



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE



16+ Scholarship Prospectus

Scholarships at Marlborough

Every pupil at Marlborough College has the opportunity to explore their interests and develop their talents in a wide range of areas. They are invited to be challenged to an appropriate, individual level in order to recognize their potential and to understand that, by aiming high and working both hard and smart, they can reach and often exceed their own expectations. Being a Scholar at Marlborough brings with it both privilege and responsibility. This prospectus gives further details about the types of Scholarships the College can offer and what might be expected from those who are successful in attaining one.

The Lower Sixth entry assessment process is deliberately rigorous and aims to allow pupils to demonstrate exactly what they will be able to offer the College. Scholarship applicants are expected to excel at the entry papers they sit that relate to their chosen A Levels or Pre U subjects. A general interview is conducted and, for those applying for a Scholarship, an additional Scholarship meeting is arranged, e.g. an Academic Scholarship interview, a final Music Scholarship audition or a Sports Scholarship assessment. These additional meetings afford candidates an opportunity to speak specifically about areas of enthusiasm. Evidence of intellectual exploration and ambition is sought and references from current school heads must indicate both ability and drive.

On arrival at the College, Scholars begin an exciting journey of development and self-discovery which continues during university and careers and throughout life. Their performance is monitored through groups and societies to make sure that potential is being fulfilled. All Scholars are expected to play an active role in College life, as well as taking a lead and supporting others to aspire to excellence.

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Scholarship Eligibility

Candidates for all 16+ Scholarships must be under 17 years of age on arrival at the College.

Further information pertaining to requisites for each type of Scholarship available to apply for at Marlborough College can be found in this prospectus.

The deadline for Sixth Form Entry, Bursarial Assistance and Scholarship application is **1st October** of a candidate's **Year 11**. No further applications can be considered after this time.

Scholarship application forms may be requested from the Admissions Department or downloaded from the website: www.marlboroughcollege.org/admissions/16-scholarships.

At the time of Scholarship application, a confidential reference is required from the Head of an applicant's current school. Where applicable, a teacher's report of the applicant's Scholarship subject is also requested.

Consideration for each Scholarship applicant takes place at the same time as the Sixth Form Entry Assessment in early November of a candidate's Year 11. All assessments and interviews are held at Marlborough College.

All Scholarships are awarded on merit, which is determined chiefly by the applicant's Head's reference, performance in the Entry Assessment, a General interview and an additional Scholarship meeting in the form of an Academic Scholarship interview, a final Music Scholarship audition or a Sports Scholarship assessment. More than one Scholarship can be applied for and awarded.

The performance of each Scholarship holder is reviewed on an annual basis by the Master in collaboration with relevant other staff and the Scholar's Housemaster or Housemistress.

Bursarial Assistance

The Council of Marlborough College is committed to broadening access to the school by offering to eligible parents means-tested Bursarial Assistance with the payment of school fees. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of Council. Funding available to the College is determined annually by Council and is fixed and finite. The Bursaries Committee is responsible for the management and co-ordination of the process.

Scholarships at Marlborough may be either honorary or be awarded with Bursarial Assistance, in the form of a remission of up to 100% of school fees. Support for uniform, books and extras such as educational visits is included in the Bursarial Award given to an applicant. In assessing suitability, attention will be given to the results of the Entry Assessment papers and interview, with priority being given to those who might benefit the most from, and contribute the most to, the ethos of the College.

In order to apply for Bursarial Assistance, parents should contact the Admissions Department to request a Statement of Financial Circumstance form. This private and confidential form must be completed and returned ideally at the beginning of the Michaelmas term, Year 11 and no later than the deadline date for entry application which is 1st October, Year 11.

On receipt of the completed Statement of Financial Circumstances, an independent external company is contacted to assist with the assessment of means and financial need. This will include a home visit, with mutually suitable date arranged. This independent assessment will determine the appropriate level of parental contribution in relation to their net resources. All aspects of the subsequent report submitted to the College are given due consideration. An applicant's parents will then receive written notification of the amount of Bursarial Assistance they may expect to receive. A place and a Scholarship at the College, via the Sixth Form Entry Assessment in Year 11, has to be attained before any Bursarial Assistance can be confirmed.

A pupil's Bursary is subject to repeat testing of parental means each year and may be varied upwards or downwards depending on parental circumstances. Scholars with Bursarial Assistance awards are expected to remain worthy of their position which is also subject to periodic formal review.

