



Scholarship Information

Academic Year 2009 - 2010

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SCHOLARSHIP & ENTRY EXAMINATIONS 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sixth Form Information Evening	4 th November 2008
Senior School Taster Day	4 th December 2008
Sixth Form Taster Day	29 th January 2009
Junior School Taster Week	w/c 8 th June 2009

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Junior School (Year 3)	Scholarship	8 th and 9 th June 2009
Senior School (Year 7)	Scholarship & Entry Test	27 th January 2009
GCSE Scholarship		28 th January 2009
Sixth Form Scholarship		30 th January 2009

MUSIC AWARD AUDITIONS

Senior School (Year 7)	20 th January 2009
GCSE	22 nd January 2009
Sixth Form	22 nd January 2009

SPORTS AWARD TRIALS

Sixth Form	w/c 2 nd February 2009
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For pupils with special physical requirements, individual arrangements can be made.
Please contact Mrs Craggs who will direct you to the relevant member of staff.

POLAM HALL SCHOOL BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Means-tested bursaries are available for entry into Year 7, Year 10 and Sixth Form. Please ask the School Bursar for further details.

Junior School Scholarship (for entry into Year 3. Awarded until completion of Year 6)

- ★ One internal and one external academic scholarship

Senior School Scholarship (for entry into Year 7. Awarded until completion of Year 11 or Year 13)

- ★ Internal and external academic scholarships. One external scholarship is currently known as 'The Simon Bailes Scholarship'.
- ★ Polam Hall Old Scholars' Award is awarded to a girl (internal or external) who has relatives who attended Polam Hall School.
- ★ External overseas academic scholarships
- ★ Music awards

GCSE Scholarship (for entry into Year 10. Awarded until completion of Year 11 or Year 13)

- ★ Internal and external academic scholarships
- ★ Music awards

Sixth Form Scholarship (for entry into Year 12. Awarded until completion of Year 13)

- ★ Internal and external academic scholarships, including some subject specific awards.
- ★ Internal and external academic overseas scholarship, including some subject specific awards.
- ★ Music awards
- ★ Sports award

All examinations, except the Junior School Scholarship Assessments, are taken in late January/early February for entry the following September. The Junior School Scholarship Assessments are taken in June. All academic scholarships and the Sixth Form Sports Award offer up to one-third reduction in the fees for the length of time specified. The value of each Award is at the Head's discretion.

Polam Hall School awards academic scholarships based upon three main criteria:

- ★ academic excellence
- ★ the promise or potential of academic excellence in the future
- ★ the candidate's significant contribution to the general life of the school

The Governing Body awards scholarships to successful candidates on the recommendation of the Head. Her decision is final.

The Head will inform internal and external candidates of the results by post. Girls who have been awarded a scholarship will be expected to remain at Polam Hall School for the period that the Scholarship has been awarded. The parent of any girl awarded a scholarship and removing that child from Polam Hall School before the completion of that award will be expected to pay back to the school the full value of that award to date. The only exceptions to this rule are:

- ★ if the family move out of the area
- ★ if the family are forced to leave the school and the girl has to return to the maintained sector owing to financial hardship.

SCHOLARSHIPS - EXAMINATION SUBJECT AREAS

Junior School Scholarship

Candidates for the Year 3 Scholarship sit assessments in the following subject areas: -

- ✪ Mathematics
- ✪ English
- ✪ Reading
- ✪ Perception

The assessments are spread over 2 days to include a settling-in period.

Senior School Scholarship

Candidates for the Senior School Scholarship sit examinations in the following subjects: -

- ✪ English Essay
- ✪ Logic and Reasoning

All candidates have an interview with the Head.

Students for whom English is not their first language will sit examinations in English as a Foreign Language and Mathematics. Reports from previous schools are considered.

