



# Perrott Hill Scholarship Information 2025

This information is produced for the benefit of parents who are interested in entering their children for this year's scholarship programme which will take place on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Parents should be aware that:

- Only children in year groups 4 and 6 are eligible for entry.
- All external candidates will sit academic tests regardless of their chosen area of strength so that we can gauge their current level in these areas.

Scholarships are available in the following areas:

**Academic:** Candidates will be expected to achieve high-test scores in the online tests.

**Sports:** Candidates should be competent in at least two major sports e.g., rugby, cricket, football, hockey, netball. Other accomplishments, such as representing their local club or their county, will be considered. They should also show potential in other areas of sport. Candidates should bring their PE and Games kit as they will undergo a variety of exercises and will be interviewed by the Director of Sport. On the sports fields, candidates should have a genuine desire to win, but with deep-seated values of sportsmanship and fair play.

**Music:** Candidates should bring the appropriate musical instrument(s) and prepare one piece per instrument. There will also be some simple aural tests, a sight-reading exercise on their first instrument and a brief, informal discussion with the Director of Music.

Children sitting the 9+ music scholarship need to have a minimum of Grade 1 standard on their first instrument, with a second instrument as optional. 11+ scholars need to have a minimum of Grade 3 standard on their first instrument, and to be Grade 1 standard or above on their second instrument. The minimum Grade standard does not mean they need to have passed the exam yet, just that they can play/work at that level. Music scholars will be expected to be a committed member of Senior Choir and to be a leading member of any ensemble which is appropriate to their instrument(s). Scholars are expected to sustain a consistent record of good practice throughout the school. While scholarships generally last for the duration of a child's time at Perrott Hill, the school reserves the right to review and withdraw a scholarship if deemed necessary.

**Drama:** Candidates will be asked to attend an audition and an interview with our

Head of Drama. An award is open to any candidate showing strong potential in acting and the world of drama. Candidates should prepare an audition piece of around two minutes in length for year 4 and **between two and four** minutes for year 6. They will also be expected to perform a short improvisation. Candidates should bring with them a list of any relevant clubs, workshops, or performances they have taken part in and any theatre performances they have watched and enjoyed. We will discuss **these** as part of the interview.

**Art:** A project will be set prior to the scholarship day and all candidates notified in advance; it would be ideally completed over a weekend. This should be brought into school on the day of the scholarship. Candidates should bring a portfolio of recent work to support their application. The portfolio should contain work produced both independently at home and from their current school. Internal candidates do not need to bring work from school. Candidates will be asked to make a brief observational drawing and should be prepared to discuss their portfolio with the Head of *Art*.

**All Rounder:** In addition to a good academic performance, All Rounder candidates should show clear potential across more than one other discipline from music, drama, art, or sport.

### Scholarship Day

As a guide to timings for the day, all candidates should be brought to the School Reception: Academic scholarship candidates should arrive at 9.30am, all other candidates at 10.15am. Those children already at Perrott Hill will be collected from their classrooms and should come to school at the usual time. Full details will be provided once the timetable has been finalised. It is anticipated that academic scholarship candidates will be ready for collection at approximately 1.15pm and the remaining candidates by 4.00pm.

All candidates should bring a pencil case and a current reading book. Candidates, regardless of category, will be asked to:

- Take a standardised mathematics test (external candidates)
- Take a standardised reading test (external candidates)
- Have an interview with the Headmaster.
- Read aloud from their book.

Standardised tests are used for a fair comparison of academic results. Tests are graded according to the age of the candidate, and it is emphasised that the tests are designed to reveal potential in academic areas.

All awards made will take effect from September 2025.

If it is felt that a child's place at Perrott Hill is dependent upon a degree of fee remission, applications may be made for a Means Tested Bursary. The application forms can be obtained from the Bursar. Means Tested Bursary forms for any such request will be reviewed by the Headmaster and Bursar.

All awards are made in good faith based upon the talents and potential of the child. It is expected that most parents will wish to take up the offer of fee remission in recognition of their child's award and an acceptance should be made in writing to the Headmaster. It is, however, also acknowledged that some pupils are entered with the sole aim of achieving recognition for their talents rather than the fee remission associated with it. In such cases, parents are encouraged to pass on any percentage of the fee remission awarded and this sum would then be added to the school's bursary fund.

Parents of pupils currently at the school should note that new awards made are in replacement of existing awards (including Means Tested Bursaries).

### **How to apply**

To apply for a Scholarship please complete the online [Scholarship Application Form](#). If you would prefer a hard copy, please email Emma Picken, Admissions Registrar ([epicken@perrotthill.com](mailto:epicken@perrotthill.com)). Please complete and return the form as soon as possible or at the latest by **Thursday 23rd January 2025**.