



Sancton Wood School Scholarship Policy and Procedure

For Entry September 2026

1. Introduction

Sancton Wood School is committed to recognising and nurturing exceptional talent. Our Scholarship Programme is designed to support pupils who demonstrate outstanding ability in academic, sporting, or creative fields. Scholars benefit from enhanced opportunities, mentoring, and enrichment, and are expected to act as ambassadors for their area of excellence and for the school as a whole. This policy outlines the principles, eligibility, application process, and expectations associated with the award of scholarships at Sancton Wood School.

2. Aims of the Scholarship Programme

The Scholarship Programme aims to identify and support pupils with exceptional potential, provide opportunities for advanced development in areas of talent, encourage high standards of achievement and leadership, and promote the values and ethos of Sancton Wood School through scholarly excellence.

3. Scholarship Entry Points

Scholarships are available at three key transition stages. The Year 3 (7+) Scholarship is open for applications between September and December of Year 2. The Year 7 (11+) Scholarship is open for applications between September and December of Year 6. The Year 9 (13+) Scholarship is open for applications between September and December of Year 8.

4. Application Timeline for 2026 Entry

Applications open on 15th September 2025 and close on 16th January 2026. The Interview and Scholarship Day will be held on 20th March 2026 and offers will be made on 27th March 2026.

5. Eligibility and Conditions

All candidates must be registered with the school or in the process of applying through the Admissions Team. Scholarships are awarded solely on merit through open competition. Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship, but no student will be awarded more than two. The number of scholarships awarded each year may vary depending on the quality of applications. Scholarships are reviewed at the beginning of each new key stage.

6. Scholarship Categories

Sancton Wood School is proud to offer a range of scholarships that recognise and celebrate exceptional talent and dedication across various disciplines. Scholarships may be awarded in the following areas:

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Sporting Achievement**
- **Creative Arts** (including Art, Music, and Drama)
- **Science**

In addition to these, we offer two prestigious 13+ scholarships:

- **The Principal's Scholarship**
Awarded to an outstanding all-rounder who demonstrates excellence across the academic curriculum and embodies the values of the school.
- **The Ambassador's Scholarship**
Awarded to a pupil who exhibits scholarly aptitude and actively embraces the ethos of Sancton Wood through environmental stewardship and a strong sense of global awareness.

Application Requirements

All scholarship applications must include:

1. A completed **Online Scholarship Application Form**
2. A **Personal Statement** (approximately 300 words) written by the pupil, outlining their passion, achievements, and suitability for the scholarship (required for both 11+ and 13+ applicants)
3. A **Portfolio of Evidence**, which may include certificates, school reports, references, recordings, or samples of work relevant to the scholarship area. The portfolio is shared with relevant department heads and brought along to the assessment and interview.

7. Assessment and Selection

Candidates will be invited to attend a Scholarship Day, which may include interviews, written assessments, auditions, or practical demonstrations. Scholars are selected based on their performance, potential, and alignment with the school's values.

8. Scholarship Benefits

Successful scholars will receive a 5% reduction in school fees, a free consultation session with Oxbridge Applications in Year 9, a 25% discount on Oxbridge and US consultancy services, subsidised places on one of the school's Summer Courses, priority access to our Thriving Minds program of provision, membership in the Dukes' Scholars Programme, and scholarship opportunities at Cardiff Sixth Form College (Cambridge).

9. Scholar Expectations and Support

Scholars are expected to maintain high academic and personal standards, act as role models, and contribute to school life. They are also expected to participate in enrichment activities and mentoring. Each scholar is assigned a mentor who provides half-termly support sessions, guidance on time management, study skills, and personal development, help in identifying academic and vocational goals, and preparation for competitive academic environments and sixth form applications.

10. Review and Continuation

Scholarships are subject to annual review. Continuation of the award depends on satisfactory progress, conduct, and contribution to the school community.

11. Contact and Further Information

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