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*A School for Life*

## **Scholarship Programme 2023**

*Entrance and Scholarship Information  
for internal and external candidates  
entering Senior School (Year 7) and Sixth Form*

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## **Introduction**

As one of Wales' leading independent day schools, Rougemont School is proud to offer scholarship opportunities to exceptional pupils in all areas of school life. The fundamental aim at Rougemont School has always been to ensure that every pupil achieves the most they can from their education; that they leave school as well-rounded individuals who have reached their full potential.

Our small class sizes ranging from 14 to 22, allow us to focus time and attention on individual needs, whilst our inclusive and friendly approach across the three schools creates a strong sense of community. Our 'School for Life' approach ensures support at every stage of a pupil's educational journey, from Nursery right through to Sixth Form. Our most recent ESTYN inspection highlighted our pupils' 'high levels of wellbeing and exceptional attitudes to learning'.

Academic excellence is naturally a strong focus for us but Rougemont is about much more than just results. From Nursery to Sixth Form, our community is thriving as ESTYN highlighted our 'outstanding range of co-curricular activities which contribute particularly well to pupils' cultural awareness and development'. We ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential inside and outside the classroom making happy learners and happy children.

Our new Scholarship programme enables pupils to realise their educational ambitions. This information booklet details the various types of awards, outlines the criteria for application and about the assessment process itself.

## **Scholarships Overview**

The Scholarship Programme at Rougemont will award those pupils entering the School from September 2023.

Scholars are a core part of school life at Rougemont. Scholars are expected to take the lead in the academic and extra-curricular life of the school with active involvement in clubs, committees, house events and teams providing leadership, inspiration and excellent role models for younger pupils.

In assessing candidates we are not simply recognising existing talent but will also take into account pupils' future potential, motivation and aspiration. Scholars are expected to consistently achieve high standards.

It is important that potential candidates, both internal and external read the criteria carefully to ensure that they will meet the standard.

The tenure of the Scholarships varies:

- I I+ Scholarship (Year 7) – *five years*
- Sixth Form Scholarship (Year 12) – *two years*

It should also be noted that Scholarships are subject to review and to the Headmaster's/Head of Preparatory School's satisfaction with the holder's performance and behaviour.

Scholarship entry is competitive and is open to both internal and external pupils.

***\*Current scholarship holders are exempt from applying for further scholarships. All current scholarships awarded up until January 2017 will continue to be honoured until the end of Year 13.***

## ***Bursaries/Fee Assistance***

As a registered educational charity, Rougemont School is committed to offering means-tested bursaries to pupils which supplement the fees according to financial circumstances.

The percentage of award will depend upon the outcome of an independent assessment of finances conducted in accordance with the Charities Commission guidelines.

Scholarship recipients are able to apply for a bursary.

Rougemont is proud of the support it provides deserving and talented candidates who may not otherwise be able to afford an independent education. Supporting pupils to realise their ambitions and full potential is fundamental to Rougemont's ethos and aims.

All enquiries for fee assistance should be directed to the Finance Manager, in the first instance on 01633 820809 or [financemanager@rougemontschool.co.uk](mailto:financemanager@rougemontschool.co.uk)

# **Sixth Form Scholarships (Year 12 entry)**

## ***Introduction***

The School offers **Academic, Sporting and Creative Arts** scholarships for pupils entering Year 12 in September 2023. The value of Scholarship awards is related to performance during the assessment process and predicted GCSE grades.

Candidates seeking entrance to Year 12 are required to attend a formal interview, attend Taster Days and sit the Sixth Form Scholarship Examination in November 2022.

Through the application process, the aim is to identify pupils who have the potential to flourish at Rougemont Sixth Form and who exhibit outstanding talents both inside and outside of the classroom.

The Sixth Form Scholarship is valid for two years i.e. until the end of Year 13, subject to good progress.

## **Academic Scholarship**

### ***Criteria***

To apply, candidates should meet the following criteria outlined below:

- Candidates should achieve at least five A\* grades at GCSE.
- Candidates will demonstrate a strong academic insight and ability in two of their prospective A Level subjects
- Candidates currently in Year 11
- Candidates should demonstrate a willingness to be fully involved in the life of the School

### ***Assessment***

Candidates applying for the Sixth Form Academic Scholarship will be assessed in the following ways:

- Interview with the Headmaster, Deputy Head and Assistant Head (Academic)

The emphasis of the interview is for pupils to talk about themselves and to highlight their talents and strengths. Candidates may bring something (e.g. sporting trophies, photographs, instruments, art portfolio, press cuttings) that they would be happy to talk about at interview. Candidates will be expected to discuss future ambitions in depth and how they can contribute positively to the life of the School.

