



# Colchester High School

The only co-educational independent school in Colchester

**Senior Scholarships**  
2019/20

# Colchester High School Scholarships 2019 Entry

Colchester High School is committed to offering the very best education to all students with a wide range of abilities and we encourage all pupils to reach their full potential in all areas. Scholarships are awarded to pupils for Year 7 entry demonstrating outstanding achievement, talent and/or potential in a certain subject area. Scholarships are awarded solely on merit and are assessed through competitive examinations and interview. Scholars are expected to participate fully in all activities that relate to their Scholarship award, demonstrating an all round commitment and leadership in their field of excellence.

The majority of Scholars are entitled to a 15% reduction in tuition fees during their Senior School years (Years 7 to 11). However, the amount and duration of the award is at the discretion of the Principal and depends on the level of achievement, all round commitment and leadership in the pupil's field

of excellence. Colchester High School offers Academic Scholarships in English, Mathematics and Science as well as an overall 'Academic Scholarship' for pupils who have scored highly in the scholarship School assessments for English and Mathematics combined.

Subject specific Scholarships are awarded for high achievement in specific co-curricular areas and applicants are able to choose to apply for one of the following: Music and Performance, Creative Art, or Sport. In addition, the school runs an extensive Character Development programme and the Headteacher award is offered to a pupil that has displayed a high level of commitment and involvement in the programme. The aim is to create an ethos of children who broaden their experiences beyond the classroom and who contribute towards a local and global community. All Senior School Scholarship applications will need to be received by Wednesday 12th December 2018. Decisions and final awards will be offered by the end of the Spring term 2019.

## Academic Scholarships

*(Invitation only)*

Colchester High School offer Academic Scholarships every year to new starters in Year 7. These scholarships are open to all registered pupils who sit the assessment tests in the Spring term preceding their entry into Year 7. Pupils who score highly in this assessment are invited to attend a

Scholarship interview and will be required to sit a further assessment in Mathematics and English. Successful recipients of this Scholarship are expected to display exceptional academic ability. These scholarships will be offered at the sole discretion of the Principal.



# *English and Mathematics Scholarships*

*(Invitation only)*

English and Mathematics Scholarship are offered to pupils that sit the further assessments for the Academic Scholarship. At Colchester High School we recognise that pupils have strengths in different areas and we celebrate that every pupil is individual. Successful recipients of this Scholarship will have displayed exceptional ability in either Mathematics or English but not necessarily both subjects. These scholarships will be offered at the sole discretion of the Principal.



# *Science Scholarships*

This scholarship at Colchester High School is an indication of the continued importance placed on Science at the school. As well as the preliminary application form, students are asked to submit a brief document, in no more than 200 words, explaining which areas of Science particularly interest them and why. A reference from the applicant's current Science/ School teacher with an indication of their suitability for this Scholarship is also

required. Students wishing to be considered should be able to show not only written knowledge of the subject, but also a genuine interest in the subject.

Selected applicants will be contacted regarding the Science Scholarship assessment which will consist of a brief interview with the Head of Science along with a written test. Science Scholars will be expected to take individual GCSE exams in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

# Music and Performance Scholarships

The school provides a comprehensive range of activities to enable successful candidates to achieve their full musical or performance potential. Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship should show commitment to all aspects of music or performance life at Colchester High School. Applicants for the Music and Performance Scholarships are required to meet the minimum academic criteria of Colchester High School in the first instance. Recipients are selected by means of an audition and interview. The auditions are intended to discover the musical or performance skills plus aptitude, potential and enthusiasm. Qualifications from Guildhall School of Music and Drama, L.A.M.D.A or other relevant examinations will be taken into consideration.

During the audition and interview, candidates will be required to:

## Music

- Perform two prepared pieces contrasted in character. If the candidate is able to play more than one instrument/voice and wishes to do so we would encourage them to perform each piece using a different instrument/voice.
- Respond to aural tests played by a member of the panel including: clap back a short rhythm, sing back a tune and identify expressive characteristics such as changes in dynamics, tempo and articulation.
- Answer a few questions in a short interview.
- Submit certificates and report sheets for any formal music examinations taken (photocopies are acceptable) and at least one reference from current school or music/instrumental teacher.

## Performance

- perform a short dramatic monologue – no longer than two minutes
- sing or play a prepared piece - no longer than two minutes
- submit certificates and report sheets (photocopies are acceptable)

Music and Performance Scholars will be expected to represent the school by taking part in music and drama events and to consider Music as a GCSE option or participate in L.A.M.D.A examinations.

# Sports Scholarships

In order that the best sports people benefit from this scheme, we ask you to think about the following factors before applying. Your child will be considered if they:

- Have been a sports representative or sports captain at their previous school.
- Have been involved in a range of sports / activities, representing their school and / or club.
- Have aspirations to study GCSE Physical Education as an option at Key Stage 4.
- Have aspirations to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and be keen to improve their leadership skills.
- Are keen to pursue their interest in sport further into adulthood, by taking up a career in sport or sports teaching / coaching.
- Are prepared to make a strong commitment to the school by participating in, supporting, assisting and representing the school in a range of sports and activities.
- Are prepared to regularly attend extra-curricular clubs.
- Keep PE staff informed of their achievements and progress outside school, and to liaise with staff if there are any issues concerning the standard of their work and / or behaviour in order to rectify this immediately.
- Acknowledge that their Sports Scholarship is a special privilege that should not be taken lightly, and that if they do not keep their commitment this opportunity may be removed.
- Are able to take greater responsibility for the provision of sport for others in the school.
- Act as a good role model to other pupils to follow, showing that they could act as a link between the staff and pupils.

