



Scholarship Awards

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Year 9
2025



Wycliffe



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We are delighted to announce that a range of Scholarships are available for Year 9 candidates applying for a place in Year 9 at Wycliffe College in September 2025. We are looking for candidates who show excellence in academic, sporting, musical, dramatic, design and technology and art disciplines.

Becoming a Scholar at Wycliffe will give you:

- Recognition of your achievements.
- Appreciation of your exceptional potential.
- Status of being a Scholar within the College.
- Enhancement of UCAS application and CV for future ventures.
- New opportunities to influence school life.
- Prospect of being a leader of the School and a good role model.



Academic

Academic Scholarship candidates are assessed on their aptitude and potential across a range of disciplines. The Academic assessment is by way of an online Cognitive Ability Test (CAT), no preparation is advised for these tests, which are nationally standardised methods by which potential can be accurately measured and benchmarked.

Assessment: Online CAT test.



Art

Students applying for the 13+ Art Scholarship will submit one A1 board of artwork in response to a set theme. The A1 board can have a range of work presented on it. We would like to see the candidates demonstrating a range of skills from drawing, photography, textiles, painting, printmaking and ceramics.

There is no requirement for a portfolio or framed work. Candidates should photograph any work that is 3-Dimensional and present it on the A1 board.

The Theme:

INTERIORS

- Vermeer
- The Bedroom by Van Gogh
- Henri Matisse
- John Monks
- Vilhelm Hammershoi
- Edouard Vuillard
- John Bratby

These artists were all inspired by interiors and used them as the setting for stories, great events or domestic life. They have all interpreted moods, colours, pattern and textures found in interiors familiar to them. Expansive or close-up viewpoints can provide sources for exploration and doorways and windows can aid the framing of viewpoints.

Investigate appropriate sources, use suitable materials and techniques, and produce your own response inspired by the theme of Interiors.

We would like to see your starting points, your chosen contextual (artist) link as well as how you have developed your ideas and imagery. Present everything on an A1 board and label with your name. During the Scholarship process you will discuss your project and outcomes with members of the Art department.

Good Luck



Design and Technology

Wycliffe offers Awards in Design and Technology candidates applying for Year 9 who are able to show a real interest and ability in the creative aspects of design and a good understanding of technology concepts. They should be able to exhibit a high level of graphical communication and craft skills.

Selection is in three stages:

1. A design examination of one-hour duration. No advance preparation is required.
 - Candidates will be required to analyse a given design brief.
 - Sketch two alternative designs that satisfy the specification provided.
 - Review their ideas.
 - Produce a final design that shows some development from the initial idea along with some technical knowledge of materials and construction methods.

They may want to bring a pencil case with their favourite drawing equipment.

2. A portfolio of Design and Technology related work that the candidate has either produced at school or home, showing as full a range of experience as possible.
 - It should include design drawings and an appreciation of the design process.
 - Evidence if possible, of completed practical projects, ideally in a range of different materials (photographs accepted).
3. A brief interview with the Design and Technology Team.

Assessment: Portfolio of work and a one-hour design exam and interview with the Head of Design and Technology.



Drama

In assessing candidates for Year 9 Scholarships we are looking for potential as much as actual achievement. They should indicate commitment and possess energy and ideas. Successful candidates are expected to make a special contribution to school life through their drama including taking part in the school production and to take full advantage of the opportunities on offer to develop their skills. They will study Drama to GCSE Level, and it is hoped they will continue with A Level Theatre Studies in the Sixth Form.

Selection is primarily by interview and audition speeches. Candidates may offer either acting or design for assessment.

All candidates will be expected to talk about a theatrical production they have seen in the last year, in a short interview with the Head of Drama. Additionally, acting candidates should prepare a short piece to perform, of approximately two minutes' duration, from a play of their own choice. Design candidates should produce a logbook including sketches of set, costumes or lighting from a play of their own choice.

Assessment: a short review of a theatrical production and performance of a short pre-prepared piece of two-minute duration.



Music

Music occupies a central position in life at Wycliffe with all pupils taking part in some musical activities during the year. Weekly musical activities include Chapel Choir, VOX (our advanced vocal group), Orchestra, Flute Group, String Group and Jazz Band. Much of the music for these groups is especially arranged bespoke for the specific players involved. Rehearsals for the music groups usually take place during lunchtimes or as part of the activities.

There are services, concerts and performances of music throughout the year, both inside and outside of school. There is an annual House Song Evening that includes all the pupils in the School, as well as a biannual House Music Competition. We also organise masterclasses and workshops to stretch and inspire our musicians, one of which was run by Voces8.

Facilities include a dedicated Music Department building with teaching rooms, a main teaching and rehearsal room. For those with an interest in popular music and production, we have a Music Technology Suite and Recording Studio equipped with Macs running the latest software for sequencing and recording. We also hold Gig Nights to encourage a wide variety of music-making and organise trips to see live performances of music in a range of different styles.

Auditions involve candidates performing two contrasting pieces on their first instrument and one piece on their second instrument (if any), together with sight-reading and ear tests. Candidates who are not offering voice as their first or second instrument are encouraged, if possible, to prepare a song.

Wycliffe supports talented musicians through Music Scholarships that help develop and nurture musical potential. Music Scholars form the core of the ensembles and therefore have a very important role in the Department.

Wycliffe is a friendly place and we try to make candidates feel at home, for this reason, the Director of Music, is always pleased to meet prospective candidates and their parents at any time prior to the assessment.

Music Scholars are expected to:

- Have instrumental lessons. These are not included as part of Music Scholarships, but all pupils studying GCSE and A Level Music do receive free instrumental tuition on the instrument on which they will be examined for the Performance element of the course.
- Practise their instrument(s) regularly to develop a high level of musicianship and skill.
- Be a member of at least two Wycliffe music ensembles and attend weekly rehearsals for these groups, taking a leading role.
- Make a significant contribution to the Music Department, performing both inside and outside of the College as a soloist and part of a group.
- Apply commitment, enthusiasm and reliability.
- Display proactivity and responsibility for their own development as a musician.
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Sport

At 13+ level we are looking for games players whose performance is of a very high standard at school and/or club level. Candidates are likely to be playing sport at county representative level or above, or they should demonstrate the potential to do so should their current circumstances not allow representative sport. There would be an expectation of a high level of commitment to all spheres of sport at Wycliffe. A 13+ Sports Scholarship Award will be made on the demonstration of ability and potential in at least two but ideally three of the major team sports

Major Sports at Wycliffe:

- Rugby
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rowing
- Cricket
- Football
- Basketball
- Squash

Applicants should be outstanding at first team level at school or club, in at least two of the sports listed above. Ability in other sports may be taken into consideration

Selection at 13+ will be made through assessment in various fitness testing as well as performance in the selected sports.

Supporting evidence of previous accomplishments in your top two sports, in the form of references should be submitted with your application or at the interview.

Please note that there will only be one Sport Scholarship Assessment which will take place in October.



Frequently Asked Questions...

How do pupils apply for an award?

Pupils should complete the Application form(s) and write a Letter of Application and return these by the deadline date. External candidates will also need to register with Wycliffe and provide a copy of their current school report.

Can international pupils apply for a scholarship?

We encourage and welcome scholarship applications from international pupils. Special arrangements are made if the pupil is unable to attend the assessments due to travel issues.

What is a Letter of Application?

The Letter of Application is a letter written by the pupil and addressed to Mr San José, Headmaster. The letter explains why the pupil would merit the title 'Scholar' and how being a Scholar would make a difference to our Wycliffe community.

What are the value of the awards?

The awards are made on an individual basis and are determined by the calibre and potential of successful applicants.

Can you give me an indication of when I am likely to receive the results for the scholarships?

The results are posted via first class post, usually within a week after the end of the scholarship assessments have taken place.

Do previous awards continue into Sixth Form?

Scholarships are held for the duration of a pupil's time in Senior School, provided his or her conduct is satisfactory and his or her level of work and commitment is in line with the expectations of a Scholar.

Completed applications should be sent to:

By email to: Mrs Fiona Lawson-Best, Admissions Manager, Fiona.Lawson-Best@wycliffe.co.uk

By post to: Mrs Fiona Lawson-Best, Wycliffe College, Admissions, 32 Regent Street, Stonehouse Glos. GL10 2AD.





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