



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

Entrance Examination and
Scholarship Information

FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 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 22 nd November 2019
13+ Candidates	Monday 13 th January 2020
Prep School (Years 3 – 6 & Year 8)	Saturday 11 th January 2020

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CONTENT

All Years 3 to 8 Entry Inclusive

The examinations consists of Cognitive Ability Testing including:

Verbal Reasoning, Non-verbal Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and a Creative Writing essay.

Year 9 (13+) Entry

The examinations consists of Cognitive Ability Testing including:

Verbal Reasoning, Non-verbal Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and an essay question covering current affairs/ethics.

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.

Academic Scholarships:	fee remission of between 2.5% – 5%
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.

There is much competition both external and internal for Scholarship places so please do manage your expectations and that of your child. Scholarships carry a very small financial award but carry much kudos and are held until the next round of Scholarship examinations. All Scholarships can be supplemented by means-tested bursaries. 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 24th February 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

11+ Academic Scholarships (entrance examinations)	4 th November 2019
Sports Scholarships (November)	11 th November 2019
Music Scholarship Applications	25 th November 2019
All other scholarship applications	3 rd January 2020

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 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 (means-tested), which may be augmented by a further 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

Fee remission of between 2.5% – 5%.

11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation)

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Notification of call-back will be communicated to candidates by 13th December 2019.

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

Arrival 8.45am Senior School – collection 12.00pm

13+ Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation)

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Notification of call-back will be communicated to candidates by January 17th 2020.

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 21st January 2020

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+)

Fees remission on lessons for up to two instruments.

16+ Auditions Wednesday 15th January 2020

11+ & 13+ Auditions Thursday 16th & Friday 17th January 2020

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+)

An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of materials or art associated trips and visits.

Friday 17th January 2020

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+)

An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of drama associated trips and visits.

Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th & Friday 17th January 2020

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

Prior to the audition, candidates will be expected to:

- Write a 500 word piece entitled “How would you *direct* the opening passage from Shakespeare’s Macbeth.”
Explain and justify your decisions. Your answer may include references to the actors’ appearance, the setting you have chosen, any sound or lighting effects and how you wish your actors to move and speak. You may include sketches of set and costume. Please submit this piece with your application form, or a minimum of 1 month prior to the audition.
- Prepare a 2 minute piece to perform at the audition.

At audition, candidates will be expected to:

- Perform the pre-prepared 2 minute piece
- Perform a brief unseen passage
- Undertake a short panel interview with the Director of Performing Arts and the Heads of Drama from both the Preparatory and Senior Schools.

Further details on Drama Scholarships can be obtained from the Director of Performing Arts, Mr Tim Norton: tnorton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS (13+, 16+)

An annual award of £400 towards payment of sports equipment or sports tour.

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 18th November 2019

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 19th November 2019

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

Bromsgrove offers a generous provision of scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships reward excellent performance in academe, sport, music and the arts, and carry little or no financial assistance. Bursaries are means-tested and offer assistance with fees. It is possible to apply for both a bursary and scholarship at the same time.

Bromsgrove is committed as far as possible to helping those pupils who would benefit from a Bromsgrove education but whose parents or guardians cannot afford full fees. Parents and guardians wanting assistance with fees are required to fill out a means-test form when applying for a bursary, which can be found on the School website. We recommend that a bursary application form is submitted at the same time as the registration form since early submission is recommended, this should be sent through marked private and confidential as the form indicates. Although Bromsgrove has a generous bursarial fund, all bursaries are allocated from a limited fund; late applicants may be disappointed if they would need bursarial help in order to accept a place when offered. Bursary awards are reviewed on an annual basis.

Bursary recipients are expected to work hard and contribute positively to all aspects of a Bromsgrove education. If a bursary recipient were to fall short of expectations of behaviour and performance, then the bursary award would be reviewed. We want all bursary recipients to make the most of the opportunities offered to them, to thrive and succeed and hopefully in later life think about supporting our bursary funds in order to allow others to also benefit.

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 3rd January 2020. Bursary decisions will be made and notified in writing by Monday 24th February 2020.

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.

Full details of the bursary application process and the bursary application form can be found on the School website.

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**](mailto:kelvy@bromsgrove-school.co.uk).