



PRIORY SCHOOL
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SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND SUPPORTED PLACES AT PRIORY SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES



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INTRODUCTION

Priory School is pleased to offer a range of academic and performance scholarships for pupils at a number of key stages, with **opportunities offered at 7+ and 11+**. These scholarships are awarded primarily to those starting in Year 3 and Year 7, providing a gateway to exceptional education opportunities from the outset. However, recognising that talent and potential can emerge at any age, we also offer academic and performance scholarships to pupils entering higher year groups in the Senior School, subject to the Headteacher's discretion.

Our scholarship programme includes a range of categories designed to recognise and reward exceptional abilities and dedication: We offer an **Academic Scholarship** (up to 25% remission) alongside a **Performance Scholarship** (up to a further 15% remission). Pupils are therefore entitled to apply for a scholarship to a maximum of 40%. At 7+ Performance Scholarships may be in sport, music, and art & design and at 11+ an additional Performance Scholarship is also available in Performing Arts.

In exceptional cases, additional remission may be sought via a means-tested bursary application (reviewed on a termly or annual basis).

Beyond academic prowess, we seek pupils who demonstrate a positive attitude and a commitment to contributing to the vibrant life of our school. We believe that scholars should lead by example, inspiring their peers through their dedication, creativity, and excellence.

At Priory School, our scholarships are more than just financial rewards; they are an investment in the future of promising young individuals. We are dedicated to supporting our scholars as they pursue their passions and achieve their goals, both academically and in their specialised fields. Through personalised guidance, a rich array of resources, and a nurturing community, we help our scholars excel and prepare for a bright and successful future.

We invite prospective pupils and their families to explore the unique opportunities offered by our scholarship programmes.

Join us at Priory School, where excellence is recognised, talent is nurtured, and every pupil has the chance to shine.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

7+ Academic Scholarships

Priory School is pleased to offer Academic Scholarships at 7+ (students entering Year 3), which are awarded based on results achieved in an entrance examination.

7+ Scholarship Taster Days will be held each Spring, where students will sit the 7+ Entrance Assessment consisting of Maths and English tests. Based on the outcome of these assessments, a limited number of students will be awarded Academic Scholarships, up to a maximum of 25% remission of annual fees, for the duration to their time in the Prep School.

These limited number of scholarships are available to both **current and prospective pupils**.

11+ Academic Scholarships

All pupils applying to Priory School for Years 7 to Year 10 will need to sit the entrance examination to determine whether a place can be formally offered, and the results of the entrance examinations will determine the level of scholarship they are entitled to receive. Scholarship and Bursary Days for 11+ entry (Year 7) will be held annually in the Autumn and Spring Terms, with in-year applications being assessed on a case-by-case basis.

What can you expect from an academic scholarship?

-  A percentage remission from annual fees (15%, 20% or 25%) - dependent on the outcome of the entrance examination, at 7+ (for duration of time at Prep School) and 11+ (for duration of time at Senior School).
-  Ongoing support and guidance from teaching staff to ensure that pupils are performing to the highest of their abilities.

What will the school expect from a scholarship recipient?

-  To be positive role models for the school, demonstrating a broad range of academic achievements and actively contributing to the life of Priory School.
-  To show a positive attitude to learning and take part in a wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities.
-  To be positive representatives for the school with regard to conduct, uniform, behaviour, with high levels of attendance and punctuality.

PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AT 7+

Whereas a maximum of 25% remission is available for academic scholarships, a maximum of a further 15% is available for performance scholarships(s) at 7+. Pupils are therefore entitled to apply for a combined academic and performance scholarship to a maximum of 40%.

At **7+** pupils and families may apply for one or more of the **three performance scholarships**: sports, music, and art & design.

1. 7+ SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

A Sports Scholarship is one of the three 7+ performance scholarships available at Priory Prep School.

Applicants will excel at a sport within their year group (football, cricket, rugby, netball or tennis). This will be assessed through performance at the 7+ Scholarship Days. Applicants will also attend a sports club in their given field outside of school and perform at standard higher than that of their peers.

What can you expect from a sports scholarship?

- 🏆 A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all three performance scholarships).
- 🏆 Ongoing support, coaching, and mentoring from the Head of PE and department staff.

What will the school expect from a sports scholarship recipient?

- 🏆 To play an active part in the sporting life of the school and represent the school in their specialist field.
- 🏆 To be positive representatives for the school with regard to conduct, uniform, behaviour, with high levels of attendance and punctuality.
- 🏆 Sports scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.
- 🏆 All applicants will also need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

2. 7+ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

A Music Scholarship is one of the three performance scholarships available at Priory Prep School.

