



SENIOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS 2026



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COLCHESTER PREP & HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS 2026 ENTRY

Colchester Prep & High School is committed to offering the very best education to all pupils. Providing a broad and holistic curriculum we encourage all pupils to reach their full potential.

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 assessments.

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 is 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 Headteacher and depends on the level of achievement, all round commitment and leadership in the pupil's field of excellence.

Colchester Prep & High School offers Academic Scholarships in English, Mathematics, and Science. Subject-specific scholarships are awarded for high achievement in the following areas: Music and Performing Arts, Digital & Creative Art, Technology or Sport.

We also offer a STEAM scholarship for pupils who demonstrate outstanding achievement in 2 of the following subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering/Electronics, Art and Mathematics. Applicant's will be expected to seek a recommendation for their scholarship application from their current school as to their 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 24 October 2025. Assessments will take place week commencing Monday 17 November 2025. All awards offered will be notified the week commencing Monday 1 December 2025.





ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIPS

Colchester Prep & High School recognises the importance of English and Mathematics as core subjects. Successful recipients of this scholarship will have displayed exceptional ability in either Mathematics or English but not necessarily both subjects.

Applicants will be invited to sit for either or both of these scholarship awards only if they demonstrate outstanding performance in the School's Entrance Assessments.

Colchester Prep & High School will require a recommendation from the applicant's current school as to their ability and level of achievement. Pupils will then be required to sit scholarship assessments in either English or Mathematics, or both. Applicants will also attend an interview with the Head of Mathematics and English.

These scholarships will be offered at the sole discretion of the Headteacher.

SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship at Colchester Prep & High School is an indication of the continued importance placed on Science at the school. As well as the preliminary application form, pupils 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. Pupils wishing to be considered should be able to show not only written knowledge of the subject, but also a genuine interest in the subject which extends beyond the classroom.

Selected applicants will be contacted regarding the Science Scholarship assessment, which will consist of an interview with the Head of Science, alongside a written test and a supported science practical. Science Scholars are expected to take individual GCSE examinations in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.



MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The school provides a comprehensive range of activities to enable successful candidates to achieve their full musical or performance potential. Pupils wishing to be considered for a scholarship should show commitment to all aspects of Music or Performing Arts at Colchester Prep & High School.

Applicants for Music and Performing Arts Scholarships are required to meet the minimum academic criteria of Colchester Prep & 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, LAMDA 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.

PERFORMING ARTS

- Perform a short dramatic monologue – no longer than two minutes.
- Sing or perform a prepared Dance/Drama 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 Performing Arts Scholars will be expected to represent the school by taking part in music and drama events and to participate in a wide range of Musical and Performing Arts clubs.

Music Scholars are expected to take GCSE Music or the Performing Arts Vocational Award as an option in Year 10.



DIGITAL AND CREATIVE ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The school has an illustrious history of success in Digital and Creative Arts.

Pupils wishing to be considered for a Digital and 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 either digital or 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.

Pupils applying for the scholarship will be required to submit this evidence and will be invited to attend an interview with the Head of Digital and Creative Arts, where their work and interests will be discussed.

One of the most important criteria for 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.

Digital and Creative Art Scholars are expected to take Art, Craft and Design GCSE as an option in Year 10.



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sport and wellbeing are an intrinsic part of life at Colchester Prep & High School. We provide an inventive and dynamic 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 Prep & 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.
- 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 fixtures and activities.
- Are prepared to regularly attend and lead 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 for 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 active participation and sportsmanship.

Sports Scholars are expected to take GCSE PE as an option in Year 10.



TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship at Colchester Prep & High School is an indication of the continued importance placed on Technology at the school. Colchester Prep & High School are proud to have been awarded Microsoft Showcase Status for the past 4 years and pupils in Year 7-9 are expected to take Microsoft Office Exams and Accreditations.

As well as the preliminary application form, pupils are asked to submit a brief document, in no more than 200 words, explaining which areas of Technology particularly interest them and why.

Pupils may wish to include a short video or portfolio of any Technology work they have completed digitally (clearly demonstrating chosen discipline) - including examples of coding/programming, digital literacy and experience with applications.

Pupils 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 Technology Scholarship assessment which will consist of an interview with the Head of Creative and Digital Arts.

Technology Scholars are expected to take GCSE examinations in Computer Science or Art, Craft and Design.

STEAM SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship at Colchester Prep & High School is an indication of the continued importance placed on STEAM at the school and is a unique opportunity for pupils who can demonstrate outstanding achievement in 2 of the following subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering/Electronics, Art and Mathematics.

