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Upper School Scholarship

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Dear Parents

Scholarship Award Programme 2018

We are pleased to write with details of the Downsend Upper School Scholarship Award Programme for children entering Year 6 in September 2018. Through these awards, we have the opportunity to recognise, celebrate and reward excellence from our 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. The outcome of these assessments will determine the awards, which will come into effect from Year 6 onwards and will last until a pupil leaves Downsend School, subject to the Terms & Conditions of the award. These awards will be up to a maximum of 15% 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 award will be subject to an annual review.

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. Top club or county standard would be expected in at least one of these sports.

The testing process for the Academic Scholarship will consist of:

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

The assessment process for the All-Rounder Scholarship will consist of:

- ◆ An academic assessment as above
- ◆ 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:

- ◆ An appraisal of the candidate's performance and contribution by the relevant departments as appropriate. Details will be supplied in advance of the assessment.

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

Applications will be open from **Wednesday, 3 January 2018** and should be submitted no later than **Friday, 19 January 2018**.

The Scholarship Tests will be held on **Friday, 9 February 2018**.

The Sports Assessments will be held on **Thursday 1 February 2018**.

Yours sincerely

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

Ian Thorpe
Headmaster



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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Details

Name	DOB
Address	Post Code
Current School	Year group

I am entering my child for:

Academic Scholarship	
Music Scholarship	
Sport	
All-Rounder Scholarship; in addition to a strong academic profile please tick two or more areas of strength in line with the criteria described in the application pack.	Academic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Sport <input type="checkbox"/>
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>
	Technology <input type="checkbox"/>
	Drama <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Speaking <input type="checkbox"/>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	

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 attached.

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 value of each scholarship is up to a maximum of 15% of each term's fees and will be valid until the pupil leaves Downsend School, subject to the Terms & Conditions of the award. The award will be reviewed annually. 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.

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.



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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.