Applicants will need to demonstrate an exceptional standard of talent in this area. We would expect an applicant to play at least one instrument.

What can you expect from a music scholarship?

- 🏆 A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all three performance scholarships).
- 🏆 Specialist support and guidance from teachers in the music department.
- 🏆 Opportunities to perform at school showcase events throughout the school's academic calendar.

What will the school expect from a music scholarship recipient?

- 🏆 To play an active part in the music and performing arts life of the school (school shows, concerts, and other events such as the school open mornings and parent's evenings).
- 🏆 To take graded music examinations.
- 🏆 To be positive representatives for the school with regard to conduct, uniform, behaviour, with high levels of attendance and punctuality.
- 🏆 Music scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.

Applying for a music scholarship

- 🏆 In addition to submitting the Scholarship Application form, music applicants will need to showcase their skills on at least one instrument or voice. Applicants must bring with them one suitable performance piece with an accompaniment where appropriate and will be expected to do sight reading and aural tests, as well as answering questions about their knowledge and experience of music.
- 🏆 All applicants will also need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

3. 7+ ART & DESIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

A 7+ Art & Design Scholarship is one of the three performance scholarships available at Priory Prep School.

- 🏆 Applicants will need to be creative and have a passion for art. They will be able to provide a portfolio of their work, that demonstrates their creativity and activity outside of the classroom. This can include work in any media or field of the arts, such as drawing, painting, photography, or textiles.

What can you expect from an art & design?

- 🏆 A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all three performance scholarships).
- 🏆 Appropriate support, mentoring, and guidance from staff in the Art & Design Department.

What will the school expect from an art & design scholarship recipient?

- 🏆 To play an active part in the Art life of Priory Prep School, by producing additional pieces of artwork to showcase around the school.
- 🏆 To be a confident and articulate young artist who demonstrates a passion for art and design both inside and outside of school.
- 🏆 To be positive representatives for the school with regard to conduct, uniform, behaviour, with high levels of attendance and punctuality.
- 🏆 Art scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.
- 🏆 All applicants will need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AT 11+

Whereas a maximum of 25% remission is available for academic scholarships, a maximum of a further 15% is available for performance scholarships(s) at 11+. Pupils are therefore entitled to apply for a combined academic and performance scholarship to a maximum of 40%.

At **11+** pupils and families may apply for one or more of the four performance scholarships: sports, music, performing arts and art & design.

1. 11+ SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

A Sports Scholarship is one of the four 11+ performance scholarships available at Priory School.

Priory School is pleased to offer Sports Scholarships in football, cricket, rugby, netball, and tennis at Year 7 to Year 11 entry levels. Applications from national and regional level performers in swimming, athletics, cross country, and tennis are also welcome. Non-entry point admissions will be considered if the candidate demonstrates a high level of talent in this area.

What can you expect from a sports scholarship?

- 🏆 A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all four performance scholarships).
- 🏆 Ongoing support, coaching, and mentoring from the Head of PE and department staff.

What will the school expect from a sports scholarship recipient?

- 🏆 To play an active part in the sporting life of the school.
- 🏆 To be positive representatives for the school in regard to sports fixtures and competitions.
- 🏆 To be positive role models for other keen sportsmen and sportswomen within the school.
- 🏆 To take part in training and physical fitness opportunities and trips.
- 🏆 To choose GCSE PE as a subject option
- 🏆 To be confident scholars investing in all sports and training opportunities within the school.
- 🏆 Sports scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.

Applying for a sports scholarship

- 🏆 In addition to submitting the scholarship application form, shortlisted candidates will be invited to Priory School to attend the sports assessment, which will comprise of a fitness test, a practical performance, and the opportunity to get to know our Head of PE. Applicants will need to demonstrate a range of general skills in addition to showcasing their key strengths in a particular sport.
- 🏆 All applicants will also need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

2. 11+ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

A Music Scholarship is one of the four 11+ performance scholarships available at Priory School.

Priory School is delighted to offer music scholarships at Year 7 to Year 11 entry levels. Mid-year admissions will be considered if the candidate demonstrates an exceptional standard of talent in this area. We would expect an applicant to be at least Grade 3 standard.

What can you expect from a music scholarship?

- 🏆 A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all four performance scholarships).
- 🏆 Free individual tuition on one instrument or voice with a peripatetic teacher, for the first year at Priory School and 50% discount thereafter on 1 instrument or voice.
- 🏆 Music trips specifically for scholars, of which at least two per year will be free of charge.
- 🏆 Guaranteed opportunities to perform as a soloist or in an ensemble 3 times per year.
- 🏆 Specialist support and guidance from teachers in the music department.

