



# Colchester High School



## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS 2021/22

A co-educational private school catering for ages 2½ to 16



COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

# SCHOLARSHIPS 2021 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, based on evidence gathered via a range of methods including auditions, work samples, and references.

Scholars are expected to participate fully in all School activities that relate to their scholarship award, demonstrating an all round commitment and leadership in their field of excellence. Attendance at Open Mornings and Education Days are mandatory.

The majority of Scholars receive a reduction in tuition fees during their Senior School years (Years 7 to 11). The amount and duration of the award is at the discretion of the Head Teacher 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. Subject specific scholarships are awarded for high achievement in the following areas: Music and Performance, Creative Art, or Sport.

Colchester High School will seek recommendations from the applicant's current school as to his/her ability and level of achievement.

**APPLICANTS CAN APPLY FOR UP TO TWO SCHOLARSHIPS.**

All Senior School scholarship applications will need to be received by Friday 23rd October 2020. Assessments will take place week commencing 9th November 2020. All awards offered will be notified by Thursday 10th December 2020.





# ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIPS

Colchester High School recognise the importance of English and Mathematics as cross-curricular subjects and 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. Applicants can apply to sit for both awards.

Colchester High School will seek recommendations from the applicant's current school as to their ability and level of achievement. Pupils will then be required to sit assessments in either English or Mathematics, or both, if an application has been made for 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 alongside a written test and a supported practical.

Science Scholars will be expected to take individual GCSE examinations in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.





## CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

# 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 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 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 their current school or music/instrumental teacher.

## PERFORMANCE

- Perform a short dramatic monologue – no longer than two minutes
- Sing or perform a prepared piece - no longer than two minutes
- Submit certificates and report sheets for any formal performances or examinations (photocopies are acceptable)
- To 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 questions in a short interview.

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. In addition we would ask them to participate in L.A.M.D.A examinations.



# THE CREATIVE ART SCHOLARSHIP

**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:

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

Students applying for the scholarship will be required to submit this evidence and 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 would be expected to take Art, Craft and Design GCSE as an option in Year 10.







# SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Sport and wellbeing is an intrinsic part of life at Colchester High School with a robust and engaging sports programme aimed at engaging all pupils to stay active whilst also providing the opportunity for our most talented children to succeed in local, county and national sporting competitions. In recognition of our excellence in Sport, Colchester High School is very proud to announce that they were awarded in 2019 the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Award for Outstanding Sport Provision.

#### 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.
- Will 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,
- Are able to take greater responsibility for the provision of sport for others in the school, helping at extra-curricular clubs for younger pupils.
- 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. 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.

A reference from the applicant's coach or School teacher, with an indication of their suitability for this scholarship, is also required.

**Our hope is to produce a well-rounded individual, with an emphasis on sportsmanship and objectivity.**



# 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.
- 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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