

Yateley Manor School



Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries

Introduction

Yateley Manor annually offers a range of Awards and Scholarships to pupils who are exceptionally talented in a number of disciplines: Academic, Creative and Performing Arts, Sport and Chess. In addition we offer a number of All-Rounder Scholarships to candidates who exhibit well above average potential in more than one area and will contribute to the Yateley Manor community. This will include academic ability plus talent in another area such as Music, Art, Sport or Drama.

Awards, which indicate Scholarship potential, are typically considered for entry in to Year 3 when there is more evidence on which to make a decision, but exceptionally may be awarded from Reception. Scholarships are usually awarded for entry into Year 7, but again, exceptionally, may be awarded from Year 5. Once given, Awards last until the end of Year 6 (but may be converted into Scholarships from Year 5) and Scholarships are awarded for the duration of Years 7 and 8, both subject to annual review. The Headmaster has the right to withdraw an Award or Scholarship at any time if commitment, progress or behaviour are not being maintained in line with expectations.

Assessments take place in the academic year preceding entry and are open to both current pupils and to external pupils who have an excellent school report and recommendation from their head teacher.

Awards carry a nominal fee reduction of up to 15% of fees and scholarships of up to 50%. If an award or scholarship has been granted, parents in genuine financial need can also apply for a means-tested bursary. The value of any award must remain strictly confidential between parents and the school. Pupils should not be told about the value of the award.

Yateley Manor welcomes bursary applications from parents of children who have been awarded a scholarship but might not be able to consider Yateley Manor for financial reasons. Parents can apply to have the scholarship augmented by a bursary, subject to a means test. Bursaries take the form of a fee reduction (of up to 100% in exceptional circumstances) to a level dependent on the parents' financial resources. A limited number of bursaries may also be available for entry to Yateley Manor in cases where a pupil does not meet the requirements for a scholarship and on entry to Pre-Prep.

All Bursaries, Awards and Scholarships are subject to the school's ability to fund them within the context of its overall budget and cannot therefore be guaranteed.

The school respects the confidentiality of scholarship and bursary awards and expects parents and pupils to do the same.

Awards

Awards are offered on entry to the preparatory school (Year 3) though in exceptional circumstances may be offered from Reception. Pupils may be offered an Award to recognise academic, sporting, creative/performing arts or chess achievements and/or potential. Awards carry a nominal fee reduction of up to 15%; however, a small number of "Headmaster's Awards" may carry reductions of up to 25% in recognition of exceptional excellence in a particular area or areas. Yateley Manor reserves the right to withdraw an Award at any time if a pupil's commitment, progress or behaviour are not being maintained in line with expectations.

Current and prospective parents may apply for an Award in writing to the Registrar but we will also consider children for awards where no application has been made and we believe the child will meet our criteria. Further details of the application process are available from the Registrar and on our website. During their taster day, all children undergo a baseline assessment to give us an idea of their strengths and weaknesses and their academic needs. Should a child perform strongly in this assessment they may be invited back for a more formal assessment for consideration of an Award.

In considering a child's suitability for an Award, attention will be given to an assessment of the child's overall academic, sporting, musical, artistic or chess achievement or potential. Award funds are limited and those judged most suitable will be given priority as those likely to gain most from the educational provision. All Awards are subject to the school's ability to fund them within the context of its overall budget and cannot therefore be guaranteed.

Scholarships

Scholarships are offered on entry to Year 7 though in exceptional circumstances may be offered from Year 5. All current pupils are automatically assessed over the course of Years 5 and 6 for scholarship potential. Pupils may be offered a Scholarship to recognise academic, sporting, creative/performing arts or chess achievements and/or potential. Scholarships carry a fee reduction of between 15% and 50%. Yateley Manor reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship at any time if a pupil's commitment, progress or behaviour are not being maintained in line with expectations.

Current and prospective parents may apply for a Scholarship in writing to the Registrar but we will also consider children for scholarships where no application has been made and we believe the child will meet our criteria. Further details of the application process are available from the Registrar and on our website. All academic scholarships will be awarded following a formal assessment. Non-academic scholarships will be awarded following practical assessment or on the basis of current achievement.

In considering a child's suitability for a Scholarship, attention will be given to an assessment of the child's overall academic, sporting, musical, artistic or chess achievement or potential. Scholarship funds are limited and those judged most suitable will be given priority as those likely to gain most from the educational provision.