Further information about the Bursary Policy and criteria for eligibility can be found on the College website: www.marlboroughcollege.org/admissions/financial-support

Entry Procedure & Scholarship Application

Enquiries

Enquiries for Sixth Form Entry, Bursarial Assistance or Scholarships are welcome at any point up until the deadline date of 1st October, Year 11. In order to visit the College or apply for a Scholarship or a Bursary prior to the Entry Assessment, it is recommended that initial enquiries are received before the summer term of an applicant's Year 10.

Visiting Marlborough College

A series of Sixth Form Visit Afternoons take place during the summer term of an applicant's Year 10. During these events applicants and their parents have an opportunity to meet with members of the College Management Team and Admissions Department. There is also a campus tour of the College with current Sixth Form pupils, which includes a brief look at a boarding house. Alternatively an appointment for an individual visit to the College can be arranged by contacting the Admissions Department.

Registration

Deadline: 1st October, Year 11. In order to pursue a place and Scholarship at Marlborough College, applicants must complete and return a registration form along with the registration fee no later than the above deadline date.

Enrolment

Deadline: 1st October, Year 11. The completion and return of an enrolment form by the deadline date confirms a family's request for their son or daughter to sit the Sixth Form Entry Assessment and any subsequent Scholarship interview. Each applicant will be asked to state four main subjects to study at A Level or Pre-U and these will need to be noted on the enrolment form. Information about the subjects Marlborough offers for study during Sixth Form is available on the College website. Four subjects of study are prescribed as this number represents the appropriate academic ambition for bright, determined and ambitious pupils; it will also broaden the future choice of undergraduate degree subjects for university applications in the U.K. and abroad.

Scholarship Application

Deadline: 1st October, Year 11. Scholarship application forms will be available to download from the Marlborough College website from the summer term of an applicant's Year 10. The Scholarships available are Academic, Music, Sport and William Morris All-Rounder. Please note that those applying for a Music Scholarship must arrange a pre-audition to take place at the beginning of the Michaelmas term, Year 11, prior to the deadline date of 1st October, Year 11. For those interested in applying for Bursarial Assistance, the deadline date is also 1st October and further details about application can be found on Page 3.

Entry Assessment

All external candidates applying to join the College will sit the Sixth Form Entry Assessments which take place during the first half of November, Year 11. Applicants will need to attend one of three Assessment dates offered and sit a Verbal Reasoning test and two examination papers. The papers an applicant sits will depend on the subjects they intend to study during Sixth Form (either Humanities papers or a combination of Maths, Science and Humanities papers). Sample papers are available from the Admissions Department and sent to applicants by request. During the Assessment Day, all applicants will have a general interview and those applying for a Scholarship will have an additional meeting, e.g. an Academic Scholarship interview, a final Music Scholarship audition or a Sports Scholarship assessment. These additional meetings are conducted by the respective Directors of the Scholarship areas.

Offers of Places and Scholarships

Notifications Place Offers and Scholarships are received on 1st December, Year 11. Offers are subject to an applicant successfully achieving a minimum of six grade Bs in GCSE or IGCSE examinations or equivalent, including English and Mathematics. Most of those who attend Marlborough College Sixth Form will achieve more passes than six and at considerably higher grades. Families have one week to either accept or decline an offered Place and Scholarship. To confirm acceptance, a deposit will be required at the current rate published on the College website. A Level or Pre-U subject change requests can be made prior to arrival, although any alterations are subject to timetable availability.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Candidates requiring extra time in 16+ Scholarship examinations are required to produce an educational psychologist's report which has been written after the candidate's 14th birthday in support of their application. Candidates may use laptop computers if the educational psychologist specifically recommends it. Arrangements for accessibility and other disabilities will be made as appropriate in individual cases.

Tenure of Scholarships

The performance of all Scholars is reviewed on an annual basis by the Master, assisted, as appropriate, by the Deputy Head (Academic), relevant Heads of Department and Housemaster or Housemistress. Continued tenure of a Scholarship is always subject to the Master's approval of the holder's industry and conduct. When necessary, the Master will give a term's notice of his intention to remove a Scholarship Award. The removal of a Scholarship will not necessarily result in the termination of any financial support.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholars are chosen as being amongst the brightest academically in their cohort, destined for outstanding results. More significantly, they should also show a certain flair and independence of mind. They should be engaged, curious, self-reliant and willing to take the initiative. They enjoy challenge and are both resilient and reflective. They show leadership and empathy as well as being confident in their ability to keep on improving.