Selected applicants will be assessed through practical activities and an interview with the Head of PE and Head of Senior School. Pupils will not be considered on ability alone but are asked to produce a portfolio providing clear evidence of sporting achievements at a high level. Applicants are also asked to include a reference from someone who has coached them. Our hope is to produce a well-rounded individual, with an emphasis on sportsmanship and objectivity. Sports Scholars should consider taking GCSE PE as an option in Year 10.





# *Creative Art Scholarships*

The school has an illustrious history of success in Creative Arts. Students wishing to be considered for a Creative Arts Scholarship should be able to show not only a good standard of artistic ability but also a genuine interest in the subject which is reflected in their out-of-school activities. Although there will not be a formal test in either practical aspects or theory of Art, candidates will be expected to bring with them evidence in the form of sketchbooks or a portfolio of work which may include:

- Drawings from observation and/or imagination
- Photographs of three-dimensional projects they may have worked on
- Studies which show evidence of the use of a variety of art materials
- Projects that show how the candidates have explored and developed their ideas on a theme from initial observations to a final personal realisation
- Evidence that visiting museums and galleries has influenced their work/ideas

Students applying for the scholarship will be required to submit this evidence and may then be asked to attend an interview with a member of the Art and Design department, where their work and interests would be discussed. One of the most important criteria for the successful candidates will be evidence of genuine commitment and enthusiasm for the subject which will be reflected not only in the evidence provided by their practical work but by their knowledge and understanding of the subject in general. Creative Art Scholars should consider taking either GCSE Art or Graphic Communication as an option in Year 10.



# Headteacher Award

*(Awarded at the end of Year 7)*

'God first, Others second, Self last' is the motto at Colchester High School. The Headteacher Award is offered to a student at the end of Year 7 who has contributed fully to the whole school environment and taken part in the school's Character Development Programme to a high level. The pupils will be introduced to the programme at the beginning of the academic and will be encouraged to focus on four main areas. These areas are:

- Personal Character Development
- Citizenship
- Creative Expression
- Physical and Mental Wellbeing

At the end of the academic year, pupils will be required to prepare a personal statement with respect to their achievements in the four core characteristics. They will also complete a ten minute presentation to a member of the Colchester High School Leadership Team. Pupils may be awarded bronze, silver or gold awards. A certificate will be awarded to each pupil participating in the scheme at the School's annual prize giving ceremonies, however one of our top performers will be awarded the Scholarship.

The scholarship will be offered at the sole discretion of the Principal.

# Conditions of the Scholarship

- An Award is granted at the sole discretion of Colchester High School and the Principal.
- The pupil who is the subject of the Award is required to work hard, to contribute positively to the life of the School, to be a credit to the School and to set a good example to other pupils. The pupil must adhere to the School's required standards of conduct and progress. These are the Purposes of the Award and Expectations of a Scholar.
- The Parents are required to support and encourage the pupil to achieve the Purposes of the Award and treat members of the School community reasonably and to uphold the aims and the good name of the School. Parents are required to comply with the School's Terms and Conditions.
- The value and terms and conditions of the award shall remain confidential between the parents, the pupil and the School.
- The School may terminate the award by written notice sent to the parents with immediate effect if one of more of the following conditions has not been fulfilled:
  - The pupil has not complied with the obligations set out in the Purpose of the Award and if there has been no significant improvement following consultation with the parents and/or pupil and the issue of a written warning
  - The parents have not complied with the obligations set out
  - The parents of the pupil do not keep the value and terms and conditions of confidentiality of the award
  - The parents withdraw the pupil from the School without providing a full term's written notice.

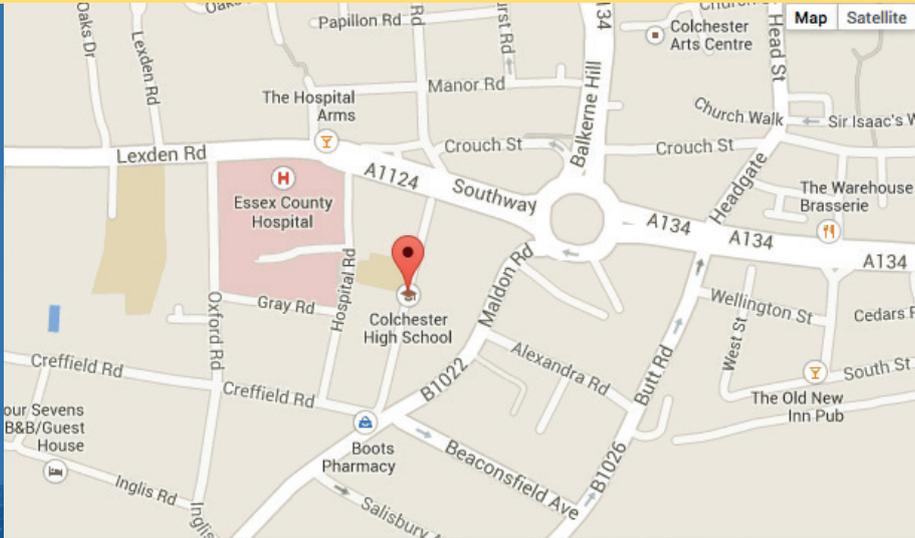
## Expectations of a scholar

- Throughout their time at the School, pupils are expected to continue to meet the highest standard within the scholarship field for his/her particular age.
- To maintain exemplary behaviour and effort across the board.
- To be a role model to younger pupils and an ambassador for the School.
- To represent the School and provide a service to the School as deemed appropriate by the Principal. Additional tasks and responsibilities are at the Principal's discretion.
- To commit to School events, especially related to the scholarship area.



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