GCSE Scholarship

Candidates for the GCSE Scholarship sit examinations in the following areas: -

- ✪ Thinking Skills
- ✪ Problem-solving skills

All candidates complete an Application Pack, which will be sent out at least 2 weeks before the examination date, and all have an interview with the Head.

Students for whom English is not their first language will sit examinations in English as a Foreign Language and Mathematics. Reports from previous schools are considered. All candidates complete an Application Pack, which will be sent out at least 4 weeks before the examination date.

Sixth Form Scholarship

Candidates for the Sixth Form scholarships sit examinations designed to test thinking and cross-curricular skills. The papers require no preparation. All candidates complete an Application Pack, which will be sent out at least 2 weeks before the examination date, and will have an interview with the Head.

Students for whom English is not their first language will sit examinations in English as a Foreign Language and Mathematics. All candidates complete an Application Pack, which will be sent out at least 4 weeks before the examination date.

All candidates are invited to attend a Sixth Form 'Taster Day'.

MUSIC AWARDS

Two levels of music award are available. A major award provides free tuition in 2 instruments, a minor award in 1 instrument. The awards are open to both internal candidates and girls wishing to start at Polam Hall School in the relevant year group.

Senior School and GCSE Music Awards

The School is looking for girls who show good musical potential. They need not necessarily have attained a high practical grade. Candidates' performances will be judged on their musicianship, aural ability, sight-reading and general musical knowledge.

The audition will consist of a practical examination where candidates must play two contrasting pieces on their main instrument, attempt a short piece of sight reading and aural tests. A second instrument or singing may be offered but is not essential. The School will provide an accompanist. Candidates are responsible for bringing their own accompaniment music.

This will be followed by a short interview with the Head of Music and probably one other member of the Music Staff.

The Head of Music reserves the right to re-audition successful candidates after two years. The award may be withdrawn if insufficient progress has been made.

It is expected that successful candidates will contribute to the musical life of the Senior School, eg playing in the orchestra and/or ensembles, and/or singing in the choirs.

Sixth Form Music Award

Prospective candidates need not take A Level Music.

The audition will consist of:

- ★ Performance of two contrasting pieces on the candidate's main instrument/voice
- ★ Sight reading on the main choice
- ★ Performance of one piece on a second instrument and a third, if this is applicable
- ★ Short aural test
- ★ Interview with the Head of Music and one other member of the music staff

Points to note:

- ★ The School will provide an accompanist. Candidates are responsible for bringing their own accompaniment music.
- ★ Present Polam Hall girls who hold a Music Award must re-audition for the award to continue into Sixth Form
- ★ It is not compulsory to perform on more than one instrument
- ★ The Music Department is not only looking for a high standard of performance and good musical ability but candidates must show a sense of commitment to the department and be willing to participate in the wide range of musical activities on offer at Polam Hall.

SIXTH FORM SPORTS AWARD

In granting the Sixth Form Sports Award the following criteria will be considered. The Award will be granted to the candidate who fulfils most of the following criteria: -

- ✪ demonstrates proven commitment and loyalty to her/his school by having played in a school team/teams since starting school life.
- ✪ achieves a good all-round standard in a wide range of sporting activities, demonstrating not only good personal skill and positional play but also showing the qualities of sportsmanship and team spirit that are expected by the school.
- ✪ wishes to pursue a career related to sport and leisure and studying related subjects at A level.
- ✪ desires to continue her/his chosen sport to a higher level but is unable to do so at another educational establishment.
- ✪ intends to continue her/his chosen sport to a higher level but is unable to do so because of financial difficulty.

Assessment will take the form of an interview and, if appropriate, a practical session.

