



## **13+ Academic Scholarship**

### **What are we looking for in a scholar?**

Academic scholars will be able to display a consistently positive attitude to their work. They should relish the opportunity to contribute to, and take advantage of, the academic life of the School.

Academic scholars will display:

- their enthusiasm for academic discussion
- their ability to reason
- their willingness to reflect on how they learn
- their potential to contribute to the academic life of the School

### **What does a scholar enjoy?**

Academic scholars will be mentored by the Director for Academic Development and Partnerships who will meet with scholars at least once per half term to discuss their progress and involvement in academic enrichment activities.

Each academic scholar will be invited to at least two Thinking Suppers, one at Radley College and one at St Helen's over the course of Middle School. Academic scholars from both schools meet for Thinking Suppers to discuss unseen sources related to a particular curriculum area.

### **Expectations of a scholar**

Academic scholars are expected to:

- display their commitment to learning across the curriculum
- engage with the academic extra-curricular opportunities available in School and those offered outside School

The Director of Academic Development and Partnerships will discuss these expectations with each scholar and monitor their academic performance with a particular focus on their effort grades.

### **Selection and assessment procedure**

#### **13+ Academic Scholarships: external candidates**

External candidates will be selected to sit the 13+ scholarship paper in November on the basis of their performance in entrance assessments, there is no requirement to submit a separate application form. The 13+ scholarship paper assesses thinking skills and does not

require any special preparation. Candidates who have performed to a high standard on the scholarship paper will be invited back to attend a scholarship interview the following week.

Invited candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Middle School and the Director of Academic Development and Partnerships. At the interview the candidates will be encouraged to display their ability to reason, their enthusiasm for academic discussion and their potential to contribute to the academic life of the school. Again, no special preparation is necessary.

### **13+ Academic Scholarships: internal candidates**

Students who have displayed both a very high standard of academic achievement, effort and potential since joining St Helen's are invited to enter themselves for the 13+ scholarship paper which assesses thinking skills and is taken in November of Year 8. No special preparation for this paper is required.

Those candidates who perform well in the scholarship paper will be interviewed by the Head of Middle School and the Head of Academic Extension. At the interview the candidates will be encouraged to display their ability to reason, their enthusiasm for academic discussion and their potential to contribute to the academic life of the school. No special preparation is necessary.

Internal applicants who wish to participate in this process should submit an application form for the 13+ scholarship paper by the deadline of 12.15pm on Monday 30 October 2023.

Details of the Scholarship Programme together with schedules and application forms are available in the 13+ Scholarships of the school website [www.shsk.org.uk](http://www.shsk.org.uk).