As well as the preliminary application form, pupils are asked to submit a brief document, in no more than 200 words, explaining which areas of STEAM particularly interest them and why.

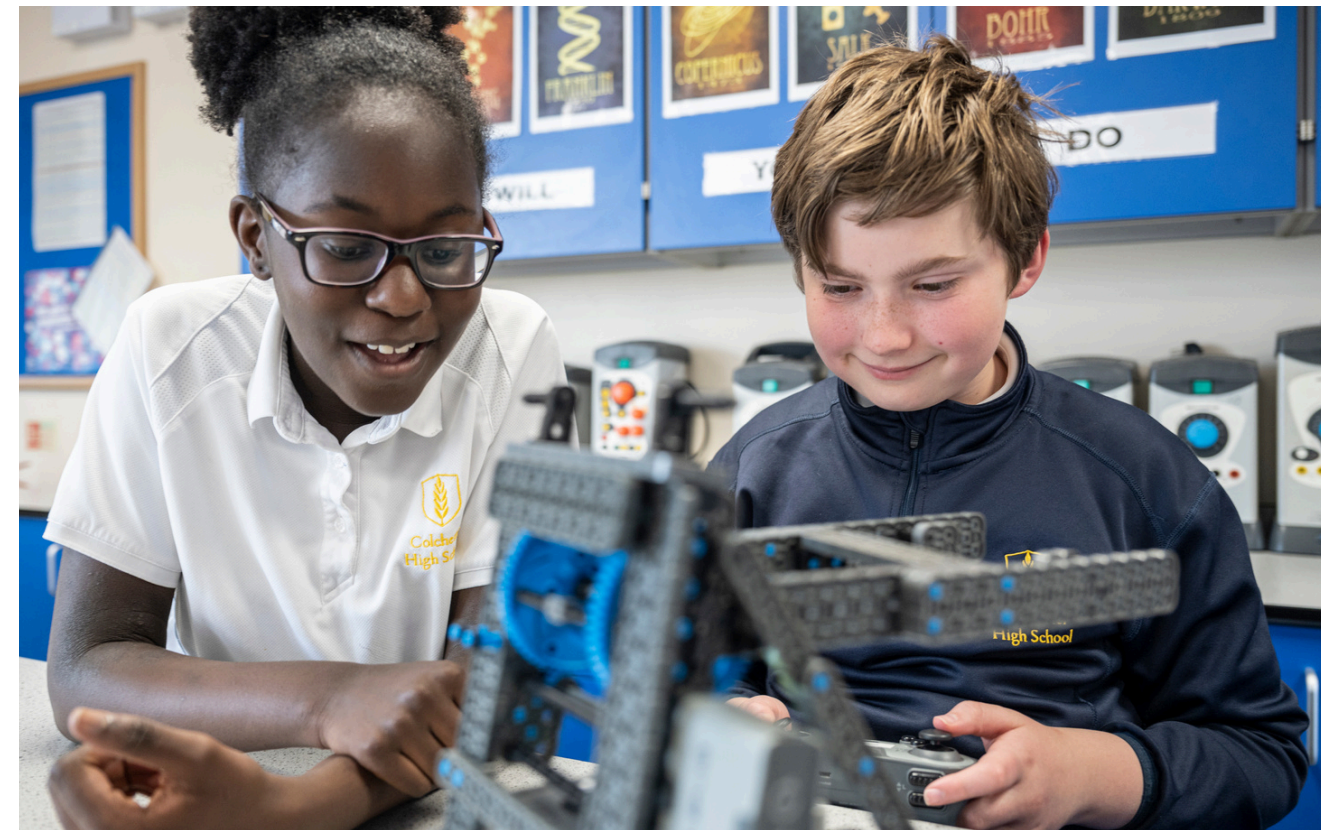
Pupils may wish to include a short video or portfolio of any STEAM related work they have completed including, but not limited to: sketchbooks, drawings, photography, Lego, Lego Robotics, Meccano, STEM construction set or evidence of coding/programming, digital literacy and experience with applications.

If the pupil chooses either Science or Mathematics as a subject, a reference from the applicant's current Science/ School teacher, with an indication of their suitability for this scholarship, is also required.

Pupils 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 STEAM Scholarship assessment which will consist of an interview with the Head of STEAM.

STEAM Scholars are expected to take GCSE examinations in their chosen subjects (or Computer Science/Art, Craft and Design if engineering).



CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- An Award is granted at the sole discretion of Colchester Prep & High School and the Headteacher.
- 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 the award confidential.
 - 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 Headteacher. Additional tasks and responsibilities are at the Headteacher's discretion.
- To commit to School events, including open days and those especially related to the scholarship area.

