



# CLAIRES COURT SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP arrangements

## BOYS & GIRLS

For entry into the Sixth Form  
AUTUMN 2011

Separate paperwork exists for entry into  
Years 7,8 and 9

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 Year 12 at Claires Court Schools, The Sixth Form College in September 2011, are invited to take part in the Scholarship Examinations.

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The general awards for Sixth Form entry are based on GCSE results.

To qualify for an *Academic Scholarship*, pupils will be assessed on their achievement at GCSE, where an A grade scores 1 mark and A\* 2 marks. A minimum of 5 marks is required to gain fee remission, i.e. 5 A grades, or 2A\*&1A etc. The award will be £75 per term for each 'A' grade achieved and £150 per term for each 'A\*' grade. For example, the minimum requirement of 5 'A' grades would result in tuition fee remission of £375 per term, whereas 4 'A\*s' and 2 'As' would equal 10 marks and qualify for tuition fee remission of £750 per term. The highest award in 2010 was for 20 marks and led to fee remission of £1500 per term.

These scholarships run in conjunction with the Supporting Scholarships that follow, and a pupil may earn scholarship discount through both routes, but not exceeding in total 50% of the Tuition Fee. For example, where a candidate may have been awarded an Academic supporting award (say in History), their A or A\* in their GCSE results will not add a further £75/150 a term discount, or an Art scholar will win a £630 annual rebate and by gaining 5 A grades at GCSE (including Art), will qualify for tuition fee reduction of 4 x £75 (£300) as the Art grade has already gained rebate.

All Scholarship entry forms, 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.

## SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to **12 Scholarships** shared between the following categories: Art, Choral, Drama, English, Language, French, Geography, German, History Mathematics, Music, Sport 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 - Friday 25 March 2011**

### 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 which should include sketchbook work and observational drawings, 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 1 April 2011**. Full details of portfolio requirements will be sent on application.
- Tenure:** Whilst the subject is studied academically at AS (Year 12) and A2 (Year 13)

## **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: **Friday 1 April 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: **Friday 1 April 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 and to encourage them to contribute to the dramatic life of the School.
- Assessment: Candidates will present one poem of their own choice (preferably learnt by heart) and one 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.
- Date of test: **Friday 1 April 2011**
- Duration of test: 15 minutes plus group work - 1 hour
- Tenure: Whilst the holder continues to play an active part in the dramatic life of the School.

## **ENGLISH, FRENCH, GEOGRAPHY, GERMAN, HISTORY, MATHEMATICS and SPANISH**

- Objective:** These Scholarships are intended to reward boys and girls of outstanding academic ability and to encourage them to study the subject at A level.
- Assessment:** Candidates will bring their current working folder of work in the subject for review, which will provide the basis for their interview. A strong reference from a candidate's present Head Teacher is essential, and other supporting testimonials are welcome. The award is subject to a minimum award at GCSE of an A grade.
- Date of test:** **Friday 1 April 2011**
- Duration of test:** 15 minute interview plus assessment of portfolio of evidence, plus general group work with other candidates for academic award.
- Tenure:** Whilst the subject is studied academically at AS ( Year 12) and A2 (Year 13)

## **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 1 April 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 one of the Academic assessment interviews and two other supporting subjects for consideration for a major award. In addition to strong potential as demonstrated at interview and in the 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.

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### **For further information on any of these awards**

- Contact:** Mr James Wilding (Academic Principal)  
Mr Andy Giles (Head of Sixth Form)  
Mr John Rayer (Head of Claires Court)  
Mrs Lizbeth Green (Head of The College)  
or the Registrar.

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