

Admission at Sixth Form entry 2020/21

Registration

Parents wishing to enter their child for admission to Hereford Cathedral School are asked to complete a Registration Form including a non-returnable Registration fee of £75 to the Admissions Officer. A Registration Form is enclosed with the prospectus. Additional copies may be downloaded from the School's website, www.herefordcs.com/admissions or obtained from the Admissions Officer.

Completion of the Registration Form ensures that the child's name is on the prospective pupil registration entry list and also ensures that the relevant information will be sent to parents at the appropriate time.

The Interview

Entrance to Hereford Cathedral School's Sixth Form is assessed by an interview with the Headmaster and the Head of Sixth Form or Academic Deputy. A reference will be requested from the candidate's present school. The School will also ask whether all outstanding fees have been met by those attending another independent school.

Offers of places are made by the Headmaster and are usually conditional upon the candidate achieving at least 6 subjects at GCSE at Grade 6 or above. Candidates must obtain a GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language and Mathematics. Candidates will normally be expected to have achieved at least a Grade 7 in the subjects they wish to study at A-Level, and the offer of a place is made subject to the School's judgement of a candidate's ability to benefit from the education offered in the Sixth Form.

Acceptance of a place

When a place at the school has been offered, parents are asked to confirm acceptance in writing to the Headmaster. When a place at the School is accepted, we require an acceptance fee of £400; (£150 of this will be retained in the school funds until the pupil leaves. It will then be repaid by means of a credit without interest to the final payment of fees or other sums due to the School. The remaining £250 is non-refundable and will be added to the "HCS Charitable Bursary Scheme"). Cheques made payable to Hereford Cathedral School. BACS payments to Lloyds Bank: Sort Code 30-94-14 a/c 00198901 (please give pupil's name as reference).

Candidates are requested to inform the Admissions Officer and Examinations Officer of their GCSE results as soon as they have been announced in late August.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT 16+

We offer academic, musical, sporting, art, drama and all-rounder scholarships to recognise and reward exceptional talent which can be nurtured through an education at Hereford Cathedral School. Scholarship application forms can be found at www.herefordcs.com/admissions.

Scholarships are guaranteed for the total number of years the child is at the School, subject to good progress. If, however, effort, progress or behaviour is judged to be unsatisfactory, the School reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship – the School reviews scholars' progress termly. Where a pupil has achieved two scholarships or more, the value of the highest award will apply and additional scholarships will be awarded in name only. In general, scholarships are only awarded to pupils entering the school at age 11, 13 and 16. Pupils that enter at intermediate ages may be able to apply for a scholarship at a later stage.

Dean's (Academic) Scholarships

These are academic awards. All worthy candidates are invited to apply by writing a letter of application to the Headmaster stating why they feel they should be considered for a Sixth Form Dean's Scholarship.

In their letter of application for the Dean's Scholarship, pupils should indicate the two subjects in which they wish to be examined and the names of two academic referees. Candidates will then be invited to the School to sit the Scholarship Examinations in November - see table for dates.

During this day, each applicant will sit:

- A reasoning test 45 minutes + 10 minutes' practice
- First subject specific paper 60 minutes
Designed to examine insight and ability rather than taught knowledge
- Second subject specific paper 60 minutes
Designed to examine insight and ability rather than taught knowledge

Please note that candidates can take Art as one of their academic choices of the Scholarship. In this case the candidate will have an informal interview with the Head of Art where he/she will present a portfolio of artwork. Please see below for further details.

Successful scholars will demonstrate:

- Academic insight and ability in two of their prospective A Level subjects.
- A willingness to be fully involved in the life of the School
- An all-round intellect as measured by their performance in the reasoning test.
- Dean's Scholarships and All-rounder Scholarships are required to have the academic potential to obtain at least three very good passes at A-Level as exemplified by a strong GCSE mock examination profile and supported by the opinion of their referees.

Art Scholarships

Art Scholarships are assessed by the Head of Art.

Art Scholarship assessments are held on a school day in November and consist of an informal interview with the Head of Art where he/she will present a portfolio of artwork. See table for date.

The portfolio should reflect samples of both schoolwork and work reflecting a personal interest in the subject. Candidates' personal work will demonstrate particular areas of interest such as painting, drawing, photography, model making etc. The Head of Art will be happy to give advice to any candidate about the nature of his/her portfolio.

Drama Scholarships

Drama Scholarships are assessed by the Head of Drama.

The Drama Scholarship examination is held on a school day in November and consists of one hour to read and interpret a short piece of text from a play; explaining their ideas on paper applicants are required to interpret the text for performance as an actor, referring to delivery of lines, facial expression, movement and use of stage. Applicants are also expected to offer ideas for the use of staging, lighting and sound, if applicable.

Candidates will also have a short, informal interview with the Head of Drama and present their speech at an allocated time.

The Head of Drama will be happy to give advice to any candidate prior to the audition.

Music Scholarships and Exhibitions

The Director of Music assesses candidates for music scholarships and exhibitions.

