



Bromsgrove School

Entrance Examination and
Scholarship Information

FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 ENTRY

All candidates wishing to sit Bromsgrove School entrance examinations must complete a registration form and pay the registration fee prior to sitting the examinations. Offers of entry into Bromsgrove School will be made on the basis of performance in these examinations. Sixth Form applicants from the UK must complete a registration form but do not sit our entrance examinations. Offers are normally made based on predicted GCSE grades.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DATES

11+ Candidates	Friday 23 rd November 2018
13+ Candidates	Friday 11 th January 2019
Prep School (Years 3 – 6 & Year 8)	Saturday 12 th January 2019

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CONTENT

Years 3 and 4

English, Mathematics and Creative Writing
Arrival 9.15am - collection 12.30pm

Year 5

English, Mathematics, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Creative Writing
Arrival 9.00am - collection 14.00pm (lunch provided)

Years 6, 7 and 8

English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning and Creative Writing
Arrival 8.30am - collection 14.15pm (lunch provided)

Year 9 (13+) Entry

English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning.
Candidates will also have an informal interview with a Senior School member of staff.
Arrival 8.40am – collection 16.00pm (lunch provided)

11+ and 13+ candidates whose performance in the entrance examinations is deemed worthy of consideration for an Academic Scholarship will be invited back for interview by the Headmaster and Senior School staff.

Sixth Form

Entry into the Sixth Form from another British school is based on an interview with the Headmaster during a visit, a confidential reference and GCSE results. A conditional offer is made and then confirmed once GCSE results have been published. Pupils wishing to be considered for a place in Bromsgrove Sixth Form must complete a registration form. Those applicants wishing to be considered for a scholarship must also submit a scholarship application form.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are offered to both internal and external candidates. Interviews and/or examinations are competitive. Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship. All external candidates wishing to apply for an Academic (16+ only), Drama (13+,16+), Music (11+,13+,16+), Art or Sports Scholarship (13+, 16+) must complete and return a scholarship application form together with a completed registration form and the registration fee.

There is no separate scholarship application form for 11+ and 13+ academic candidates; where performance in the entrance examination is deemed worthy of consideration for an academic scholarship, these candidates will be invited back for scholarship interviews.

Internal candidates (current Bromsgrove Preparatory School and Bromsgrove Senior School pupils) wishing to be considered for any Academic or Music scholarship at 11+ or any Academic, Music, Art, Sport or Drama scholarship at 13+ or 16+ must complete and return a scholarship application form. They will also need to sit relevant examinations or attend an audition, interview or assessment depending on the scholarship applied for.

There is much competition for Scholarship places, however they offer only a small amount of financial help. The reward is through recognition of Scholars' contribution to their area of excellence within the School.

Music Scholarships:	fees remission on lessons for up to two instruments
Art/Textile Scholarships:	an annual award to help with the cost of materials or art associated trips/visits
Sports Scholarships:	an annual award towards payment of sports equipment/sports tour
Drama Scholarships:	an annual award to help with the cost of drama associated trips/visits

A small number of other financial awards may also be made.

Scholarships and exhibitions are awarded for the duration of the pupil's time at Bromsgrove School. The tenure of any award is subject to high standards of attendance and behaviour on the pupil's part and for Music, Art, Drama and Sports Scholars to full participation in the activities of their area of award. The value of any award is strictly confidential between parents, the Headmaster and the School's financial management. Children should not be told the size of the award and breach of this condition can lead to the award being withdrawn.