Expectations of Academic Scholars at Marlborough

Scholars are expected to take full advantage of the many and varied scholastic events outside the classroom. Marlburians are fortunate in having opportunities to hear lectures by internationally renowned experts and leaders in their fields. They will attend recitals by world-class musicians and poets. They will see their peers achieving excellence in exhibitions and in performances at plays and concerts. Sixth Form Scholars will be invited to sign the Scholars' Register and are expected to help mentor a Scholar currently in the Lower School. It is expected that Scholars will have been actively involved in several College societies, with many of them going on to run them.

As well as being avid readers and taking the initiative in their academic pursuits, Scholars are also expected to experiment with and explore the full breadth and depth of academic experience on offer and they should take up intellectual challenges beyond their study subjects. All Scholars should respond to the challenges presented by the respective departments and act as ambassadors for their subjects.

The Medawar Society

All Academic Scholars automatically become members of the Medawar Society (named after the Nobel prize-winning Old Marlburian biologist Sir Peter Medawar) and they are asked to write Medawar after their name on all their books and preps as a way of further identifying them as Scholars. Academic Scholars are invited to join meetings of the Medawar Society. Meetings may be formal or informal. They may celebrate the achievements of one of the members, address an issue of intellectual importance or enlist support for academic enterprises and compassionate ventures. They may simply encourage intellectual wisdom and expertise to pass from generation to generation through companionable conversation.

Academic Scholarship Application

The College offers annually up to five Academic Scholarships to candidates at 16+. A Scholarship application form is available from the Admissions Department or can be downloaded from the College website from the summer term of an applicant's Year 10.

The deadline date for an Academic Scholarship application is 1st October, Year 11. By this date, the application form must be completed and returned along with any relevant reports from teachers and a current Head's reference.

All applicants to the College for Sixth Form are offered a choice of three dates to attend an Entry Assessment Day in November, Year 11. The examination papers that applicants sit will be relevant to

their chosen subjects for study in Sixth Form (Humanities, Mathematics, Science). Applicants who are also Academic Scholarship candidates are expected to excel at the Entry Assessment examination papers. A general interview will take place for all entry applicants during the Entry Assessment Day and Academic Scholarship candidates will also attend an additional Scholarship interview.

Applicants for entry and candidates for Scholarships are notified about places and awards on 1st December, Year 11.

Music Scholarships

Marlborough College enjoys a strong musical tradition and is supported by a motivated, energetic and forward-thinking Music Department. Many of the music teachers are from professional, orchestral and vocal backgrounds. The Artistic Advisor to the Department is Julian Lloyd Webber and appointed Visiting Consultants include Heads of Department from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Yehudi Menuhin School. The Southbank Sinfonia is the College's professional orchestra-in-partnership with an Old Marlburian, Laurence Davies, as our Brass Consultant, currently Principal Horn with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The purpose built Henry Hony Centre provides an ideal, purpose-built environment for learning, practice and performance. As well as offering lessons in the full range of orchestral instruments, there are also more unusual instruments to learn such as electric guitar, electric violin, bagpipes, drum kit, jazz piano, harp, organ and orchestral percussion.

There are two main orchestras, String Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra and also opportunities to play in Brass (Wind Orchestra), Big Band, chamber ensembles, jazz and rock groups. The Chapel Choir has busy weekly and termly in-College choral commitments. It also enjoys an annual continental tour and regular excursions to other chapels, cathedrals and Oxford colleges to sing Choral Evensong. The extensive range of musical opportunities at Marlborough and information about up-coming concerts and other musical events can be found on the College website at www.marlboroughcollege.org/music.

Definition of a Music Scholar at Marlborough College

Marlborough aims to provide an inspiring and stimulating environment in which Music Scholars can nurture and foster their talents to the very full.

Free weekly music tuition on up to three instruments is offered to Music Scholars. They are mentored by the Artistic Director through assessment and performing opportunities both within and outside the College. Where applicable, individual learning programmes are designed to meet the demands and needs of those wishing ultimately to study music at conservatoire or university following Marlborough and regular consultation lessons are provided with the visiting consultants. Instrumental examinations are offered through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and through Trinity Guildhall.

