



Marlborough House
Vinehall

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Scholarship Information

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The Marlborough House Vinehall Scholarship Pathway

At Marlborough House Vinehall, we are proud to offer a range of Scholarships and Exhibition Awards for both external pupils entering Years 3 to 7 and internal pupils moving to Year 7. Our aim is to recognise and nurture children who demonstrate talent, potential, and high levels of interest in Academics, Sport, Drama, Music, and Art.

This guide is designed to support pupils and parents in understanding the provisions available at Marlborough House Vinehall and the steps needed to prepare for 13+ scholarships at leading senior schools.

Marlborough House Vinehall is committed to nurturing potential scholars and providing them with the opportunities and support necessary to excel in their chosen fields. Scholars at Marlborough House Vinehall are automatically enrolled onto a specialist Scholars' Programme, ensuring that each pupil receives tailored guidance to develop their talents to the fullest.

Scholars are assigned a dedicated supervisor with whom they meet regularly. Their supervisor assists in balancing the demands on their time, aligning expectations with those of their teachers, and managing the wide range of commitments that many of our scholars have. The supervisor also provides ongoing feedback and reporting. Scholarships are reviewed annually and are contingent upon satisfactory performance and commitment.

A limited number of awards are granted, and competition is high due to the many applications of exceptional quality. While the criteria detailed in the following pages are provided to help families determine whether to apply, they serve as guidelines rather than success criteria.



Our Commitment

Children who receive an award will be mentored, challenged, and extended in their areas of strength throughout their time at Marlborough House Vinehall. In return, we expect our Scholars to play an active and positive role within the school.

Commitment: Demonstrate a strong commitment to your area of scholarship. This includes attending all relevant classes, practices, and events, and putting in the necessary effort to improve.

Excellence: Strive for excellence in all activities. Maintain high standards in both your academic work and extracurricular pursuits.

Leadership: Show leadership qualities and be a role model for peers. This includes taking initiative, helping others, and demonstrating good sportsmanship.

Balance: Maintain a balance between academic and extracurricular commitments. Manage your time effectively to ensure you can excel in all areas.

Resilience: Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges. Be prepared to work hard, overcome setbacks, and continue striving towards your goals.

By offering these scholarships, we aim to cultivate excellence and foster the growth of our pupils, ensuring they are well-prepared for the future academic and extracurricular challenges.



Scholarship and Exhibition Awards

Scholarships

Scholarships are worth 10% remission of the Marlborough House Vinehall tuition fee

Exhibitions

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Preparing for the Future

We take great pride in preparing our pupils for their next educational journey. In Years 7 and 8, our dedicated teachers focus on preparing pupils for Common Entrance and scholarships to various independent senior schools.

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Applicants are expected to be performing at a high level in their field. The benchmark for awarding scholarships aligns with the expectations of potential scholars at senior schools.

A scholarship carries the responsibility to demonstrate positive attitudes, behaviour, and a commitment to pursuing excellence.

All scholars will receive the necessary support, encouragement, and advice to apply for awards and scholarships at senior schools. However, it is important to note that receiving a scholarship at Marlborough House Vinehall does not guarantee a scholarship to their chosen senior school.





Scholarship Overview

Academic

Art

Drama

Music

Sport

Marlborough House Vinehall offers scholarships in 5 disciplines. Each scholarship is designed to recognise and support outstanding talent and potential across these areas.

Candidates may apply for a maximum of two scholarships. If a candidate were to win two awards, one would be honorary.





Our Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate exceptional intellectual ability and academic achievement across a range of subjects. We expect our Academic Scholars to demonstrate a passion for learning, the ability to think creatively, and a curiosity to explore further. We look for a willingness to persevere, the rigour to achieve excellence, and the desire to embrace new opportunities.

Art Scholarships

Art scholarships are for pupils who show remarkable artistic talent and creativity. Candidates should have a well-developed portfolio showcasing a variety of techniques and styles, and demonstrate a strong passion for visual arts.

Drama Scholarships

Drama scholarships are awarded to pupils with outstanding acting skills and a passion for the performing arts. Candidates are expected to demonstrate creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to the subject, along with excellent vocal and physical skills. They should have a strong sense of text, atmosphere, and character, and a sustained interest in theatre. Drama Scholars are expected to participate in drama productions, support school events by showcasing the Drama Department, and serve as ambassadors for Drama throughout their time at Marlborough House Vinehall.

Music Scholarships

Music scholarships are granted to pupils who exhibit exceptional musical talent and potential. Candidates should be prepared to demonstrate outstanding commitment towards the musical life of the school by participating in ensembles, choirs and concerts, and be prepared to set high musical standards amongst their peers. They should demonstrate an enthusiasm for all things musical and expect to make sacrifices in order to practise and pursue their passion.

Sport Scholarships

Sport scholarships are for pupils who demonstrate exceptional athletic ability and a strong commitment to sports. Candidates should show proficiency in one or more sports, have experience competing at a high level, and display excellent teamwork and leadership skills. Sport Scholars are expected to play an active and positive leadership role among students and serve as ambassadors for sport throughout their time at Marlborough House Vinehall.