Scholarship awards will be made in writing and will be notified in writing by Monday 25th February 2019. All scholarships, exhibitions and foundation scholarships may be augmented by a means-tested bursary.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

11+ Academic Scholarships (entrance examinations)	5 th November 2018
Sports Scholarships (November)	12 th November 2018
Music Scholarship Applications	26 th November 2018
All other scholarship applications	4 th January 2019

ANNUAL AWARDS

11+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of

- 4 Academic Awards
- 1 Music Award

13+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of:

- 6 Academic Awards
- 2 Music Awards
- Up to 2 Art Awards
- Up to 2 Drama Awards
- Up to 4 Sports Awards

16+ Scholarship awards usually comprise of:

- 6 Academic Awards
- 2 Music Awards
- Up to 2 Art Awards
- Up to 2 Drama Awards
- Up to 5 Sports Awards

Foundation Scholarships

Bromsgrove School maintains a number of places for Foundation Scholars. These awards only operate in respect of day places and preference is given to candidates from Bromsgrove and the surrounding area. Foundation Scholarships are awarded to very able pupils in need of financial assistance. The maximum award is 50% of the day fee, which may be augmented by a means-tested bursary. Candidates wishing to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship should apply in writing to Miss Rachel Scannell, Assistant Head, at the Senior School.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation)

Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Notification of call-back will be communicated to candidates by 14th December 2018.

One humanities interview, one science and one interview with the Headmaster.

Arrival 8.45am Senior School – collection 12.00pm

13+ Academic Scholarship Interviews

Thursday 24th January 2019 (by invitation)

Notification of call-back will be communicated to candidates by January 18th 2019.

One humanities interview, one science and one interview with the Headmaster.

Arrival 8.40am Senior School – collection 12.30pm

16+ Academic Scholarship Examination and Interviews

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Subject Paper (2 hours 15mins) answering on three subjects from the list below and an interview with the Headmaster. Please report to Senior School Hospitality Suite at 8.30am. Collection 17.00pm (lunch will be provided)

16+ subject list:

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| • Biology | • English | • Latin |
| • Business Studies | • French | • Mathematics |
| • Chemistry | • Geography | • Physical Education |
| • Classical Civilisation | • German | • Physics |
| • Design and Technology | • History | • Religious Studies |
| | | • Spanish |

Those answering language questions from the subject paper will have an oral in their chosen language.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS (11+, 13+, 16+)

16+ Auditions Wednesday 16th January 2019

11+ & 13+ Auditions Thursday 17th & Friday 18th January 2019

Music awards are offered to candidates likely to become leading contributors to Bromsgrove music. Singers, organists and instrumentalists may apply. There is much competition for awards and the selection of Music Scholars is not solely based on meeting the performing standards outlined below. An excellent aural awareness and theoretical understanding should be demonstrated at the audition and a desire to become fully involved in all aspects of musical life at Bromsgrove. 'Shortage' instruments may be favoured where they serve the need of the department's performing profile. The award covers the cost of individual music tuition at School for up to two weekly lessons during term time.

Music Scholars should

- Contribute fully to the musical life of the School, in choirs and ensembles as directed, leading performances
- Perform regularly as a soloist (at least three times in the academic year)
- Act as an ambassador for the department
- Attain standards equal to the Scholarship entry levels and achieve Grade 8 before leaving School at the end of the Upper Sixth

Requirements

- At 11+ a minimum of Associated Board Grade 4 standard in a principal instrument. It may be in the candidate's interest to offer a second instrument or voice at audition
- At 13+ a minimum of Associated Board Grade 5 in a principal instrument or voice and the ability to offer a second instrument or voice
- At 16+ a minimum of Associated Board Grade 7 in a principal instrument and at least Grade 5 in a second instrument or voice

Auditions

The Music Department will contact applicants concerning the timing of the examination approximately one week in advance. An accompanist will be provided; candidates must send their piano accompaniments to the Music School Administrator before the audition day. At audition, candidates will be expected to:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument or voice
- Perform one piece on any additional instruments, or voice
- Take an aural test; sight reading and scales relating to the candidate's most recent grade may be asked for
- Demonstrate their musical aspirations and experiences in a discussion which will include general musical knowledge, music theory and the candidate's interests

Further details on all Music Scholarships can be obtained from the Director of Music, Mr James McKelvey: jmckelvey@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or the Music School Administrator on 01527 579679 ext 235.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)

Friday 18th January 2019

13+ Art Scholarship

Arrival 8.50am at Senior School Reception – collection 11.00am

Pupils showing considerable potential in Art and Design are encouraged to apply for the 13+ Art Scholarship. The scholarship takes the form of a practical examination and an interview with the Head of Art in the Senior School. Candidates are asked to bring a maximum of two pieces of their work with them to the examination. These pieces can be in any media and should demonstrate a high level of competence in at least one discipline. They should be pieces that the candidate is proud of and candidates must be prepared to analyse their own work during interview with the Head of Art.

