



PRESTFELDE

11+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Scholarship Examinations & Entrance to Prestfelde Senior School

Prestfelde Senior School is for children aged 11 to 13 years and provides a first-rate, all round education which helps our pupils grow into well-rounded, confident young people.

It is our job to prepare our pupils for the rigors and challenges ahead and make sure that their journey is exciting, stimulating and fun.

We want our pupils to have a love of learning and a passion for life.

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to clarify the process so that pupils, parents and teachers are fully informed. Whether you require information on applying for a scholarship or the path to follow to join the senior part of our school, this guide should provide details on the most appropriate route.

We recommend that external candidates also consult with their current school.

Entrance into Prestfelde Senior School

Children may join Prestfelde Senior School at any year (subject to availability of places). Our aim is to fully prepare pupils for entry and possible scholarships into senior schools such as Shrewsbury School, Concord College, Wrekin College, Moreton Hall and Malvern, along with many others.

Following a visit with parents to meet our Head, Mrs Fiona Orchard, and a tour of the school, all prospective pupils will be invited to attend a taster day to experience the school and meet fellow pupils and teachers. During the taster day they will be academically assessed to enable us to provide the appropriate level of support, encouragement and guidance from the very beginning of their time here. We will also provide feedback on current levels in comparison with peer groups.

Some candidates may choose to be considered for scholarship entry and we recommend they consult with the Head of their present school for their advice on the most appropriate entry route.

The scholarship assessment process will take into account a pupil's ability, attitude and work ethos. The awards are open to current and external pupils alike.

Candidates for 11+ Scholarships must be aged over 11 and under 12 on 1st September of the year of entry (UK pupils will currently be in year 6).

If you have any further questions regarding the process, please contact:
admissions@prestfelde.co.uk or 01743 245400

What does a Scholarship mean at Prestfelde?

A Prestfelde scholarship is not just about celebrating and nurturing excellence, it's about sharing it. Our scholarship pupils are given the opportunity to engage in tailored enrichment activities and extra-curricular in their chosen area of talent. They are supported by staff who are experts in their field, and encouraged to challenge themselves to achieve at the highest level. We have expectations that scholarship pupils act as ambassadors within the school, sharing their enthusiasm and encouraging fellow pupils to take an active interest in their subject.

Prestfelde offers the opportunity for pupils in year 6 to apply for a scholarship (worth up to a maximum discount of 20% of the Prestfelde day fees) on the basis of exceptional recent achievement, performance in scholarship test and an interview with the Head.

Candidates are able to enter for more than one type of award. Please note that it is not possible to combine the value of several awards. Therefore, if more than one award is offered, the maximum remission one can receive will be 20% with any other awards being honorary only.



11+ Scholarship Categories

Scholarships are open to current Prestfelde pupils and to pupils wishing to join us at year 7.

Current pupils should speak to their form teacher and/or Head of Senior School, or to the Head of Department relevant to their proposed entry to discuss their suitability as a scholarship candidate.

External candidates may wish to consult with the Head of their current school for advice as to their suitability for a scholarship.

All scholarship candidates will be expected to take the relevant scholarship assessment.

There are three categories of Senior School scholarship:

1. **Academic:** for outstanding academic achievement
2. **Talent:** for exceptional talent in Art, Music, Sport or Drama.
3. **All-rounder:** for pupils demonstrating significant intellectual potential and evidence of exceptional talent in a particular discipline.

The assessments will take the form of an audition for Music, a practical working assessment for art, a physical assessment for sport and academic tests for an academic scholarship will be held in January 2021.

Awards for all-rounders will be made at the discretion of the Head of Prestfelde, based on a candidate's performance in the academic scholarship examination and at least one additional area of the Talent scholarship.

Any external candidate wishing to apply for any of the areas of a Talent scholarship must also sit an 11+ academic entrance examination.

It is important to note that the scholarship examinations are designed to identify potential candidates for 13+ Scholarships for future school admissions and to aid them in further developing their potential.

The following information is to help families and current schools in the preparation of candidates.