- Taster Days

All external candidates are expected to attend at least one day with the current Year 11 classes and participate in the everyday life of the school. Taster Days will be held during the autumn term.

- Academic Assessment

Candidates will be required to sit the Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Examinations in November 2022. Candidates will sit a Thinking Skills paper and two subject specific papers designed to examine insight and ability rather than taught knowledge.

- References

External candidates will be expected to provide a reference from their current school and their two most recent school reports.

## **Sports Scholarship**

### **Criteria**

To apply, candidates should meet the following criteria outlined below:

- Candidates should have evidence of high level representation at county, national or international level
- Candidates for a Sport Scholarship will be expected to have a satisfactory level of academic ability and meet the Sixth Form general entry requirements (at least 5 B grades at GCSE)
- Candidates currently in Year 11
- Candidates should demonstrate a willingness to be fully involved in the life of the School

### **Assessment**

Candidates applying for the Sixth Form Sports Scholarship will be assessed in the following ways:

- Interview with the Headmaster and Director of Sport

The emphasis of the interview is for pupils to talk about themselves and to highlight their sporting talents and strengths. Candidates are asked to bring a sport portfolio including, for example, sporting trophies, press cuttings, DVD extracts highlighting sporting ability that they would be happy to talk about at interview. Candidates will be expected to discuss future ambitions in depth and how they can contribute positively to the life of the School.

- Taster Days

All external candidates are expected to attend at least one day with the current Year 11 classes and participate in the everyday life of the school. Taster Days will be held during the autumn term.

- Practical Assessment

Candidates will be required to give a demonstration of their sporting skills, typically by joining in a training session with other candidates or pupils already at the School.

- General Aptitude Assessment

Candidates will also be required to attend the Scholarship Examinations in November 2022 to sit one Thinking Skills paper.

- References

Candidates will be required to provide a reference from their current school and their two most recent school reports. References from clubs, coaches etc. will also be required outlining the candidate's standard and ability to meet the criteria

## **Creative Arts Scholarship (Music, Drama, Art, DT)**

### **Criteria**

To apply, candidates should meet the following criteria outlined below:

- Candidates should achieve A\* grades at GCSE in their area of interest i.e. Music, Art, Drama or DT
- Candidates will demonstrate a strong academic insight and ability in two of their prospective A Level subjects one which should be their area of interest i.e. Music, Art, Drama or DT
- Candidates currently in Year 11
- Candidates should demonstrate a willingness to be fully involved in the life of the School

### **Assessment**

Candidates applying for the Sixth Form Creative Arts Scholarship will be assessed in the following ways:

- Interview with the Headmaster and Head of Subject (e.g. Music, Art, Drama or DT)

The emphasis of the interview is for pupils to talk about themselves and to highlight their talents and strengths in the creative arts. Candidates will be expected to discuss future ambitions in depth and how they can contribute positively to the life of the School. Candidates will also be expected to discuss subject specific interests with the Head of Subject.

- Taster Days (all Creative Arts candidates)

All external candidates are expected to attend at least one day with the current Year 11 classes and participate in the everyday life of the school. Taster Days will be held during the autumn term.

- Practical Assessment (Art and DT candidates)
  - Candidates will be required to present a portfolio of up to eight items of work (plus a sketchbook).
  - Candidates will be required to bring a finished piece of work to interview including sketchbook and supporting research relevant to the development of their ideas
  - Candidates will be asked to produce an observational drawing on the day of examination
- Practical Assessment (Drama candidates)
  - Improvisation under direction from Head of Drama
  - Discussion with Head of Drama about achievements in drama so far, e.g. LAMDA, theatrical groups outside of school, plays they have seen/acted in
- Practical Assessment (Music candidates)
  - Perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument (can include voice)
  - Discussion with Head of Music about achievements in music so far, e.g. Associated Board examinations, orchestra/ensemble involvement

- General Aptitude Assessment

Candidates will also be required to attend the Scholarship Examinations in November 2022 to sit one Thinking Skills paper.



- References

Candidates will be required to provide a reference from their current school including current Head of Subject and their two most recent school reports. Candidates may also provide references from non-school associated groups e.g. Gwent Music

### ***Offers of Sixth Form Scholarships***

Offers of a scholarship are made in writing by the Headmaster as soon as the results are known. These will be based upon the reference provided by the candidate's current school and Taster Day experience (external candidates), the results of the Practical Creative Arts Assessment, the performance at interview and the School's judgement about the pupil's ability to benefit from the education offered at Rougemont Sixth Form.

### ***Acceptance of a place***

Parents are asked to confirm acceptance in writing to the Headmaster. A deposit of £250 is required which is refundable at the end of the pupils' time at Rougemont School. This is subject to all accounts being cleared.

### ***Registrations received after the Scholarship Examination date in November 2022***

Depending on the availability of places, applications can still be made for entry to Year 12 in September 2023 but these applications will not be eligible to be considered for Scholarship.

\*For how to apply, key dates and deadlines, please refer to page 12.

# **Senior School Scholarships & Entrance (Year 7 entry)**

## **Introduction**

A number of Scholarships are available for pupils entering Year 7 in September 2023. Scholarships are awarded in a tiered approach with award values between 10%-25% of the school fees. The award value is related to performance during the assessment process.

Candidates seeking entrance to Year 7 are required to attend an interview, attend Taster Days and sit the Senior School Entrance Examination.

Through the application process, the aim is to identify pupils who have the potential to flourish at Rougemont School and who exhibit outstanding talents both inside and outside of the classroom.

The Senior School Scholarship is valid for five years i.e. until the end of Year 11.

## **Criteria**

To apply, candidates should meet the following criteria outlined below:

- Candidates who demonstrate a strong academic potential and scholastic ambition
- Candidates currently in Year 6

## **Assessment**

Candidates applying for the Senior School Scholarship will be assessed in the following ways:

- Interview with the Headmaster

The emphasis of the interview is for pupils to talk about themselves and to highlight their talents and strengths. Candidates may bring something (e.g. trophies, photographs, instrument) that they would be happy to talk about at interview.

- Taster Days

All external candidates are expected to spend at least one day with the current Year 6 classes and participate in the everyday life of the school. Taster Days will be held prior to the Entrance and Scholarship Examinations in January 2023.

- Academic Assessment

Candidates will be required to sit the Senior School Entrance and Scholarship assessment papers during the School's Scholarship assessment day in January 2023. The assessment consists of two papers, one in English and one in Maths.

- References

External candidates will be expected to provide a reference from their current school and their two most recent school reports.

### ***Offers of 11+ Scholarships***

Offers of a scholarship are made in writing by the Headmaster as soon as the results are known. These will be based upon the reference provided by the candidate's current school and Taster Day experience (external candidates), the results of the Academic Assessment, the performance at interview and the School's judgement about the pupil's ability to benefit from the education offered at Rougemont School.

### ***Acceptance of a place***

Parents are asked to confirm acceptance in writing to the Headmaster. A deposit of £250 is required which is refundable at the end of the pupils' time at Rougemont School. This is subject to all accounts being cleared.

### ***Registrations received after the Scholarship Examination date in January 2023***

Depending on the availability of places, applications can still be made for entry to Year 7 in September 2023 but these applications will not be eligible to be considered for Scholarship.

\*For how to apply, key dates and deadlines, please refer to page 12.

## ***How to apply***

All candidates are welcome to attend the relevant Open Mornings/Evenings to visit the school and discuss the scholarships with the Headmaster or Head of the Preparatory School and the relevant Heads of Subject.

Please complete the relevant Scholarship Application Form returning it to Mrs Nicky Bates, Admissions Registrar by the deadline date outlined below.

All external pupils will need to be registered with the school in order to apply for a scholarship.

## ***Key Dates and Deadlines***

- Sixth Form Scholarships

Scholarship application deadline	<b>Friday 7 November 2022</b>
Examination date	<b>Saturday 19 November 2022</b>
Decisions issued (via post)	<b>w/c Monday 5 December 2022</b>

- Senior School Scholarships (Year 7 entry)

Scholarship application deadline	<b>Friday 6 January 2023</b>
Examination date	<b>Saturday 14 January 2023</b>
Decisions issued (via post)	<b>w/c Monday 6 February 2023</b>

## ***Open Events***

Sixth Form Open Evening      ***Tuesday 27 September 2022***

Whole School Open Morning      ***Saturday 15 October 2022***

## ***Useful Contacts***

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