At 16+, it is expected that candidates will have reached at least Grade 7 distinction standard in their main instrument and at least Grade 5 distinction standard in their second instrument. All candidates will be required to perform on both instruments at the audition which will be held on a school day in November – see table below for date. Candidates will also be tested in sight-reading and aural work. Questions of a general musical nature may also be asked. The ability to show evidence of outstanding musical potential, genuine musicianship, enthusiasm and a willingness to be involved in the musical life of the School are all of the greatest importance.

The top candidates may be awarded a Music Scholarship and other candidates may be awarded a Music Exhibition.

Sports Scholarships

A Sports Scholarship may be considered for pupils who have achieved a minimum of 'county standard' in one or more of the school's core sports (rugby, hockey, football, netball and cricket), and/or be the exceptional 'stand-out' player amongst their peers in club or school matches.

Alternatively, a pupil may be considered if they can demonstrate 'international potential' in any sport. The athlete will already be identified by their National Governing Body (NGB) and would be expected to be either competing at Junior or Senior National/International Level, nationally ranked (subject to sport), attending a Level 1 or 2 Professional Club/Academy or have Olympic potential in terms of qualifying times/distances.

Students that meet the criteria in more than one of the sports above will be given greater consideration.

Sports Scholarships are assessed by our Sports Scholarship Committee in the first instance. Those that are successful will move onto stages 2 and 3 of the assessment which may include a formal interview, an observation of their performance and tests of their physical and general sporting ability. References from their respective coaches will also be required.

All-Rounder Scholarships

All-Rounder Scholarships are assessed by the Headmaster. It is not possible to apply for an All-rounder Scholarship. They are usually awarded to pupils who have entered for two of the other scholarships, but narrowly failed to gain an award. Typically, they are awarded to a pupil who has separately applied for either an Academic, Art, Music or Sports Scholarship.

FEE ASSISTANCE

A limited number of transformational bursaries are available each year to provide full financial support to families who would not otherwise be able to support their child's education at the school. We also offer partial fee assistance on a sliding scale according to the results of our means test. Bursaries can be awarded to supplement a scholarship, or simply as a means to supporting pupils. All bursary awards and assisted places are subject to an independent parental means test, which takes into account savings, investments and realisable assets as well as income. Bursary Administration Limited (BAL) will contact parents to arrange a home visit and provide the school with a report.

Support is available to pupils in Year 7 and above who are likely to gain the most from an education at Hereford Cathedral School and who will contribute fully to school life. Awards are made from a limited fund and therefore not all applications made will be successful.

Bursary Application Forms

Application Forms are available from Mrs Jones, PA to the Bursar or the Admissions Office.

Upon receipt of bursary applications, the Bursar will write to parents with an indication of potential eligibility for assistance. With the Bursar's approval, Bursary Administration Limited will then contact parents directly to arrange a home visit.

Offers of Bursaries

The Bursar will make offers of bursaries in writing once the Scholarship trials/auditions and the Entrance Examination have taken place.

Conditions of a Bursary Award

A bursary will be available for the total number of years the child is at the School, subject to good progress and behaviour and an annual means-tested update. If, however, progress and behaviour is judged to be unsatisfactory, the School reserves the right to withdraw the Bursary. Parents would be given at least one term's notice for the intention to withdraw the Bursary, during which time the pupil would have the opportunity to improve to the required standard and thereby retain it.

The School respects the confidentiality of bursary awards made to families and recipients are expected to do likewise.

Notes

Where an award is not made for a given scholarship, the School may vire funds to increase the above awards or increase bursary funds. It is possible to be awarded a scholarship and still be eligible for bursarial support. Scholarships are retained throughout the school life of the pupil, subject to satisfactory performance. Further details concerning the awards of scholarship awards can be obtained from the Admissions Officer.

***On occasions where standards of applications are extremely high but financial constraints limit the number of Scholarships offered, Honorary Scholarships are awarded. These attract no financial remuneration but are accorded the same status as other Scholarships.**

DEADLINES FOR ENTRY AT 16+

2020/21 (September entry into Year 12)	Deadline for Applications:	Date of Event:
REGISTRATION FORM & FEE	At time of application	
BURSARY APPLICATIONS	Friday 8 November 2019	
ENTRANCE INTERVIEW		Wednesday 27 November 2019
SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP TRIALS	Friday 8 November 2019	Wednesday 27 November 2019
DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS	Friday 8 November 2019	Wednesday 27 November 2019
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS	Friday 8 November 2019	Wednesday 27 November 2019
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION	Friday 8 November 2019	Wednesday 27 November 2019
ART SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION	Friday 8 November 2019	Wednesday 27 November 2019

For further advice or to request an application form, please contact:

Admissions Office – 01432 363506 admissions@herefordcs.com

Bursar's PA – Mrs Jones 01432 363544 bursarpa@herefordcs.com

Head of Art – Mrs F Greenough 01432 363522 f.greenough@herefordcs.com

Head of Drama – Mrs Price 01432 363522 m.price@herefordcs.com

Music Administrator – Mrs Turtle 01432 363531 a.turtle@herefordcs.com

Assistant Head (Extra-Curricular) – Mr Jerram 01432 363567 p.jerrum@herefordcs.com

Director of Sport – Mrs Hopkins 01432 363522 s.hopkins@herefordcs.com