Our Provision

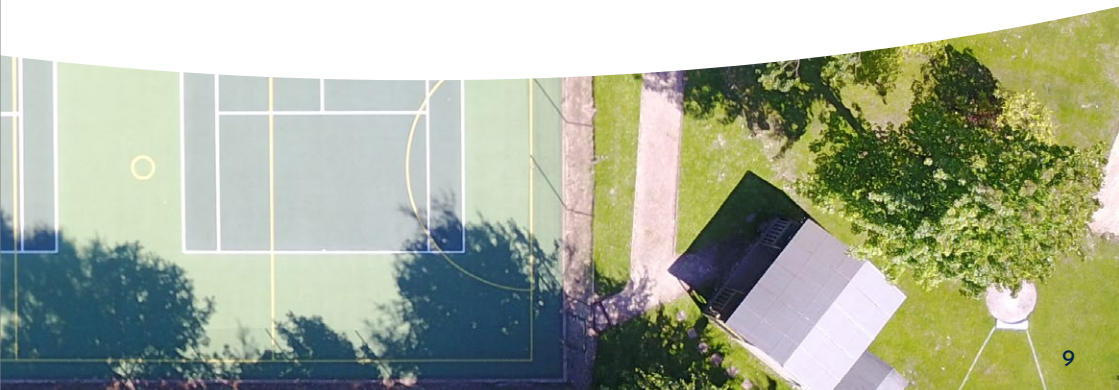
As well as exceptional facilities and expert guidance and support from teaching staff, Marlborough House Vinehall provides a robust support system for potential scholars outside of the curriculum, ensuring pupils receive the guidance, resources, and opportunities needed to excel.

Academic

Enrichment Programs: These include advanced classes and special projects designed to challenge and extend pupils' learning beyond the standard curriculum. Topics might include advanced mathematics, scientific research projects, creative writing, and more.

Homework Clubs: Available after school, these clubs provide a quiet, structured environment where pupils can complete their homework with the support of teachers.

Study Groups: Organised peer study groups encourage collaborative learning, discussion, and problem-solving, fostering a deeper understanding of subjects.



Art

Art Clubs: After-school clubs focusing on various techniques such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, and digital art. These clubs provide a space for creative exploration and skill development.

Workshops with Visiting Artists:

Special sessions where professional artists share their expertise, techniques, and experiences, providing inspiration and new perspectives.

Art Exhibitions: Regular opportunities to display pupils' artwork in school exhibitions, fostering a sense of accomplishment and pride in their work.



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Drama

Drama Clubs: Regular sessions focusing on acting techniques, improvisation, script work, and stagecraft. These clubs help pupils develop their confidence and acting abilities.

Theatre Productions: Opportunities to participate in school plays and performances, providing practical experience in acting, stage management, and production.

Workshops: Special sessions where visiting specialists conduct workshops on various aspects of acting and performance, offering valuable insights and feedback.

Music

Saturday Morning Music Theory Classes: Essential for developing a strong foundation in music theory, these classes cover everything from basic notation to advanced harmonic analysis.

Instrumental Lessons: One-on-one lessons with experienced music teachers help pupils develop their skills on their chosen instruments, tailored to their individual needs.

Choir and Orchestra: Participation in these ensembles provides regular performance opportunities and helps pupils develop their musicality and ensemble skills.





Sport

Sports Clubs: A variety of clubs catering to different sports, such as football, rugby, tennis, athletics, cricket and swimming. These clubs help pupils develop their skills, fitness, and teamwork.

Training Sessions: Regular training with coaches to refine techniques, improve performance, and prepare for competitions.

Competitive Matches: Opportunities to compete in school matches and tournaments, providing valuable competitive experience and fostering sportsmanship.



The Assessment Process

Candidates for all Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Marlborough House Vinehall will seek a full confidential report from their current school, plus a specialist reference from the relevant subject teacher at their current school before assessment.

Academic Assessment

The Academic scholarship application process is a combination of academic testing (including online cognitive ability tests and a 30-minute written English paper), an interview with a member of the Leadership Team.

Art Assessment

Prospective candidates will be asked to bring to the assessment a selection of their artwork, which demonstrate a range of skills. On the day, candidates will be asked to sit a drawing test, lasting one hour and thirty minutes. During this time, they will be asked to capture a still life arrangement using line and tone.

Drama Assessment

Candidates will be required to perform an acted audition piece of their own choice (a maximum of three minutes) to the Director of Drama. This piece should be from a published play so they can discuss the character and context of the monologue at interview. The scene should be memorised and delivered with a full awareness of the importance of vocal technique, as well as physical response (facial expression, movement, gesture, posture). Candidates will also sight-read a piece of unseen text. They will be expected to discuss their interest in drama and why they have applied for the scholarship in an interview with the Director of Drama.

Music Assessment

During the music assessment, candidates will be expected to perform two contrasting pieces, scales appropriate to their Grade and discuss their current musical experiences. Candidates are usually expected to sing, and aural and sight-reading tests may also be given.

Sport Assessment

Candidates must provide a summary of their sporting achievements to date, along with references from coaches where appropriate. Assessments will involve fitness and agility tests as well as a number of games-based scenarios, to demonstrate their positional and tactical awareness, as well as their skill, agility, and fitness levels which will be observed by the Director of Sport.



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