expected to work with pupils in The Prep School on specific projects and use their expertise. There is the potential for this to extend into the Gold Arts Award, which when completed can count towards UCAS points.

All Scholars will be expected to enter into ISA Competitions and the Young Musician, A Cappella and Composing Competitions. Music Scholars will be proactive in demonstrating their achievements to the school and wider community. They may also be asked to attend Open Events and to speak with parents about Music opportunities at AESG.



**"Aspire
not to have
more but
to be
more"**

***- Archbishop
Oscar Romero***



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