From the outset, the role, expectations and responsibilities of the privilege of being a Music Scholar are made very clear. Scholars should be able to demonstrate leadership, inspire others, perhaps less gifted

than themselves, be especially organized in the management of instrumental lessons, attendance at rehearsals and practising. They must show commitment to both musical and academic studies and above all, be a fine ambassador for the Music Department both in House, across the College community and in public performance situations.

There are additional opportunities that Scholars are expected to participate in from time to time, such as operatic and musical productions, annual Wind, String, Piano or Singing Master Classes, lunchtime recitals, evening recitals, the Music Society, Royal Over-Seas League, London Gala Concert and other external events. Scholars are also given subsidized tickets to the renowned Marlborough College Concert Series.

Much individual support is given to the Scholars and they are encouraged to balance their time carefully in view of the proliferation of activities.

Progress and Scholarship status is reviewed by the Artistic Director in the form of two annual assessments after which a detailed report is made available to parents, Head of Department, Principal Study teacher, tutor and the Director of Studies, the pupil's Housemaster or Housemistress and the Master. Weekly feedback forms from instrumental teachers are also returned to the Artistic Director to help monitor progress.

Music Scholarship Application

The College offers annually six 16+ Instrumental Scholarships. (This can include Choral Scholarships). In addition, outstanding string players, in particular (but not exclusively) violin and viola players, can be considered for the String Scholarship Fund. Further details about the String Scholarship Fund can be found in the Other Scholarships section of this prospectus. All decisions relating to the Music Scholarships are made by the Examiners' Committee.

Candidates for Instrumental Scholarships are generally expected to have already achieved a level of Grade VII-VIII with Merit or Distinction on their principal instrument and have a high standard of musicianship and performance. Candidates will also be expected to show some ability on a second instrument and it could be an advantage to offer singing in addition.

Choral Scholarships can also be awarded and Candidates should have a fast, secure sight-reading ability. They must be able to show versatility and have a good and secure range. During auditions, a voice that is established rather than developing is sought. Successful Choral Scholars will be expected to pursue supporting musical activity, for example the learning of a keyboard instrument.

The application process is as follows:

- Pre-Auditions for a Music Scholarship take place at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term of the candidate's Year 11. Parents should be in touch with the Music Department Secretary directly in order to arrange a Pre-Audition appointment. The contact telephone number is +44 (0)1672 892481.
- For the Pre-Audition, candidates will need to present two prepared and contrasting pieces on the first instrument (or voice for Choral Scholarship candidates) and one piece on one or more subsidiary instruments. Candidates may be asked to perform scales, sight-reading and aural tests. There will also be an informal interview with the Artistic Director.

- If shortlisted, Scholarship candidates will be invited back for a final Music Audition, which will take place during the afternoon of their Entry Assessment Day. A Scholarship application form should be completed and returned to the Admissions Department by 1st October, Year 11. Forms can be downloaded from the College website. The two prepared pieces offered at the Final Audition can either be the same as or different from those presented at the Pre-Audition. Scales, sight-reading, and aural tests will be required. There is no written Music examination, however there will be a second interview with the Artistic Director.
- Offers of Music Scholarships are made on 1st December, Year 11.

Sports Scholarships

At Marlborough, it is appreciated that sport is a core element of a balanced education and contributes towards the integrated development of mind and body. It builds self-confidence and self-esteem, enhances physical, social and cognitive abilities and improves academic achievement. By encouraging qualities such as perseverance, initiative and independence pupils experience a feeling of success and enjoyment. Physical Education encourages children to acquire knowledge of the relationship between care of the body, well-being and an active and healthy lifestyle. The College is fortunate to have outstanding facilities and top class coaching is provided in over thirty sports.

The Griffith Society programme

All Sports Scholars automatically become members of the Griffith Society. This is a group of highly motivated and very able sporting pupils who have the potential to gain representative honours while at Marlborough.

Programme provisions:

- Ongoing technical, physiological and psychological support through regular weekly contact with the expert teachers and coaches at Marlborough.
- Flexibility to allow Sports Scholars to visit expert external coaches as part of maintaining contact with a county, regional or national development squad.
- Attend the annual Dunford Lecture which is an inspirational presentation given by a visiting speaker who is an outstanding sporting performer.
- Termly meetings which might also involve a talk by an expert on a particular sports-related topic.
- Fitness testing at the excellent and continually improving sports facilities at the College.
- A sports mentor who monitors the development and progression of each individual sports scholar and ensures a sensible balance of lifestyle at the College is maintained.