Our Expectations of Scholars

1. 11+ Academic Scholar

Academic scholars at Prestfelde will demonstrate exceptional intellectual potential. They are expected to provide a positive role model for fellow pupils and maintain excellent standards of academic progress and conduct at all times. They will be academically stretched by their teachers and will contribute positively and significantly to the academic life of the school.

We would expect an academic candidate to be in top sets in all subjects and regularly performing at the highest level amongst their peers.

2. 11+ Talent Scholar

(i) Art Scholars:

Art scholars will be selected on the basis of a portfolio of work which demonstrates their talent; they may show their artistic talents through a range of media and will be expected to have a good knowledge of artists and be able to articulate how they've been inspired.

Art scholars will be mentored and encouraged by specialist staff to develop their passion for art and be given opportunities to display their work around the school. They will be encouraged to take advantage of the School's extra-curricular art clubs or to participate in other art-related activities to develop their talents and inspire others.

We would expect an Art candidate to be creative and passionate about art and wanting to further develop their talents in the various media of art.

(ii) Music Scholars:

Music scholars will be expected to take a minimum of one music lesson per week. They will have the opportunity of belonging to a musical group, leading a musical ensemble and attending external music concerts.

We would expect a music scholarship candidate to be at least Grade 3 standard at the time of the scholarship audition.

(iii) Sports Scholars:

Sports scholars will be expected to be ambassadors of the School's sporting values and represent the school. They will be offered the Advanced Skills Programme, specialist sports coaching and mentoring to prepare them for competition. Sports scholars will undertake a leadership role to inspire others and contribute fully to the games programme.

We would expect a sports scholar to be a strong performer, typically in the 'A' team of their two chosen core sports and/or an elite performer in a non-core sport.

(iv) Drama Scholars:

Drama scholars will take an active role in the subject both in their lessons, and in their participation in clubs and extra-curricular workshops and opportunities. They should be keen and willing to take on roles in school productions and be willing to take leading roles as well as ensemble roles. Successful candidates must be prepared to perform in a range of settings- from school chapels to showcases and plays.

We would expect a drama scholarship candidate to be able to express why they enjoy drama- to be creative and able to work well in a team and take direction. Although previous experience of being in plays is helpful, it is not essential as long as the new found commitment is there; we appreciate that a love of acting can develop at any time and that sometimes nerves can put one off- we would encourage those who are keen to have a go and not let their nerves get the better of them!

3. 11+ All-Rounder Scholars:

All-Rounder Scholars will be expected to demonstrate high academic standards together with high

standards in at least one Talent area, i.e. either Art, Music, Sport or Drama (as described above).

Scholarship Assessment Process

11+ Academic Examination

The academic examinations will take place in January. Candidates should be brought to the school for 8.30am and collected at approximately 1.00pm.

The test session includes the following papers:

- Mathematics paper
- Age-correlated Non Verbal Reasoning (IQ) test
- English Composition and Comprehension paper
- Reading test
- Interview with the Head



11+ Art Practical Assessment

Art may be taken in its widest sense: painting, drawing, print-making, fabrics etc., or pottery, sculpture and three-dimensional work. Any form of two or three-dimensional work showing a candidate's interest and ability is acceptable. The portfolio should include examples of observational drawing, a range of media/materials and work showing creativity and imagination.

It is not expected that the work is highly finished or polished. We would like to see examples of observation, imagination and the ability to control and appreciate materials. Some design sense should be apparent and, ideally, some originality of mind.

Successful candidates will be expected to show that they have initiative and can make an active contribution to the artistic life of the School - both in the Art School and out of it.

Portfolio assessment, a practical task (45-minute set task which will include drawing and designing) and interview for the Art Scholarship will be held in January.

Candidates should complete the application form and external candidates should also include the name of their current art teacher for us to apply for a reference supporting their scholarship capabilities.

