



13+ Scholarships for September 2020 entry

13+ Academic Scholarships

The first-round closing date for entries is 1st February 2020. The second-round closing date is 1st April 2020.

To be eligible, candidates should be over 12½ and under 14 on 1st September 2020.

Candidates will sit the Academic Scholarship papers set by the Independent Schools Examination Board, from whom past papers may be bought (www.iseb.co.uk). Papers may also be available from a candidate's prep school.

The first round of examinations will be held at Clifton College from 24th-26th February 2020. The second round of examinations will be held at Clifton College from 5th-6th May 2020. All candidates from outside Bristol will be welcome to stay at Clifton College during the examination (boarding will be provided). A timetable and details of arrangements will be sent at least a week before the examination. Candidates will sit papers in English, Mathematics, Science, French, History and Geography. There are optional papers in Latin, Religious Studies, German and Spanish. Full details can be found at www.iseb.co.uk

The Martin Hardcastle Scholarship will be awarded to the top scholar.

13+ Art Scholarships

The closing date for entries is 13th March 2020.

To be eligible, candidates should be over 12½ and under 14 on 1st September 2020.

Interviews and examinations will be held on the morning of 29th April 2020. All candidates should bring for assessment a portfolio of work completed over the past year (between 12 and 20 pieces). Work should be mounted but not framed, should be as varied as possible and should include sketchbooks. Three-dimensional work may be brought if portable, or may be represented by photographs.

The Roger Fry Scholarship will be awarded to the top Art Scholar.

Continued tenure of an Art Scholarship is conditional upon the pupil continuing the subject to at least GCSE and participating in the Art Scholars' Programme.

13+ Music Scholarships

The closing date for entries is 12th December 2019.

To be eligible, candidates should be over 12½ and under 14 on 1st September 2020.

It is strongly recommended that prospective candidates arrange a preliminary interview with the Director of Music, preferably in the Autumn Term of 2019.

Music auditions will be held at Clifton College on 21st January 2020. The examination is designed to assess promise as well as to test actual performance and considerable importance is attached to sight-reading, tests of musical interest and intelligence, and aural tests. Candidates will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument. They should be able to perform on a second instrument and may offer singing as well. There is no written examination.

The Joseph Cooper Scholarship will be awarded to the top scholar.

All Music Awards include free tuition in two instruments (one of which may be singing). Scholars will be allowed to specialise in Music to such an extent as the Head Master and the Director of Music may think desirable. Continued tenure of a Music Award is conditional upon the pupil playing a full role in the musical life of The Upper School.

13+ Sport Scholarships

The closing date for entries is 11th November 2019.

To be eligible, candidates should be over 12½ and under 14 on 1st September 2020.

The successful candidates will have the potential to excel at school sport and beyond. We are ideally looking for candidates who excel in two or more team sports: rugby, hockey or football, and cricket for boys; hockey, netball and tennis for girls.

Candidates will be invited to Clifton College for two days of practical assessments and interviews on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th November 2019.

To aid the selection process, members of the Clifton College staff will endeavour to watch candidates perform for their current school.

The Lily Owsley Scholarship will be awarded to the top scholar.

13+ Drama Scholarships

The closing date for entries is 24th January 2020. Pupils will be called to the College for a workshop and audition on 10th March 2020.

To be eligible, candidates should be over 12½ and under 14 on 1st September 2020.

The 13+ Drama Scholarship assessment will consist of a workshop and audition. The workshop element will last an hour and will consist of an introduction to the department and opportunities, an outline of the expectations of successful drama scholars, and group practical work, where students will be expected to work positively and creatively with the other candidates in order to demonstrate their creativity and communication skills.

This will be followed by the audition session to assess their natural aptitude for acting, in addition to confidence and their current level of skill. Candidates will be asked to perform two monologues of no more than three minutes in length each, one of which must be from the set list of Shakespeare monologues which will be provided to all applicants when their applications are received. The monologues should allow the pupils to demonstrate their performance skills across two different styles or emotions, and will be performed in front of the other candidates.

Candidates will also have short interview with one of the Drama team. They will be asked to submit references and a personal statement.

Summary of assessment:

1. Participation in practical workshop.
2. Performance of a Shakespeare monologue from a choice of three male and three female (monologues attached).
3. A contrasting monologue of their own choice; must be under three minutes in length.
4. Interview, references and personal statement.

Expectations of successful Drama Scholars:

Upon starting Year 9, successful 13+ Drama scholars will be expected to select Drama for their 9z activity, attend LAMDA sessions in order to prepare for LAMDA performance exams, and audition for the College productions. They will be regularly invited on trips within the department and would be expected to play an integral role within the Drama Department.

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