



CLAIRES COURT SCHOOLS
SCHOLARSHIP
arrangements

BOYS & GIRLS

For entry into Years 7, 8, and 9
AUTUMN 2011

Separate paperwork exists for entry into the Sixth Form

Academic Scholarship Examination

Supporting Scholarship Assessments for
Art, Choral, Drama, Music, Sport and All-Rounder

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pupils already in attendance at the school or who are registered for entry into Years 7, 8 or 9 for Claires Court Schools at Claires Court or The College in September 2011, are invited to take part in the Scholarship Examinations.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS Years 7,8 & 9

Dates: Closing date for entries - **Monday 24 January 2011**
Examination - **Saturday 5 February 2011**

All Scholarship entry forms and School application forms and related correspondence should be addressed to:

**The Registrar, Claires Court Schools,
Ray Mill Road East, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 8TE
Tel: 01628 411472 Fax: 01628 411466
registrar@clairescourt.com**

who will be pleased to provide further information on the scholarship procedures.

ALL candidates will take 2 written papers, to demonstrate what they know and can do:

Paper 1 includes a general intelligence test.

Paper 2 includes more general writing in subjects studied in their current year

Successful applicants for academic awards usually have an IQ of 120 or higher and a proven track record of academic excellence. They are likely to be listed on their primary school Gifted & Talented or Scholarship Register. These awards are made on the condition that the holder will pursue his or her academic career at Claires Court through to conclusion at GCSE at least. Any award is subject to the Principals' continuing satisfaction with the holder's performance.

Qualifying ages: 11+ scholarships: those born between 1 September 1999 & 31 August 2000
12+ scholarships: those born between 1 September 1998 & 31 August 1999
13+ scholarships: those born between 1 September 1997 & 31 August 1998

Number: Up to **8 scholarships** may be awarded in any one year dependent upon the quality of entry. These awards are tenable up to the completion of GCSE studies following which they are surrendered.

Separate awards are available for Sixth Form students.

Value: To a maximum of £1000 per term (£3000 per annum).

The Principals reserve the right to share an award between candidates should two or more candidates of equal merit qualify for one award.

SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to **12 Scholarships** shared between the following categories: Art, Choral, Drama, Music and All-Rounder. The awards will be to the value of £210 per term (£630 per annum), **though they may be enhanced to the value of an Academic Scholarship where there is proven financial hardship.**

Successful applicants must have a strong track record of high achievement in the chosen subject area, and are likely to be on their current school's Gifted & Talented or Scholarship Register.

**Closing dates for entries - Monday 17 January 2011 for Sport
Monday 24 January 2011 for Art, Choral, Drama & Music**

ART

- Objective:** These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of outstanding artistic ability and to encourage them to contribute to the artistic life of the school.
- Assessment:** Based on the quality of a portfolio of work plus an unaided test piece carried out in the week prior to assessment. The portfolio and test piece should be brought to Claires Court on **Friday 28 January 2011**. Full details of portfolio requirements will be sent on application.
- Tenure:** Whilst the subject is studied academically (to the conclusion of GCSE).

CHORAL

- Objective:** These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of outstanding choral ability and to encourage them to contribute to the musical life of the school.
- Assessment:** Mainly based on the performance of prepared pieces and interview. Candidates may offer evidence of previous Graded Assessment (by one of the recognised Examination Boards).
- Date of test:** **Saturday 5 February 2011**
- Duration of test:** 15 minutes
- Value:** In addition to any financial award, the scholarship will include free tuition in voice.
- Tenure:** Whilst the holder continues to play a full and active part in the choral life of the School.

MUSIC

- Objective:** These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of outstanding musical ability and to encourage them to contribute to the musical life of the school.
- Assessment:** Mainly based on the performance of prepared pieces, an interview together with the evidence of previous Graded Assessment (by one of the recognised Examination Boards) on one instrument. A second instrument may also be offered in support of an application.
- Date of test:** **Saturday 5 February 2011**
- Duration of test:** 15 minutes
- Value:** In addition to any financial award, the scholarship will include free tuition in one instrument.
- Tenure:** Whilst the holder continues to play an active part in the musical life of the School.

DRAMA

- Objective: These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of outstanding dramatic ability and to encourage them to contribute to the dramatic life of the School.
- Date of test: **Saturday 5 February 2011**
- Duration of test: 15 minutes plus group work - 1 hour
- Assessment: Candidates will present one poem of their own choice (preferably learnt by heart) and a second poem chosen by the examiner, as well as participating in a group improvisation. In addition to strong potential as demonstrated at interview and in a practical test, successful candidates will be judged on the contribution they are likely to make to drama whilst at school with us. A strong reference from a candidate's present Head Teacher is essential, and other supporting testimonials are welcome.
- Tenure: Whilst the holder continues to play an active part in the dramatic life of the School (to the conclusion of GCSE).

SPORT

- Objective: These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of outstanding sporting ability and to encourage them to contribute to the sporting life of the School.
- Assessment: In addition to strong potential as demonstrated at interview and in a practical test, successful candidates will be judged on the contribution they are likely to make to sport whilst at school with us. A strong reference from a candidate's present Head Teacher is essential, and supporting testimonials are welcome, for example from a senior coach at their sports club. These should be provided with the application form or brought to school on the day of assessment.
- Date of test: **Friday 21 January 2011**
- Duration of test: 2 hours
- Tenure: Whilst the holder continues to play an active part in the sporting life of the School.

ALL-ROUNDER

- Objective: These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of all round ability who will contribute significantly in a number of areas of life at school.
- Duration of test: See individual components above.
- Assessment: All applicants for this award should participate in the Academic assessment tests along with two other supporting subjects, for consideration for a major award. In addition to strong potential as demonstrated at interview and in a practical test of two of the above, successful candidates will be judged on the contribution they are likely to make in a number of spheres of activity. A strong reference from a candidate's present Head Teacher is essential, and other supporting testimonials are welcome.
- Tenure: Whilst the holder continues to contribute significantly to the life of the School.

For further information on any of these awards

- Contact: Mr James Wilding (Academic Principal)
Mr John Rayer (Head of Claires Court)
Mrs Lizbeth Green (Head of The College)
Mr Jeff Watkins (Head of Ridgeway)
or the Registrar.