

ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM AND GUIDANCE NOTES

Academic Year 2026/27

# GUIDANCE NOTES ON ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENTS

- Scholarships are awarded to pupils of exceptional ability and are likely to be in the range of twenty-five percent (25%) of fees.
- Bursaries may be awarded on a means-tested basis when parents are unable to meet the full school fees.
- Bursaries may top up a scholarship or other award, or support a candidate entry.
- In exceptional circumstances, bursaries can be up to one hundred percent of the fees. Bursary applications should initially be discussed with the Head.
- All awards are subject to terms and conditions. All awards are reviewed annually and may be revoked if the holder is not fulfilling the high expectations which come with an award.
- If you have any questions about admission to Wrekin please contact Ros Curel on 01952 265603 or email admissions@wrekincollege.com.

#### **ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

13+ entry to Wrekin College is by:

#### WREKIN COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

 The 13+ Entrance examination consists of online adaptive tests, plus an English paper.

#### **OR** 13+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The 13+ Academic Scholarship consists of an online adaptive test, plus an English paper and an academic interview with the Head.

#### **OR COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

- This examination takes place at the candidate's preparatory school in May/June of the year of entry. Papers are sent for marking to the senior school specified by the candidate.
- There is no requirement for candidates taking Common Entrance examinations to take any other examinations to enter Wrekin College, however offers of a place will not be sent until Common Entrance papers are marked.
- They may choose to sit the Wrekin College 13+ Entrance Examination and/or one of the Scholarship examinations which take place in November of the year prior to entry, to secure the place ahead of common entrance.

#### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

- The Director of Music and where possible another member of the Music Department will assess the performances.
- Each candidate will be required to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument or voice, one piece on their second and any other instruments or voice (if offered), together with sight-reading and aural tests.
- Whilst grade 5 can be used as a guide for the standard expected at this stage, candidates should apply even if they have not reached this level. Promise, potential, a love of music and a desire to improve, coupled with a firm commitment to Music Department activities are more important than examination achievement.
- We welcome applications on any instrument or voice and in any style or genre.
- The school can provide an accompanist but we will require the music for 13+ scholars one week in advance of the audition.
- There will also be a viva voce with the Director of Music at which candidates will be asked questions about their musical experiences and ambitions.
- A reference will be requested from the candidate's current school/music teacher in advance.
- All successful applicants (instrumentalist or vocalists) are
  expected to join the Chapel Choir and if an instrumentalist,
  at least one senior ensemble (Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz
  Band). The Chapel Choir is the school's 'flagship' ensemble and
  is essential in scholars' aural and musical development. They are
  also expected to perform in school events/concerts and be
  ambassadors for the school and the department.

Notes continue on pages 6 and 7

## 13+ ENTRANCE & SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS APPLICATION

# For entry September 2026

Please read the guidance notes in this booklet before completing this application. Detach the form and send to:

Ros Curel, Wrekin College, Wellington, Shropshire TFI 3BH. Please complete this application in black ink.

CANDIDATE'S NAME IN FULL:						
AGE:	DATE OF BIRTH:					
PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE:						
ENTRANCE:	SCHOLARSHIPS:					
Common Entrance	13+ Art Scholarship	13+ Dance Scholarship				
13+ Entrance Examination	13+ Music Scholarship	I3+ Pendle Award**				
13+ Academic Scholarship	13+ Sports Scholarship					
Please select one of the above	☐ 13+ Performing Arts Scholarship					
options and, if required, one or more of the listed scholarships.	13+ Pendle Award**					
** If the candidate is invited to take the Academic Scholarship and is entering additional scholarship/s in Art, Music, Performing Arts/Drama, Dance and/or Sports, do you wish him/her to be considered for an all-rounder Pendle Award?						
CURRENT SCHOOL:						
NAME OF HEADTEACHER:						
ADDRESS:						
	POSTCODE:					
EMAIL: TELEPHONE No:						
		Yes No				
Does the candidate receive any Learning Support either at school or home?						
Does the candidate receive any extra time in examinations?*						
Does the candidate require the use of a reader, scribe and/or word processor in examinations?*						
If the answer to any of the above is yes, please give further details:						
* NB: Copies of any educational and/or diagnostic reports must accompany this application form.						
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NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:					
ADDRESS:					
POSTCODE:	EMAIL:				
TELEPHONE No:	MOBILE:				
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:					
ADDRESS (if different from above):					
	EMAIL:				
POSTCODE:	MOBILE:				
TELEPHONE No:					
Wrekin College offers scholarships to candidates who show exceptional ability and promise in music, art, performing arts/drama, dance or sport. Please refer to the guidance notes in this booklet for further information and examination dates.					
PERFORMING ARTS/DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION					
CURRENT SCHOOL'S HEAD OF DRAMA:					
EMAIL:	TELEPHONE No:				
Please include an outline of all productions your child has been in to date on a separate piece of paper.					
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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION					
CURRENT SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR OF MUSIC OR NAME OF MUSIC/INSTRUMENT TEACHER:					
EMAIL:	TELEPHONE No.				
MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT					
FIRST INSTRUMENT:					
FOR HOW LONG HAS THE INSTRUMENT BEEN STUDIED?					
LAST GRADE EXAMINATION:					
APPROXIMATE GRADE IF NO EXAMINATION TAKEN:					
SECOND INSTRUMENT:					
FOR HOW LONG HAS THE INSTRUMENT BEEN STUDIED?					
LAST GRADE EXAMINATION:					
APPROXIMATE GRADE IF NO EXAMINATION TAKEN:					
SINGING:					
LAST GRADE EXAMINATION:					
APPROXIMATE GRADE IF NO EXAMINATION TAKEN:					
Other musical achievements (eg. Music Theory examinations) should be listed on the supporting information page.					