11+ Drama Audition

Drama scholarship candidates should prepare two short contrasting monologues. These do not need to be long; one or two minutes' maximum is plenty. What we will look for is the candidate's ability to perform the monologue, and then to take direction and try to respond to perhaps a new or slightly different interpretation of the piece. Candidates should be open to discuss certain acting choices that they made and to be able to explain how they feel the character feels in the piece, as well as to explain why they enjoy and are committed to Drama. Candidates will also be required to take part in a short improvisation, no preparation is needed for this, it is just a case of having a go and being able to respond to a given stimulus.

Candidates can select their own pieces or guidance can be provided. (At this stage it is not essential that they have read the whole play, though this of course can only be an advantage). Please contact: office@prestfelde.co.uk if you require further guidance in selecting audition pieces.

Auditions, improvisations, and a short interview for the Drama Scholarship will be held in January.

Candidates should complete the application form and external candidates can also include the name and contact details of a referee who has seen them perform should they wish to do so.

11+ Music Audition

In assessing candidates, musical potential is as important as actual achievement. Levels of instrumental proficiency will be considered in relation to age and length of study and difficulty of the instruments offered. Scholarships will not necessarily be awarded to the candidate who has reached the highest grade; considerable importance is attached to the candidate's responses assessing musical awareness and how they communicate through the medium of music.

Candidates for music awards may offer one or more instruments, and singing. An accompanist can be provided, but candidates **must** bring their own instruments and music. If a candidate wishes to use CD accompaniment, please inform the school in advance.

Any instrument may be offered. It is hoped that candidates will demonstrate a good standard of playing on their principal instrument (ideally Grade 3 or higher), although for the purposes of the audition, potential will be as important as the standard already achieved.

Candidates will be asked to play: -

1. Two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument, plus one on any other. A copy of the audition pieces should be provided for the panel.
2. A simple piece at sight.
3. Scales and arpeggios suitable to the instrument and standard reached. The candidate should bring a list of scales and arpeggios which they have studied for each instrument. They will be asked to play examples from this list.

The aural tests will be appropriate to the standard reached, and like those in ABRSM exams. The audition may explore ability beyond this, especially where promise is shown.

If candidates have taken examinations, copies of mark sheets should accompany the entry form. Any original compositions may be submitted in advance, but this is not a requirement. If no examination has been taken recently, it would be helpful to indicate an approximate grade.

Candidates must supply the name(s) of their current music teacher(s) so that we may request a reference from them in support of the candidate's scholarship suitability.

The auditions take place in January. Individual appointment times will be advised prior to the day.

11+ Sports Physical Assessment

Candidates for the Sports Scholarship should offer a minimum of two core sports, and a maximum of four sports. Candidates should complete the application form and external candidates should also include the name of their current coach/sports teacher for us to apply for a reference to support their scholarship capabilities.

Scholarships are awarded not just on current ability but also potential and successful mindset that shows dedication and commitment to develop.

The scholarship assessment will include the following:

1. Physical fitness test
2. Assessment of ability and potential in the two chosen core sports
3. Assessment of ability and potential in any optional, additional core/non-core sports or any other sport at elite level.

Core sports: cricket, football, hockey, lacrosse, netball and rugby.

Non-core sports: athletics, cross-country, swimming and tennis.

The sports assessment will take place in January. The assessment will typically last around two hours and candidates should bring with them appropriate sportswear and equipment.

Scholarship Results Process

After the examinations, a letter will be sent to candidates with details of their performance. An offer of a place or a scholarship place will be made at this time.

We aim to write to all candidates by the end of February 2021.

Awards will commence in the September of year 7 and run to the end of year 8, by which time the pupils will be fully prepared for future senior school scholarship examinations.

There is no set number of awards, they will be awarded on merit to current and external pupils alike.

Important Dates

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| Monday 11th January 2021 | Closing date for all 11+ applications |
| Friday 15th January 2021 | 11+ Sports Scholarship Assessment 11+ Art Scholarship Assessment 11+ Music Scholarship Auditions 11+ Drama Scholarship Auditions |
| Saturday 16th January 2021 | 11+ Academic Scholarship Examination & 11+ academic test for external Talent & Sports candidates |

Completed entry forms should be returned by the closing date **Monday 11th January 2021** to:

Prestfelde School, London Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6NZ or office@prestfelde.co.uk