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Bursaries

Two different bursaries are available: Entry Bursaries and Hardship Bursaries. Both are means tested. Parents seeking a Bursary are required to complete an application form (Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances) which requests details of income, certain outgoings, assets and liabilities. Forms can be obtained from the Bursar, to whom completed applications (together with any required documentary evidence) should be returned.

Where a child is judged suitable to receive a Bursary, the amount of any assistance is not influenced principally by the child's ability or potential but by the extent of need. The school will assess all applications and may request a meeting with parents to ensure that the information

declared has been correctly interpreted and, therefore, that the assessment has been carried out in a fair and consistent manner.

Each application is considered on its own merits. It is recognised that judgements about what sacrifices a family should make to pay school fees will be personal. However, the school has a duty to ensure that any financial support they offer is well focussed and targeted towards those most in need. Therefore, in determining the appropriate level of assistance to be offered, factors in addition to current earnings may be considered, including:

- The ability to improve the financial position or earning power of the family.
- Opportunities to release any capital (including investments and significant equity value in houses).
- The costs of any siblings at the school (but not at other schools).
- In cases of divorce or separation, the contribution made by both parents (unless otherwise directed by a Court Order).
- Any contribution to fees or other household costs by other family members or other outside sources.

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In order that limited funds may be released when appropriate to meet the needs of other families, parents whose children are in receipt of bursary awards are required to bring to the schools' attention any material improvement in their financial circumstances. The school will review the amounts of bursary awards annually.

Entry Bursaries

Parents of children who have been awarded an Award or Scholarship may apply to have this augmented by an Entry Bursary, subject to a means assessment, should they not otherwise be able to afford for their children to enter the School. Bursaries take the form of a fee reduction (of up to 100% in exceptional circumstances). The level of fee reduction will be dependent on the parents' financial resources.

A limited number of bursaries may also be available for entry to Yateley Manor in cases where a pupil does not meet the requirements for a scholarship and on entry to Pre-Prep.

Hardship Bursaries

Parents of children who have not been awarded a scholarship but who are already at the school may apply for a Hardship Bursary if there is a significant change in their circumstances (for example, a reduction in earnings or a redundancy) which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of entry into the school. In such cases, Bursaries would not normally be approved until the pupil has completed one academic year at that school. When considering such applications, account will be taken of the pupil's progress and of their contribution to the life of the school, as well as of the change in the parents' financial circumstances.

Yateley Manor Award and Scholarship Entry Form



All pupils are automatically considered for Academic Awards and no further application is necessary unless there is some aspect of the candidate's performance of which Yateley Manor would otherwise be unaware.

All Candidates:

Full name of candidate:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone Number:Email:

Date of Birth: Age on 1st September years months

Internal Candidates only: Present form at Yateley Manor:

External Candidates only: Present School:

Head's Name: Address:

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Postcode: Telephone Number:

Either The candidate is already registered for entry to Yateley Manor []

OR

The candidate is not registered and is seeking entry solely via an award []

All Rounder Award/Scholarship: I wish my child to be considered for an All Rounder Award and have filled in the sections for Music, Sport, Performing Arts, Creative Arts and Chess as relevant []

Additional Talents:

Please state any talents, areas of strength, examinations, competition, teams, awards or achievements that you would like us to know about and which do not appear in the other relevant sections that you have completed:

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Academic Awards and Scholarships:

Please state any particular academic and non-academic strengths, achievements, external assessments, grades, competitions or awards that you would like us to know about:

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Chess Awards/Scholarships: I wish my child to be considered for a Chess Award []

How long has the candidate been playing chess? yearsmonths

Please list any tournaments or competitions entered and results:

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Music/Performing Arts Awards/Scholarships:

I wish my child to be considered for a Music/Performing Arts Award []

Please state principal instrument with grade reached and date of exam:

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Please list other instrument(s) with grade(s), if any, and dates achieved:

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Please list other exams taken, such as dance or drama, and date of exam and other relevant experience:

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Sports Award/Scholarships: I wish my child to be considered for a Sports Award []

Please state areas of particular interest / strengths / experience:

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Please list any clubs / awards / teams in which the candidate is or has been involved:

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Creative Arts Award/Scholarship: I wish my child to be considered for a Creative Arts Award []

Please state areas of particular interest / strengths / experience:

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For all awards please attach any certificates and supporting letters from coaches, teachers or team managers.

Signature of Parent: Date:

Name of Parent:



Please complete this form and return with supporting
documents by

Friday 20th January 2012 at the latest

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