ART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.						
CURRENT SCHOOL'S HEAD OF ART:						
EMAIL:	TELEPHONE 1	No:				
DANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	I					
CURRENT DANCE TEACHER (if applicable):						
EMAIL:	TELEPHONE	No:				
SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	Please include	WRITTEN su	pporting refe	erences	from referees.	
NAME OF PRIMARY REFEREE:						
SPORTING DISCIPLINE/CLUB:						
ADDRESS:						
	POSTCODE:					
EMAIL: TELEPHONE No:						
NAME OF SUPPORTING REFEREE:						
SPORTING DISCIPLINE/CLUB:						
ADDRESS:						
	POSTCODE:					
EMAIL:	TELEPHONE	No:				
Club level is the minimum standard considered for scholarship	NATIONAL	REGIONAL	COUNTY	CLUB	SCHOOL	
RUGBY:						
NETBALL:						
HOCKEY:						
CRICKET:						
ATHLETICS:						
FOOTBALL:						
SWIMMING:						
OTHER (please specify):  GYMNASTICS: We have a strong tradition of supplying high level gymnasts to national and international level. Please contact Ros Curel directly to discuss the application and our association and High Performance Pathway with Park Wrekin Gymnastics.						

PLEASE SIGN TO COMPLETE APPLICA	ATION				
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:				
NAME IN FULL:	NAME IN FULL:				
DATE:	DATE:				
The information which you give when completing this entrance examination form will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Wrekin College collects and uses personal information about staff, students, parents or carers and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in order to enable it to provide education and other associated functions. In addition, there may be a legal requirement to collect and use information to ensure that the school complies with its statutory obligations. The information entered on this form may be used for sending you promotional and marketing information about Wrekin College (e.g. e-newsletter). At no time will your personal information be passed to third party organisations for any sales/marketing purposes other than for those connected to the Wrekin Old Hall Trust. If you would prefer not to receive such information, please email marketing@wrekincollege.com.					
SPACETO PROVIDE EXTRA INFORMATION	N ON YOUR CHILD, IF YOU WISH				

# Please return your completed Application Form to:

Ros Curel, Head of Admissions, Wrekin College, Wellington, Shropshire TF13BH admissions@wrekincollege.com

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### **ART SCHOLARSHIP**

The theme for the Art Scholarship this year is 'Sweets and Treats'. The theme is intended to help candidates to focus and practise their skills for the scholarship day and build a small body of work to supplement their portfolio. We suggest a small selection of relevant still-life objects are used as subject matter. It is intended that this work will give each candidate the opportunity to showcase skills and imagination in their own time, outside of the school context. This work will be talked through at an interview.

We would expect to see a range of skills and approaches, but overall, a strong ability to observe from selected source material. The selected thematic objects should be brought in and used to work from during the scholarship day and should therefore be suitable for transportation! We will provide a selection of still-life objects to supplement any items brought in, if required. The day itself is split into two practical workshops: morning and afternoon. The morning session will be a two hour direct observational drawing onto white A4 or A3 cartridge paper, in pencil, from objects relating to the theme, with an optional one-hour colour response from a different viewpoint, time permitting. The focus is very much on the ability to capture objects realistically, to include good compositional and tonal understanding. In the afternoon, there will be opportunity for a more imaginative interpretation of the theme which should relate to preparatory work. We would hope to see a more adventurous use of media in the afternoon, although it is strongly recommended that this is tried and tested beforehand. Maximum size A2. During the day each candidate will be interviewed by the Head of Art. Candidates should also bring a portfolio of recent work to discuss at interview. This portfolio should contain a sketchbook and a selection of work in whichever field of art the candidate has studied. It is important that the candidate shows independent, sustained work carried out in their own time, as well as school work. We would also like to be able to discuss a visit the candidate has made to see art in real life. In the portfolio, two- dimensional work should be simply mounted. Photographs or slides of three-dimensional work are also acceptable.

