



DOWNSEND
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Upper School Scholarship

January 2017





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Dear Parents,

Scholarship Award Programme 2017

We are pleased to write with details of the Downsend Upper School Scholarship Award Programme for children entering Year 6 in September 2017. Through these awards, we have the opportunity to recognise, celebrate and reward excellence from both current pupils and those wishing to join our school.

Four categories of award will be available to Upper School pupils: Academic, All-Rounder, Music & Sport. Assessments will take place in the Spring Term of Year 5 for both internal and external candidates. The outcome of these assessments will determine the awards, which will come into effect from Year 6 onwards and will last until a pupil reaches the end of Year 8, subject to the Terms & Conditions of the award. These awards will be up to a maximum of 30% each.

The offer of reduced fees is an investment on behalf of the School and we would expect award holders to contribute widely to school life, demonstrating the behaviour and attitude that becomes the award. With this in mind, the backdated fee remission will be applied in the Spring Term of Year 8.

The assessment process has clearly defined criteria as below:

Academic

The candidate must have achieved a consistently high academic profile, with excellent grades predicted at CE or a predicted scholarship class place.

All-Rounder

In addition to a strong academic profile, the candidate must show leadership, talent and commitment in two or more of the following areas: Art, Drama, Music, Public Speaking, Sport or Technology. The candidate must be committed to supporting the school in performances and extra-curricular events and show enthusiasm, talent and commitment for two or more of these areas of school life.

Music:

The candidate must have a high grade of achievement in two or more instruments, one of which may be voice, and must show a full commitment to the extra-curricular musical life of the school.

Sport:

The candidate must have considerable ability in two or more of the major sports and would be expected to act as an example to others in all aspects of school life. Club or county standard would be expected in at least one of these.

The testing process for the academic scholarship will consist of:

- ◆ English paper
- ◆ Maths paper (including mental arithmetic)
- ◆ General Knowledge and Applied Thinking
- ◆ Group work activity

The assessment process for the all-rounder scholarship will consist of:

- ◆ Working at a strong academic level
- ◆ Appraisal of the candidate's performance and contribution by the relevant departments as appropriate to their application.

The assessment process for the music and sport scholarship will consist of:

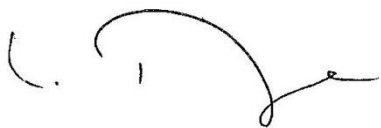
- ◆ Subject to meeting the application criteria above, appraisal of the candidate's performance and contribution by the relevant departments as appropriate.

If you are interested in applying for this Scholarship Award, please complete the application form at the end of this document and return to Judith Johns in the School Office.

Applications will be open from **Tuesday 3 January 2017** and should be submitted no later than **Friday 20 January 2017**.

The Scholarship Test will be held on **Friday 10 February 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Thorpe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Thorpe
Headmaster



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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Details

| | |
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| Name | DOB |
| Address | Post Code |
| Current School | Year group |

I am entering my child for:

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|---|--|
| Academic Scholarship | |
| All-Rounder Scholarship supported by: Please tick those appropriate <i>(at least one of these areas must be in support of academia).</i> | Academic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Sport <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Art <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Music Scholarship | |
| Sport | |

I/we confirm that I/we would like my/our child to be entered for the Downsend Upper School Scholarship Award. I/We have read and accept the Terms and Conditions as outlined below.

Signed

Date



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Conditions of Award

Obligations of the Pupil:

A pupil who is the subject of an 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. These are the Purposes of the Award.

Obligations of the Parents/Guardians:

The parents or guardians are expected to support and encourage the pupil to achieve the purposes of the Award and to uphold the aims and the good name of the School. The parents or guardians are also required to pay the balance of the account by the first day of term.

Examination papers will be set, invigilated and marked by Downsend School teaching staff. They will be mediated independently by Cognita Schools Group.

The group work activity (academic scholarship) will be assessed by a panel made up of Downsend School teaching staff led by the Gifted & Talented Coordinator.

The value of each scholarship is up to a maximum of 30% of each term's fees and will be valid through to Year 8, subject to the Terms & Conditions of the award. The backdated fee remission will be applied in the Spring Term of Year 8. It is made on the basis that the pupil will continue to work at the level displayed during the assessment and behave in an appropriate manner in accordance with the school rules and ethos. Any decision to withdraw the scholarship on that basis will be taken by the Headmaster, Mr Thorpe. His decision will be final.

The final decision as to the number of scholarships awarded will be made at the discretion of the Headmaster, and will be done so entirely on the basis of merit. His decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into relating to the matter.

Withdrawal of the Award:

The Award may be withdrawn by written notice sent to a parent or guardian if, in the opinion of the Headmaster acting in good faith, the pupil or a parent/guardian has not complied with the obligations of the award (as above); or otherwise the pupil has fallen below the required standards of conduct and progress and in the further opinion of the Headmaster there has been no significant improvement following consultation with a parent/guardian and the pupil and a written warning. Withdrawal of the Award shall take effect from the start of the following term.

Further, the Award may be withdrawn by written notice if the balance of the account remains unpaid 28 days after a written reminder has been sent to the parents.

Repayment events:

Parents/guardians shall be required forthwith upon written notice to repay all or part of the benefits they have received under the Award in any of the following circumstances:

1. up to three terms' benefits (if received) if the pupil has engaged in serious misconduct or has been permanently excluded or removed for reasons of misconduct by the requirement of the Head acting in good faith;
2. up to three terms' benefits (if received) in a case of the pupil being withdrawn for any reason during a school term without a term's written notice having been given;

Fees in lieu of notice:

For the avoidance of doubt, the benefits payable under an Award do not apply to any term for which the School has required payment of fees in lieu of notice.

Terms and Conditions:

These Conditions of Award take precedence over any of the School's terms and conditions which are inconsistent with them but in all other respects the terms and conditions as amended from time to time shall apply and these Conditions of Award shall be interpreted in accordance with them.