16+ Art or Textile Scholarship

Arrival 8.50am at Senior School Reception - collection 15.00pm (lunch will be provided)

Pupils currently at GCSE level are encouraged to apply for the 16+ Art Scholarship. The scholarship examination takes the form of a practical test, a piece of written and an interview with the Head of Art. Candidates are required to bring a maximum of two pieces of art and/or textiles work with them to the examination. Pupils are expected to demonstrate a high level of competence in art and design, as well as the ability to articulate their thoughts on both their own work and that of practising artists. Evidence of independently initiated projects, as well as teacher directed work is also highly desirable. Further details on the Art Scholarships can be obtained from the Head of Art, Ms S Morgans: smorgans@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th of January 2018

The Drama Department will contact applicants concerning the timing of the examination approximately one week in advance.

Applicants will be required to:

- Write a short essay to be submitted by 6th January 2019. They will be invited to discuss, briefly, what they have written at the interview and to talk about their experiences of theatre as a performer and an observer.
- Perform, from memory, a short monologue of their own choice – 2 minutes.
- To sight-read a very short unseen piece.
- The panel will suggest some re-direction after the performances, to see how the candidate responds to direction in a live situation.

For an informal discussion or further details on Drama Scholarships please contact the Director of Performing Arts, Mr Tim Norton: tnorton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)

The principal sports at School are hockey (boys and girls), rugby, netball and cricket. Applications from national level performers in swimming, athletics, cross-country and tennis are also welcome. All candidates are expected to meet our academic standard of entry. Please be aware that there is much competition for these awards. If you would like us to consider another sport or you require further details, please contact the Deputy Head Co-Curricular, Mr Paul Mullan: pmullan@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

13+ Monday 19th November 2018

8.30am to 15.00pm (lunch will be provided)

Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level performance in at least one sport, preferably to county level. Students will be expected to demonstrate a range of skills and abilities through a number of general tests, as well as having to show their strengths in particular sports.

16+ Tuesday 20th November 2018

8.30am to 15.00pm (lunch will be provided)

Candidates are expected to have demonstrated a very high level performance in at least one sport, preferably to divisional level. Students will be expected to demonstrate a range of skills and abilities through a number of general tests, as well as having to show their strengths in particular sports.

BURSARY INFORMATION

If you need assistance with School fees and your child is not awarded a scholarship, please do apply for a means-tested bursary. Scholarship awards may be supplemented by a mean-tested bursary.

The School offers a significant number of bursaries to pupils. Candidates should be good all-rounders or display talent in one or more areas, including academic, musical, aesthetic, artistic and athletic. These bursaries are subject to parental means test and are awarded to enable reasonably talented boys and girls whose parents could not otherwise afford the fees to join the School. Candidates for bursaries will be asked to sit the Entrance Examinations at 11+ and 13+ and at 16+ to fulfil the Sixth Form entry criteria.

Below Sixth Form, the School is especially keen to attract pupils who are academically able and bursary help is available to assist parents who are unable to meet fees in full. Awards are rarely made to pupils under the age of 11. Parents of candidates for bursaries will be asked to complete and return a confidential form indicating their financial circumstances. The Bursar will then recommend the scale of any award that may be made. Awards are re-assessed each year. Assessment may include a visit to the family home. Applications for bursarial help should be submitted by Friday 4th January 2019. Bursary decisions will be made and notified in writing by Monday 25th February 2019.

The financial value of any Bursary is strictly confidential between parents, the Headmaster and the School's financial management. Pupils should not be told the size of the awards.

Further details of the School's Bursary Policy and Procedures and bursary application forms can be obtained from the Administration Manager, Mrs Kim Elvy, on 01527 579 679 ext. 237, email kelvy@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.