A reference will be requested from the candidate's current school in advance. Candidates are welcome to bring in their own art materials, although a broad range will be provided. Regrettably, all work created is for examination purposes and for that reason must be retained by the school.

## SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Sports scholarships will be awarded to candidates who show exceptional ability in major school sports. In addition to completing the relevant section of the entry form, candidates must submit a curriculum vitae of their sporting achievements to date, together with supplying two written references from external representative bodies from county (or above) or club level.

Scholarships are awarded to pupils competing at county or academy level in their chosen sport. We seek pupils who are not only gifted athletes, but committed team players and emerging leaders.

Candidates will be invited to spend a day at Wrekin College where their sporting skills will be assessed, analysed and discussed with our Director of Sport and team. Our Wrekin College team will also be looking at teamwork, kindness to others, encouragement, leadership skills and games sense. All candidates can expect a warm-up session with our strength and conditioning coach, before breaking into groups for individual assessment in specialised areas. Our Director of Sport will also meet and interview each candidate. A variety of sports need to be used to assess not only physical literacy, but the ability to pick up new activities. Candidates will be asked to try sports on the day they may not necessarily have tried before.

### PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates should submit an outline of any productions they have participated in and any characters played specifying dates of these performances.

Candidates applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship are required to attend a workshop with our Head of English and Drama for half a day, and all candidates will be required to perform together and individually. Candidates will also be interviewed by the Wrekin College team and must be prepared to do some improvisation.

### DANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates applying for a Dance Scholarship are required to prepare two contrasting dances, of their choice, no longer than five minutes each. During the scholarship assessment, our Head of Dance, will be looking at a variety of elements such as knowledge, performance, musicality and technique. Our Head of Dance will also interview each candidate and they will be expected to talk about their love of Dance, performances they have been in and performances they have enjoyed on film,TV or in theatre. Candidates should submit an outline of any productions they have participated in and characters played specifying dates of these performances.

As part of the Dance award programme, successful applicants will be committed to developing their skills and techniques by attending dance during activity sessions and participating in Wrekin Dance events.

#### PENDLE AWARD

Pendle scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate exceptional all-round ability.

Candidates will not be considered for a Pendle Award unless they have been invited to sit the Academic Scholarship and are entered for at least one other supporting Scholarship in Art, Music, Performing Arts, Dance and/or Sports.

## **EXAM DATES**

- Pupils sitting an examination for Wrekin College must be registered with the school. If you have not already done so, the Entrance and Scholarship Examinations Application Form should be returned together with a completed Registration Form and payment of the Registration Fee of £120 (including VAT).
- Art or Design, Music, Performing Arts, Dance and Sports Scholarships are taken in addition to the appropriate academic entrance examinations.
- Please complete and return the Entrance and Scholarship Examinations Application Form by the relevant closing date to: Ros Curel, Head of Admissions, Wrekin College, Wellington TFI 3BH.
- On receipt of the candidate's application we will contact their current headteacher for a reference.

- Wrekin College Scholarship examinations can ONLY be taken on the dates published.
- Please note that candidates must be registered prior to the examination.
- Entrance Examinations may be taken on other dates by special arrangement with the Head.
- Parents will be notified of results by December 20th 2025.

#### **Examination Dates**

13+ Entrance Examination Monday 17th November 2025

13+ Academic Scholarship Monday 17th November 2025

13+ Dance Scholarship Wednesday 12th November 2025

13+ Performing Arts/Drama Scholarship Thursday 13th November 2025

13+ Music Scholarship Wednesday 19th November 2025

13+ Art Scholarship Thursday 20th November 2025

Friday 14th November 2025

Closing date for entry: Monday 3 I st October 2025

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

13+ Sports Scholarship

- I. What should I bring with me? A water bottle and pencil case.
- 2. What should I wear on the day? All candidates should wear their current school uniform. unless notified otherwise
- **3. Are refreshments provided on exam days?** Refreshments will be provided for candidates throughout the day. Please ensure that you make the Admissions Office aware of any dietary requirements or allergies.

For all admissions enquiries please contact Ros Curel, Head of Admissions.

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