What will the school expect from a music scholarship recipient?

- 🏆 To play an active part in the music and performing arts life of the school (school shows, concerts, and other events such as the school open mornings and parent's evenings).
- 🏆 To take graded music examinations.
- 🏆 To take part in appropriate extracurricular and enrichment groups such as the school choir, ensembles, music trips, etc.
- 🏆 To invest time in regular rehearsals and lessons to develop performance abilities.
- 🏆 Music scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.

Applying for a music scholarship

- 🏆 In addition to submitting the Scholarship Application form, music applicants will need to showcase their skills on at least one instrument or voice. Applicants must bring with them one suitable performance piece with an accompaniment where appropriate and will be expected to do sight reading and Grade 3 aural tests, as well as answering questions about their knowledge and experience of music.
- 🏆 All applicants will also need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

3. 11+ PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

A Performing Arts Scholarship is one of the four 11+ performance scholarships available at Priory School.

Priory School is delighted to offer performing arts scholarships at Year 7 to Year 11 entry levels. Mid-year admissions will be considered if the candidate demonstrates an exceptional standard of talent in this area.

What can you expect from a performing arts scholarship?

-  A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all four performance scholarships).
-  Discounted LAMDA Tuition.
-  Guaranteed opportunities for scholars to perform at a Performing Arts Scholars Showcase each year, in addition to whole school and senior school productions.
-  Trips/workshops specifically for scholars, of which at least two per year will be free of charge.
-  Specialist support, mentoring, and guidance from experienced trained Performing Arts practitioners

What will the school expect from a performing arts scholarship recipient?

-  To play an active part in the music and performing arts life of the school (school shows, concerts and other events such as the school open morning).
-  To take LAMDA examinations additional to those included in within the KS3 curriculum.
-  To choose Drama as a GCSE subject option.
-  To take part in appropriate enrichment and extracurricular groups in relation to the performing arts life of the school.
-  To invest time in regular rehearsals and lessons to develop performance abilities.
-  Performing arts scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.

Applying for a performing arts scholarship

-  In addition to submitting the scholarship application form, shortlisted Performing Arts applicants must prepare a 2-minute song or character monologue to showcase their vocal talents. They must also be prepared to answer questions about themselves and their experiences within the theatre/performing arts.
-  All applicants will also need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

4. 11+ ART & DESIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

An Art & Design Scholarship is one of the four performance scholarships available at Priory School.

Priory School is delighted to offer art and design scholarships at Year 7 to Year 11 entry levels. Mid-year admissions will be considered if the candidate demonstrates an exceptional standard of talent in this area.

What can you expect from an art & design?

- 🏆 A percentage remission from annual fees (5%, 10%, 15%) depending on the outcome of the on-site assessment. The maximum remission that can be gained from a performance scholarship is 15% (even if a pupil applies for all four performance scholarships).
- 🏆 Appropriate support, mentoring, and guidance from staff in the art & design team.

What will the school expect from an art & design scholarship recipient?

- 🏆 To play an active part in the Art life of Priory School, by producing additional pieces of artwork to showcase around the school.
- 🏆 To be a confident and articulate young artist who demonstrates a passion for art and design both inside and outside of school.
- 🏆 To choose art & design as a GCSE subject option.
- 🏆 To take part in art-related school events such as Arts Days and National Art Competitions, in addition to guiding younger pupils who also demonstrate a passion for Art and Design.
- 🏆 Art scholarships will be reviewed annually to ensure that these expectations are met.

Applying for an art & design scholarship

- 🏆 In addition to submitting the scholarship application form, shortlisted applicants will be invited to Priory School to attend the art & design assessment.
- 🏆 For the assessment, applicants would need to provide a portfolio of around 5 to 10 pieces of their most recent artwork. This can include work in any media or field of the arts, such as drawing, painting, photography, or textiles.
- 🏆 Applicants will take part in a discussion with the art teacher to discuss their knowledge and interests in art & design, looking at a range of artists and methods.
- 🏆 Applicants will also be required to produce a short pencil drawing. All visuals and materials will be provided.
- 🏆 All applicants will need to sit the entrance examination prior to the school determining the overall scholarship outcome.

GCSE OPTIONS FOR 11+ SCHOLARS

There is an expectation that scholars normally take a GCSE in the 11+ scholarship subject. However, exceptions may be permitted. For example, a PE and Drama scholar need not necessarily have to take both subjects.

THE SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PROCESS

At Priory School, we conduct an annual review of all scholarships to ensure that recipients continue to meet the high standards expected of them. This review is an essential part of maintaining the integrity and prestige of our scholarship programme.

