



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The information below sets out a summary of the various types of scholarship awards available at Sunninghill Prep, for pupils entering Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 in September 2027.

INTRODUCTION

Sunninghill scholars embody the values of the Prep School:

Compassion, Creativity, Courage and Commitment.

They are pupils who excel academically and/or musically. They are pupils who recognise that being a scholar carries responsibilities of leadership and role modelling and are enthusiastic about the opportunities available at Sunninghill.

Scholarships are made with a commitment from Sunninghill to develop and extend the award holder's talents by providing expert tuition within a supportive culture that challenges each child to expect more of themselves. Being a scholar is a public acknowledgement of a young person's outstanding ability or talent and is viewed as prestigious within our school community.

- All candidates are judged on their apparent merits and the school reserves the right not to make an award if there are no candidates judged to be of sufficient merit.
- All awards are tenable until the end of Year 8 and are reviewed annually.
- Candidates may apply for an individual award or an all-rounder award of either of the two schemes, academic or music if they would like to.
- Pupils already at the school who are judged to be potential scholars will be invited to enter the scholarship process in consultation with their parents. If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Head.
- Awards are made on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to the Head.

IMPORTANT DATES

- The application deadline for all awards is 15th January 2027
- Scholarship assessment week takes place week commencing 25th January 2027
- The outcome of the assessments will be announced on 1st February 2027

Tours for prospective families can be arranged before the application deadline. Please contact the registrar to arrange this – registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Scholarships may carry a small non means-tested concession, usually set from 5% to 25%. The value of any concession made shall remain confidential between the family and the school and an award might be withdrawn if this confidentiality is breached. Any discount offered as a scholarship or bursary is applied to the tuition element of fees only. All other extras remain payable in full. The scholarship application form asks parents to indicate if they will be applying for a means-tested bursary concession in addition to the scholarship application. An application form for bursarial assistance can be obtained from our finance department (nmapletoft@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk), and should be completed and returned by the scholarship application deadline.

Please contact the Head if you wish to discuss fees in advance of submitting an application. dnewberry@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT DAY

Candidates sit age-appropriate assessments, suitable for state and independently educated applicants, and attend an interview with the Head or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Candidates should wear their school uniform and bring a transparent pencil case or bag containing a pencil, rubber and ruler, plus a water bottle.

The assessments include:

- Computer-based mathematics test
- Computer-based English test
- English writing composition
 - writing to describe, narrate, persuade, explain or inform
- A science practical test
- A short presentation about themselves.

Candidates should bring a water bottle.

- All materials required on the day will be supplied by the school, although candidates are welcome to bring their own equipment.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MUSIC ASSESSMENT DAY

Candidates are required to perform at least two contrasting pieces per instrument/voice, take part in a music workshop, perform practical tests on the day and attend an interview with the Head/Director of Music. Candidates will have the opportunity to tour the school, join their form to attend lessons and take part in group activities. A reference from the candidate's current school is required. Successful candidates mostly offer a major instrument plus a secondary instrument or voice.

Candidates will receive an invitation for their audition which will detail the specific timings.

Candidates should bring their own instruments with them (except for piano and drums) and any music needed for the audition, plus a water bottle.

- Candidates should wear their current school uniform.
- Candidates should be well prepared and have practised their pieces with their teacher in advance.

The auditions require candidates to:

- Perform two contrasting instrumental pieces per instrument/voice
- Perform a sight-reading test on their main instrument.
- Perform aural tests
- Discuss their performance experiences and enjoyment of music with the Director of Music and Head.
- Complete an English writing composition
 - writing to describe, narrate, persuade, explain or inform

Expectations of all potential musical scholars:

To attend weekly theory/aural classes provided by the school as part of our enrichment programme.

To join our school chamber choir and any appropriate instrumental ensembles.

To perform at our termly music concerts and services.

CONDITIONS FOR THOSE WHO ACCEPT AWARDS AT SUNNINGHILL PREP SCHOOL

- i) To be considered for an award, a scholarship candidate must:
 - embody the values of our school.
 - complete the application process by the deadline. The admissions process requires registration, assessment and an interview as part of a Taster Day(s); a place is confirmed only when the deposit has been received. We will also require a reference from your child's current Head. Full details about the admissions process can be obtained from the Registrar.
 - attend the scholarship assessment as required
- ii) All awards are made between the School and the parent/s concerned and as such are confidential to these two parties. No details of this award should be disclosed to a third party. If the details become public knowledge, the School reserves the right to withdraw the award.
- iii) All those in receipt of awards will be expected to play a full part in the life of the school and to work to the best of their ability.
- iv) Anyone who fails to maintain the standards expected of a scholar may, after due warning and having been given time to improve performance, have his/her scholarship withdrawn.
- v) Those offered scholarships will retain them until the end of Year 8, subject to points iii. and iv. above.

The number of scholarships and exhibitions awarded at each age group will reflect the calibre of the candidates who sit the examinations and auditions

Candidates will be informed in writing within one week of attending the scholarship assessment whether they have been successful and will have two weeks to accept the award.

Unsuccessful scholarship candidates who do not wish to proceed with a place in School, will have their deposit and registration fee refunded in full.