In gaining this award the successful applicant will be expected to represent the school in at least one major sport during her/his Sixth Form life at Polam Hall and with the guidance of the members of the PE Department, help to promote the subject.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP & ENTRY ASSESSMENT

DATE - MONDAY AND TUESDAY 8TH AND 9TH JUNE 2009

- ★ Your daughter's birth date must fall between 1 September 2001 and 31 August 2002.
- ★ The assessments are spread over 2 days to allow a settling in period prior to the commencement of the tests.
- ★ Please bring your daughter to the reception in the main school building at 9am and ask for Mrs Foster who will arrange for your daughter to be taken to the Junior School.
- ★ Current school uniform/smart home clothes to be worn
- ★ Assessment tests will take place throughout the 2 days.
- ★ Lunch will be provided
- ★ Girls are to be collected from the Junior School Visitors room at 3.30pm. Parents are welcome to sit and wait in the Visitors room from 3.15pm when coffee will be available.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Full name of entrant:DOB

Full name of parent(s)/guardian(s): -
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Relationship to child: -

Current school: -

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

Please return this slip to Mrs Foster, Junior School Headmistress, NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 1ST JUNE 2009

SENIOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP & ENTRY EXAMINATIONS
TUESDAY TIMETABLE, 27TH JANUARY 2009

- ★ Parents to bring their daughters to the Library in the main building, where a register will be taken at 8.45 am.
- ★ Girls to be collected from the Library at 4.15 pm. Parents are welcome to sit and wait in the Library from **4.00 pm**, when coffee will be available.
- ★ Tests will take place throughout the day.
- ★ Girls will have a short interview with the Head.
- ★ Lunch will be provided and there will be an extra curricular activity during the lunch hour.
- ★ Please bring a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser.

11+ SCHOLARSHIP

Full name of entrant:.....

Full name of
Parent(s)/guardian(s):.....

Relationship to child:.....

Current school

Does the entrant have any Special Needs, Learning Difficulties, or Medical Issues? **YES/NO**

If you have answered YES to the above question could you please give brief details on the back of this form and attach any reports you have from specialists (eg medical specialist, Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist etc). The school office will photocopy reports for you if you wish. Thank you.

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

Please return this slip to Mrs Jane Craggs, NO LATER THAN MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2009

Please advise if your daughter has any special dietary requirements or if medication is required during the day.

POLAM HALL OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

SENIOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

DATE - TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2009

My daughter:.....(name)

Is the daughter of:.....

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Current school

Does the entrant have any Special Needs, Learning Difficulties, or Medical Issues?
YES/NO

If you have answered YES to the above question could you please give brief details on the back of this form and attach any reports you have from specialists (eg medical specialist, Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist etc). The school office will photocopy reports for you if you wish. Thank you.

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

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SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC AWARD AUDITIONS

DATE – 20th January 2009

- ✪ Candidates are to perform TWO contrasting pieces on their main instrument.
- ✪ If a second instrument is offered, one piece will be required.

- ✪ Please bring piano accompaniments as appropriate.

- ✪ All candidates will be given a short sight-reading test on their first instrument.

- ✪ There will be a short aural test for all candidates primarily to ascertain that the candidate has a good sense of pitch and rhythm.

- ✪ All candidates will have a short interview with the Head of Music and probably one other member of the Department.

- ✪ It is expected that successful candidates will contribute to the musical life of the Senior School, eg performing in concerts, playing in ensembles and/or orchestra, singing in the choirs.

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC AWARD

Name..... Date of birth.....

First Instrument.....

Examination(s) taken (if any) and result(s).....

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Second Instrument.....

Examination(s) taken (if any) and result(s).....

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

Please return this slip to Mrs Jane Craggs, NO LATER THAN MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2009

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GCSE SCHOLARSHIP & ENTRY EXAMINATIONS
DATE – WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2009

TIMETABLE

- ✧ Parents to bring their daughters to the Library in the main building, where a register will be taken at 9.00 am.
- ✧ Girls to be collected from the Library at 4.15 pm. Parents are welcome to sit and wait in the Library from **4.00 pm**, when coffee will be available.
- ✧ Tests will take place throughout the day
- ✧ Girls will have a short interview with the Headmistress or Deputy Head
- ✧ Lunch and an extra curricular activity
- ✧ Please bring with you a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser

GCSE SCHOLARSHIP

Full name of entrant:.....