Scholarship awards are contingent upon students consistently demonstrating excellence in their academic and extracurricular endeavours as outlined in the terms of their scholarship agreement. Should the annual review reveal that a scholar has not maintained these standards, the school reserves the right to reduce or withdraw the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients' attendance, behaviour and general attitudes towards school and others will be taken into consideration.

This policy is designed to encourage ongoing commitment and performance from our scholars, ensuring they remain aligned with the school's values and academic goals. Recipients will be notified in advance of the review process. Recipients will have the opportunity to discuss their performance with school officials if changes to their scholarship status are considered.

BURSARIES AND SUPPORTED PLACES

Priory School is also able to offer a limited number of bursaries and supported places for individuals who would benefit from an education at Priory School, but whose parents cannot afford to pay full fees.

BURSARIES

Bursaries are temporary remissions available for existing families who require financial support for an agreed period of time due to a sudden and unforeseen change to their financial circumstances. Bursaries are allocated on a scale according to the household income, which will be assessed regularly by our Bursary and Supported Place Committee. Eligible households must be earning under £80,000 per year to be considered for the bursary scheme.

SUPPORTED PLACES

Upon a child's entry point, parents or carers seeking financial support will be required to complete a means-tested form outlining their financial circumstances, along with key evidence to support the application. Supported places are available to pupils who have been offered a form of scholarship for entry into the school.

Supported places are reviewed annually by our Bursary and Supported Place Committee. The school will ask for updated information and financial documents each year to evaluate the family's financial status and ensure that it is still appropriate for the school to allocate the supported place for the following year. Families must inform us of any change in financial circumstances at any time, for example, an increase in salary.

We recommend that parents/carers complete an application form as early as possible during the admission process. Eligible households must be earning under £80,000 per year to be considered for a supported place.

APPLYING FOR A BURSARY OR A SUPPORTED PLACE

To apply for a Bursary or a Supported place, contact the Finance Department, requesting a means-tested application form at finance@prioryschool.net.



7+ Scholarship Application Form

All Scholarship candidates must sit the Entrance Examination. 7+ Scholarship applicants are then assessed for their chosen Performance Scholarships where they will be tested on skills related to the Scholarship(s) that they have applied for.

To apply for a Scholarship, you must:

- Complete the online Registration Form for Priory School.
- Complete the 7+ Scholarship Application Form, indicating which Scholarship/s you wish to apply for.

Send these documents, together with a registration fee of £60 (if not already paid with the initial Registration) to:

Priory School
39 Sir Harry's Road
Birmingham
B15 2UR



7+ (Year 3 Entry) Scholarship Application Form

This form is to be completed by the candidate's parent(s)/carer

Candidate:

Forename:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Name of Parents or Carers:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Present School:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Name of Principal/Headteacher:

7+ Scholarship applying for (please tick all that apply):

Academic

☐

Art and Design

☐

Sport

☐

Music

☐

🏆 If applying for a 7+ Sports scholarship, please list sports and teams the applicant has played for at school level, district level & county level (give dates & positions):

🏆 Please list any clubs or development groups the candidate is involved in and any other relevant interests and achievements of the candidate:

🏆 Please give details of any relevant examinations, activities and special interests:

 Are there any health or other issues which might affect the applicant's sporting contribution:

 Please give the name and address of the person/persons prepared to submit a testimonial in support of this application. (This will normally be the current teacher, but any other reference would be welcomed.) We will then request the reference/s.

Signature of Parent or Carer:

Date:



11+ Scholarship Application Form

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- Complete the 11+ Scholarship Application Form, indicating which Scholarship/s you wish to apply for.

Send these documents, together with a registration fee of £60 (if not already paid with the initial Registration) to:

Priory School
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Birmingham
B15 2UR



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11+ (Year 7 & above) Scholarship Application Form

This form is to be completed by the candidate's parent(s)/carer

Candidate:

Forename:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Name of Parents or Carers:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Present School:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Name of Principal/Headteacher:

11+ Scholarship applying for (please tick all that apply):

Academic

☐

Art & Design

☐

Sport

☐

Music

☐

Performing Arts

☐

🏆 If applying for a 11+ Sports scholarship, please list sports and teams the applicant has played for at school level, district level & county level (give dates & positions):

🏆 Please list any clubs or development groups the candidate is involved in and any other relevant interests and achievements of the candidate:

🏆 Please give details of any relevant examinations, activities and special interests:

 Are there any health or other issues which might affect the applicant's sporting contribution:

 Please give the name and address of the person/persons prepared to submit a testimonial in support of this application. (This will normally be the current teacher, but any other reference would be welcomed.) We will then request the reference/s.

Signature of Parent or Carer:

Date: