



5th November 2019

Dear Year 8 Parents

13+ Scholarships at Notre Dame

I am delighted to advise that Notre Dame is continuing to offer 13+ Scholarships for students commencing Year 9 in September 2020.

These include Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships.

I am attaching a schedule with the dates for each Scholarship assessment along with information for candidates on each subject.

Applications are welcome from all internal Year 8 students, as well as external candidates, however please note that 13+ Scholarships cannot be offered to students who already hold an 11+ Scholarship. 13+ Scholarships extend to the end of GCSE Year 11, and there are Sixth Form Scholarships available, the assessments for which are taken in November of Year 11.

If you feel your daughter excels in one of these areas and you would like to register her for a Scholarship, please confirm your interest to me by email to:

sbadger@notredame.co.uk

The deadline for registration is Monday 18th November 2019.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sarah Badger BSc (Hons), PGCE
Assistant Head, Curriculum



Application for a 13+ Academic Scholarship

Information for Parents of Candidates

Each candidate will sit three examinations:

1. Mathematics
2. English Reading Comprehension and Writing Task
3. Non-Verbal Reasoning

These examinations will take place during the school day on:

Friday 31st January 2020 between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

If you require further information, please contact Ms Sarah Badger at

sbadger@notredame.co.uk



Application for a 13+ Art Scholarship

Information for Parents of Candidates

Notre Dame's Art Department is seeking scholars who have strong observational drawing skills, a creative flair and a genuine passion for the visual arts. In order to demonstrate this we would like each candidate to undertake a practical assessment, which will take place during the school day on Tuesday 29th January.

Candidates are also asked to submit a sketchbook or a portfolio of work that they have completed unaided. It is expected that you use work you have made at school as well as at home within your submission. This could include some of the following:

1. Drawings from direct observation, (not from pictures), some that are shaded and some using line only. They can be completed with a variety of materials such as; pencils, charcoal, fine-liner or colour pencils.
2. Your copies of paintings that you admire, using any materials which you feel are suitable. You can also include any other painting you have completed, or other artwork such as illustrations or designs.
3. We would like you to explain in no more than 100 words why you feel so passionate about Art and Design, what artists you admire and let us know what exhibitions you have seen. Please submit this with your artwork.

Please make sure that any work submitted is clearly labelled. Submissions should be sent to Ms Badger by **Friday 10th January 2020**. These will be returned to the candidate at the end of the practical assessment.

Assessments will take place on Tuesday 28th January 2020 between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

During the practical assessment you will be required to produce an observational drawing for one hour. You will also have one hour to respond to a piece of art work in colour. This will be explained in full on the day. All materials and subject matter will be provided.

If further information is required please contact Ms Badger, Assistant Head at sbadger@notredame.co.uk.



Application for a 13+ Drama Scholarship

Information for Parents of Candidates

Each candidate should submit the following (all labelled) to Miss Graham, Head of Drama, by **Friday 10th January 2020**:

1. A list of drama activities and productions in which the candidate has participated.
2. Any LAMDA / Guildhall / Festival comments sheets, if applicable.
3. A short review (no more than 500 words) of a live theatre production they have seen. This will form the basis for an informal discussion.

Candidates will also be asked to undertake a short audition, which will take place during the school day on **Monday 27th January 2020**. For the audition, the candidate will need to have prepared a short monologue of no more than two minutes in length and be prepared to participate in a Drama Workshop. If you require further information, please contact Miss Christina Graham at cgraham@notredame.co.uk.

Please Note:

The audition process is informal and relaxed as we want the candidates to enjoy the audition and perform at their best.



Application for a 13+ Music Scholarship

Information for Parents of Candidates

Auditions will take place at Notre Dame on **the morning of Wednesday 29th January 2020**.

Candidates will be notified of the time of their audition.

Each candidate should be prepared to:

1. Perform two contrasting solo pieces on her FIRST instrument
2. If more than one instrument, perform a solo on her SECOND instrument/voice
3. Undertake some simple ear tests
4. Sight-read (where applicable)
5. Candidates with suitable singing experience may choose to demonstrate their vocal ability. Students will be asked to perform unaccompanied (for all instruments), to submit music for accompaniment upon application or to bring an accompanist
6. Provide information as to her level of skill (grade exams, for example) and involvement in music in or out of school
7. Provide information as to the level of theory being studied if applicable
8. Provide information about her ability to compose or interest in composition if applicable

If the candidate is not a vocalist, please advise if she sings in her school choir or in a choir outside school.

The voices of all instrumental candidates will be tested for tuning, quality, range and voice type using simple warm-up exercises.

As part of the audition, the Head of Music will speak to the candidate about her general interests and her involvement in school life and outside school, such as hobbies and clubs.

Those holding the award will be expected to make a strong contribution to the musical life of the school and will be encouraged to follow the Music course to GCSE. All Music scholars with suitable voices will be expected to complement their instrumental studies and participation in school orchestra with membership of one or both of the school choirs and other smaller ensembles as directed by the Head of Music.

Please Note:

The audition process is informal and relaxed as we want the candidates to enjoy the audition and perform at their best.

If you need any further information, please email Miss Arthur, Head of Music, at:
marthur@notredame.co.uk



Application for a 13+ Sports Scholarship

Information for Parents of Candidates

Sports Scholarships are awarded to students with a proven high level of sporting ability and potential. Candidates are expected to offer at least one major sport to a high standard. Candidates must also demonstrate flair for acquiring new skills as well as a passion and commitment to sport in general.

It is expected that Sports Scholars will play a full role in the sporting life of the school.

Each candidate should submit a written record of her sporting achievements to Mrs Marsh, Head of Sport, by **Friday 10th January 2020** along with photocopies of awards and certificates and photos of any cups or medals being received. Please do not submit original certificates, awards, cups, medals, or DVD's.

The written record could include:

1. How long the candidate has been participating in her chosen sport or sports
2. School/Club/County or National participation
3. Courses attended, awards gained (along with awarding body/level/year achieved)
4. Details of positions of responsibility (eg captain)
5. Candidate's aspirations
6. Candidate's other interests, sporting or otherwise, in and out of school
7. Any other relevant information to support the Candidate's application

Assessments will take place on Tuesday 28th January 2020.

The scholarship assessment for internal candidates will include a 15 minute interview, which will be arranged individually with each candidate, as well as evidence from the portfolio and an analysis of the candidate's performance over the last twelve months in school sports.

The scholarship assessment for external candidates will include a 15 minute interview as well as evidence from the portfolio and an assessment of each candidate's participation in a training session in either hockey, netball or swimming. Mrs Marsh will contact each external candidate to arrange a date and time for the assessment and interview.

If you require further information, please contact Mrs Heather Marsh, Head of PE at hmarsh@notredame.co.uk