Full name of
Parent(s)/Guardian(s):.....

Relationship to child:.....

Does the entrant have any Special Needs, Learning Difficulties, or Medical Issues? **YES/NO**

If you have answered YES to the above question could you please give brief details on the back of this form and attach any reports you have from specialists (eg medical specialist, Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist etc). The school office will photocopy reports for you if you wish. Thank you.

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

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GCSE MUSIC AWARD AUDITIONS
DATE – THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2009

- ★ Candidates are to perform TWO contrasting pieces on their main instrument. If a second instrument is offered, one piece will be required.
- ★ Please bring piano accompaniments as appropriate.
- ★ All candidates will be given a short sight-reading test on their first instrument.
- ★ There will be a short aural test for all candidates primarily to ascertain that the candidate has a good sense of pitch and rhythm.
- ★ All candidates will have a short interview with the Head of Music and probably one other member of the Department.
- ★ It is expected that successful candidates will contribute to the musical life of the Senior School, e.g. performing in concerts, joining the wind band and/or orchestra, singing in the choirs.

GCSE MUSIC AWARD

Name..... Date of birth.....

First Instrument.....

Examination(s) taken (if any) and result(s).....

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Second Instrument.....

Examination(s) taken (if any) and result(s).....

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Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

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POLAM HALL SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
DATE - FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2009

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

GCSE SUBJECTS			
To be taken Summer 2008 (Please tick accordingly)			
Art & Design	German	Religious Studies	
Business Studies	History	Science: Biology	
Drama	Home Economics	Science: Chemistry	
English	Information Technology	Science: Physics	
English Literature	Mathematics	Science: Single Award	
French	Music	Science: Double Award	
Geography	Physical Education	Spanish	
Others (Please write in)			
INTENDED AS/A LEVELS (Please tick accordingly)			
* Indicates subjects available if sufficient demand.			
Art & Design	French	Music	
Biology	Food Technology	Physical Education	
Business Studies	General Studies	Physics	
Chemistry	Geography	Politics	
Chinese	German	Psychology	
Drama & Theatre Studies	History	Statistics	
Economics	ICT	Spanish	
English Language	Mathematics		
English Literature	Further Mathematics		

Does the entrant have any Special Needs, Learning Difficulties, or Medical Issues? **YES/NO**

If you have answered YES to the above question could you please give brief details on the back of this form and attach any reports you have from specialists (eg medical specialist, Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist etc). The school office will photocopy reports for you if you wish. Thank you.

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

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SIXTH FORM MUSIC AWARD AUDITIONS

DATE – THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2009

- ★ Candidates are to perform TWO contrasting pieces on their main instrument. If a second instrument is offered, one piece will be required. Please bring piano accompaniments as appropriate.
- ★ All candidates will be given a short sight-reading test on their first instrument.
- ★ There will be a short aural test for all candidates primarily to ascertain that the candidate has a good sense of pitch and rhythm.
- ★ All candidates will have a short interview with the Head of Music and probably one other member of the Department.
- ★ It is expected that successful candidates will contribute to the musical life of the Senior School, e.g. performing in concerts, playing in ensembles and/or orchestra, singing in the choirs.

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Name.....Date of Birth.....

First Instrument.....

Teacher.....Grades Achieved.....

Second Instrument.....

Teacher.....Grades Achieved

Please list other musical activities, eg choirs, groups, orchestras, etc., in which you participate both in and out of school:

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Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

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SIXTH FORM SPORTS AWARD
DATE – WEEK COMMENCING 2nd FEBRUARY 2009

Full name of Entrant:Date of birth

Sports played and level of achievement: -

- 1).....
- 2).....
- 3).....
- 4).....
- 5).....

Please note we also require a completed school application form.

Signed:(Name & Title)

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