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Joining Wrekin College
Guide to Scholarships

Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders

At Wrekin College, our scholarship programme is designed to recognise and nurture exceptional young individuals — those with the talent, ambition and character to lead, inspire and thrive. Our scholarships are aspirational and prestigious, offering not only financial recognition but access to specialist mentorship, enrichment pathways and opportunities to represent the school at the highest level.

We offer a select number of scholarships each year for entry at 11+, 13+, and 16+. Each award is highly competitive and aimed at pupils with significant ability who demonstrate achievement. Fee remissions start at 25% for scholarship holders. All awards are subject to annual review.

How to Apply

Applications open in the Autumn Term for assessment in Spring. We encourage early enquiries. Please contact the Admissions Team for full guidance on the process and criteria. Applications open in the Spring for November assessments. Note that 16+ applications are more fluid/flexible and can be assessed at any point up to end of Lent term.

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Wrekin College reserves the right to vary the number and value of awards each year.

The Pendle Scholarship (All-Rounder)

Named after a former Governor of the school, the Pendle Scholarship is our most holistic award. It recognises exceptional all-rounders — those who combine academic strength with creative, sporting or leadership potential.

Eligibility:

Candidates must apply for multiple scholarship categories (e.g. Academic and Sport) and demonstrate consistent excellence across disciplines.

Assessment:

Applicants will undergo individual scholarship assessments and interviews, with strong emphasis on character, potential and contribution to school life.

Expectations:

Pendle Scholars are visible role models in the school, demonstrating leadership, integrity and commitment in every aspect of their education.

Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarships are awarded to pupils of outstanding intellectual ability who demonstrate curiosity, insight and a love of learning.

Entry Points:

11+ and 13+

Assessment:

Invitation-only extension papers in English and Mathematics, followed by an interview with the Head. Shortlisted candidates will have excelled in the Wrekin entrance assessment.

16+ academic scholarships are slightly different. Candidates choose to be assessed in two subjects. Work is given, and then candidates meet the relevant Heads of Departments and Headmaster for an academic interview.

Expectations:

Academic Scholars will be expected to pursue the most rigorous academic path, contribute to school debates, poster conference, lectures, and enrichment and aim for top academic outcomes. Participation in Square Circle (Wrekin's society for stretch and challenge) will also be expected.

Sport Scholarship

Sport 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.

Entry Points:

11+, 13+, 16+

Eligibility:

Applicants must be representing their county, a recognised academy or regional training programme in one of our key sporting pathways, such as Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Football, Swimming, Gymnastics or Cricket.

Assessment:

Candidates will participate in specialist and multi-sport assessments. A sporting CV and two references (e.g. club or academy coaches) are required. 16+ candidates have a 30 minute interview with Heads of Departments.

Support and Pathway Opportunities:

Bespoke coaching from school and external professionals

Entry to the Talented Athlete Programme (TAP): including strength and conditioning, goal setting, mentoring, and seminars on sports psychology, nutrition and injury prevention

Access to performance analysis tools and university and club links for progression beyond school

Wrekin College works closely with: Park Wrekin, Birmingham Panthers, Tibberton Elite, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, Telford Town FC, Shropshire Cricket, Wrekin Swimming Club, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Telford, Newport and Wolverhampton Hockey Clubs, Stourport, Stoke and Sutton Coldfield Hockey Talent Academies.

Expectations:

Represent Wrekin in school teams throughout the academic year

Maintain a high level of personal fitness and training discipline

Attend TAP sessions and mentoring weekly

Demonstrate leadership and mentor younger athletes

Be an ambassador for Wrekin sport on and off the field

Music Scholarship

Wrekin's Music Department is a vibrant and integral part of school life, offering a wealth of ensemble opportunities (that have attained national awards and recognition), concerts and masterclasses. Music Scholars are expected to be passionate, dedicated and involved musicians aiming for excellence.

Entry Points:

11+, 13+, 16+

Eligibility:

As a rough guide candidates should be at grade 3 standard or above for 11+, Grade 5 for 13+ and Grade 6 for 16+ or above on their main instrument or voice and have experience of public performance. However, grade exams are not the main criteria. Clear potential for improvement and a strong commitment and desire to be involved in music making at Wrekin is the most important attribute.

Assessment:

Performance of two contrasting pieces on the main instrument and then one piece on any further instruments offered.

Sight-reading and aural tests

Interview with the Director of Music

Expectations:

Contribute to at least one major band/ensemble (or in any appropriate productions if a musical theatre candidate) and be a member of the chapel choir.

Perform at school concerts and events

Would ordinarily take GCSE Music

Act as musical leaders and role models, mentoring younger pupils and promoting musical excellence

Performing Arts Scholarship

Performing Arts Scholars are dynamic, creative, and inspiring performers with significant experience on and off stage. They represent the passion and professionalism that defines drama at Wrekin.

Entry Points:

11+, 13+, 16+

Eligibility:

Candidates should have a proven commitment to performance, ideally performing outside school as well as within it. LAMDA qualifications or equivalent and a history of stage roles are expected.

Assessment Day includes:

- Two contrasting prepared monologues
- A collaborative workshop to assess improvisation and ensemble work
- Interview with the Head of Drama
- Submission of performance CV

Expectations:

- Participate in all major school productions
- Would ordinarily take GCSE Drama
- Attend half-termly scholars' meetings and the annual scholars' theatre trip
- Mentor younger performers and contribute to backstage or direction opportunities

Facilities:

Our Centenary Theatre provides a professional environment for drama, with a full lighting rig, sound desk and a 220-seat auditorium.

Art Scholarship

Art at Wrekin is a flourishing department with dedicated studios and professional guidance. Art Scholars demonstrate originality, creativity and a commitment to developing their artistic voice.

Entry Points:

11+, 13+, 16+

Eligibility:

Applicants must submit a strong and varied portfolio of recent work. The portfolio can include both school and independent work that shows technical skill and creative thinking.

Assessment:

Submission of portfolio in advance

Practical art task completed on the assessment day

Interview with the Head of Art to discuss inspiration, influences and ambition

Expectations:

Take Art as a GCSE or A level subject

Participate in school exhibitions and competitions

Contribute to creative projects around the school

Serve as ambassadors for the department, supporting younger artists

Dance Scholarship

Dance at Wrekin, fosters creativity, physical expression, and teamwork, while also enhancing pupil's understanding of rhythm, culture, and body awareness.

Entry Points:

11+, 13+, 16+

Assessment:

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. The team 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

Expectations:

Successful applicants will be committed to developing their skills and techniques by attending dance during activity sessions and participating in Wrekin Dance events.

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