



**ADCOTE
SCHOOL**

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARIES BOOKLET

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INTRODUCTION

All parents are united by one desire: **to secure the very best education they can for their children**. This is not just about academic outcomes, although they are, of course, of crucial importance. It is also about finding a school where children will soar in their personal development and grow to be the very best person possible.

Here at Adcote School, we are passionate about giving children the “**roots and wings**” they will need to be happy and successful in the 21st century. Our exam results show year on year improvements and our pastoral care is second to none. Simply put, we add value. At the heart of our success is our status as an award winning all-girls school. We are passionate about the advantages afforded to young women by a gendered education. As we are specialists in girls, all our teaching is tailored towards the reflective and collegiate nature of girls’ learning and our **PSHE programmes** all support and promote issues relevant to girls. Thus they feel safe and well cared for, their confidence swells and so they approach their learning with enthusiasm and self-belief.

Our traditional values and inclusive attitude foster a sense of security which larger schools can struggle to generate. Consequently, our girls thrive. We have many parents who would happily testify to a very positive change in their daughters since sending them to Adcote. If you would like your daughter to enjoy the significant benefits that an Adcote education can bring, then do please apply for a scholarship. Details of the application process can be found on the next page.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Adcote School is committed to broadening access to our excellent service by offering financial support with payment to school fees via scholarships and bursaries.

Scholarships are based entirely on merit and not linked to ability to pay. Scholarships are generally awarded to girls entering **Years 7, 9 and 12**, but on occasions they are awarded to exceptionally talented girls, academic or other, in other years.

We reward excellence and exceptional talent with a range of scholarships. Each scholarship is awarded and maintained for the time the student is at Adcote as long as the pupil continues to demonstrate high standards and partakes in activities in the area awarded.

Academic ability will be determined through assessments together with a student's latest school report and all pupils will have an interview with the Head on Scholarship day.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES	
Academic	All Rounded
Music	Sports
Art	Performing Arts
Gymnastics	

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Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships candidates must sit assessment papers in English and Mathematics. If a candidate has evidence of additional exceptional achievement in subjects which do not form part of the Academic Scholarship exam, such as art work, these should be brought in to school on the examination day, which takes place in the Autumn Term. A reference to support the application from their current subject teacher and/ or the Head of their current school will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day.



Art Scholarships

Candidates should bring a portfolio of recent work to Adcote School a week before the Scholarship day with a written reference from the candidate's current Art teacher. This portfolio should contain a selection of work from the candidate's field of study. In addition, there will be a short interview with the Head of Art on the day, and a practical task/assessment. A reference to support the application will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day. The assessments and interviews takes place in the Autumn Term.



Music Scholarships

Candidates must bring their own instruments and music and will be required to perform a piece of their choice, sight read and do some on the spot tasks. They will have an interview with the Head of Music on the day. A reference to support the application, from their current instrument or music teacher, will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day. The assessments and interviews takes place in the Autumn Term.



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Sports Scholarships

Sports Scholarships are awarded to candidates who show exceptional ability in any area of school Sports. Students will be expected to attend a physical assessment. A reference to support the application from the candidate's current PE teacher or sport coach will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day. Sporting assessments take place in the Autumn Term.



Gymnastics Scholarships

Gymnastics Scholarships are awarded to candidates who excel in the field of gymnastics. Students will be expected to attend a gymnastics session where they will be required to perform a two minute voluntary floor piece and a set floor piece. A reference to support the application from the candidate's current gymnastics coach will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day. Gymnastic assessments take place in the Autumn Term.

Performing Arts Scholarships

Performing Arts Scholarships is awarded to promising drama students. Students will be expected to attend an audition and an interview with the Head of Drama. A reference from the candidate's current drama teacher or drama group, to support the application, will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day. The audition and interviews will take place in the Autumn Term.



All-Rounder Scholarships

For candidates to be eligible for an All-Rounder Scholarship, candidates must enter for the Academic Scholarship and at least one (and up to three) other areas that they excel in. These are chosen from the **Art, Music, Sports or Drama Scholarships**. Again if a candidate has evidence of additional exceptional achievement in any of these subjects, these should be brought in to school on the examination day, which takes place in the Autumn Term.

A reference, from all areas, to support the application will also need to be sent to the school by the Scholarship day.



BURSARIES

Bursaries are means-tested financial support and may be made available to parents of girls entering the school at any age. The school welcomes applications from girls whose parents cannot afford the fees in full or in part. The school offers a wide range of discretionary and means-tested bursaries each year to pupils. The school has a long history of providing financial assistance to pupils and their families.

Bursaries can range from **10% to 30%** of the annual fee. Prospective pupils and their parents who are interested in applying for a bursary should initially contact the Head for a confidential discussion.

Bursaries may also be provided to parents who need financial support at other times during their daughter's period at the school. This may occur due to redundancy, long-term illness or other personal reasons. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Head and Bursar, who manage and coordinate the process within the policy framework of the Directors.

Parents seeking a bursary are required to complete an application form (available from the school office) that seeks to establish the financial circumstances of the household. This form must be accompanied by full documentary evidence. No submission will be considered unless accompanied by satisfactory proof of income, expenditure and assets.


Confidentiality

The school respects the confidentiality of scholarship and bursary awards made to families and recipients are expected to do likewise. Girls will not be made aware that they benefit from a scholarship or bursary unless informed by their parents.



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