

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

September 2010

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## **SCHOLARSHIP & ENTRY EXAMINATIONS 2010**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sixth Form Information Evening	to be confirmed
Senior School Taster Day	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Sixth Form Taster Day	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Junior School Taster Week	w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2010

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Junior School (Year 3)	Scholarship	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2010
Senior School (Year 7)	Scholarship & Entry Test	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
GCSE Scholarship		27 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Sixth Form Scholarship		29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010

### **MUSIC AWARD AUDITIONS**

Senior School (Year 7)	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
GCSE	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2010
Sixth Form	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2010

### **SPORTS AWARD TRIALS**

Sixth Form	w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
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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.

**For pupils other than Polam Hall students a School Registration Form is required.**

## **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. Copies of the Bursary Application form can be downloaded from the school website.**

### **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

Reports from previous schools are considered. 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.

### **GCSE Scholarship**

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

- ✪ Thinking Skills
- ✪ Problem-solving skills

Reports from previous schools are considered. All candidates complete an Application Form, which will be available 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. All candidates complete an Application Form, which will be available 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 Form, which will be available 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 Form, which will be available 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.

All candidates must complete an Application Form, which will be available at least two weeks before the interview date.

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.