Each September, Sports Scholars begin the academic year with a 'Prepare to Perform Day.' The day involves small group workshops run by specialists on injury prevention and rehabilitation, an introduction to strength and conditioning and a tailored session on core stability. The aim of the day is to set a positive performance culture for the Sports Scholars to build upon for the rest of the year; top up sessions and regular contact with mentors will keep the Sports Scholars on track throughout.

Expectations of Sports Scholars

- To maintain and foster a positive and winning attitude amongst their peers so acting as a role model on and off the sporting arena.
- To always strive to maximise their physical, technical and mental potential in training, practice and competition.
- To be impeccably attired and well-presented at all times.
- To support team mates and younger pupils who may be less experienced and will benefit from a Sports Scholar's knowledge and expertise.
- To remain coachable, through proactively seeking advice for continued self-improvement.
- To set and reach the agreed physical and technical targets as discussed in consultation with their sports mentor.
- To set and reach the agreed academic targets as set by their Housemaster or Housemistress and/or House Tutor.

Application for Sports Scholarship

The College offers annually up to four sports Scholarships to candidates at 16+. The criterion is sporting ability with preference being given to the major games of rugby, hockey and cricket for boys or hockey, netball and tennis for girls.

A Sports Scholarship application form should be completed and returned along with the candidate's Sports Teacher's Report and a current Head's Scholarship reference by 1st October, Year 11. Forms are available to download from the College website.

The Sports Scholarship Assessment will take the form of a practical demonstration of sporting skills and an interview during the afternoon of the candidates Entry Assessment Day.

Scholarship offers are made at the same time as place offers, so will be received on 1st December, Year 11.

Each Sports Scholarship is reviewed annually by the Master and the Director of Sport, who liaise closely with each pupil's Housemaster or Housemistress and with the Director of Studies to ensure that academic performance is being maintained alongside commitments to the sporting programme.

William Morris All Rounder Scholarships

In 1993 Marlborough College marked the 150th anniversary of its foundation as a charitable school by the award of Commemorative Bursaries and, with its foundation in mind, the College extended the award of such Bursaries into subsequent years. These Bursaries are now known as William Morris All Rounder Scholarships.

These Scholarships are given to strong candidates who have all round ability and are primarily, but not exclusively, given to those candidates who require some form of Bursarial Assistance. Every Scholarship is reviewed on an annual basis.

Application for the William Morris Scholarship

Candidates must apply for at least one Scholarship – Academic, Music or Sport. A Scholarship application form can be obtained from the Admissions Department or can be downloaded from the College website. It should be submitted along with the relevant teacher's report and a Scholarship reference from the candidate's current Head to the Admissions Department by 1st October of the candidate's Year 11.

Please note that those candidates offering Music as part of their William Morris All Rounder Scholarship are not required to arrange a Pre-Audition.

A William Morris music audition will take place on the candidate's Entry Assessment Day. This should include a presentation of two contrasting pieces of the candidate's choice on their main instrument and a third piece either sung or played on an additional instrument.

A William Morris sports assessment will take place on the candidate's Entry Assessment Day.

The results of the Entry Assessment examination papers will determine awards for William Morris Academic applicants.

For those applying for a William Morris Scholarship in order to obtain Bursarial Assistance, the criteria and procedures for financial support must be in place. Please see Page 3 of this prospectus for further information.

Other Scholarships

An application for Bursarial Assistance must have been made by the Enrolment deadline of 1st October, Year 11, in order to qualify. These Scholarships may not supplement the total of any means-tested Bursarial Assistance, but they will contribute towards any financial support that the College may provide.

Candidates of these Scholarships should sit the Academic or relevant Scholarship examinations. Additional criteria for application is listed below:



The Children of Clergy Fund

The College was originally founded to educate the sons of Anglican Clergy and a limited number of assisted places are available. The son or daughter of a clergyman or clergywoman may apply for assistance from the Children of Clergy Fund. This may constitute up to 100% remission of fees.

Marlburian Club Charitable Funds

Assistance may be available to Old Marlburians on a means-tested basis through the Marlburian Club.

Service Bursaries

Limited funds to assist with fees for the children of parents who are in the Services are available on a means-tested basis.





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