



Academic Scholarship 11+

Duration: 5 years

What are we looking for in a scholar?

An academic scholar will have genuine academic curiosity and passion for discussion, debate and deep thinking. They will be looking forward to academic life at St Helen and St Katharine and interested in fully developing their potential across a range of disciplines.

A successful scholarship candidate will demonstrate the following key attributes:

- Outstanding academic potential in the 11+ entrance examinations and process
- A consistently positive attitude to their work
- Enthusiasm for academic discussion
- The ability to reason
- A willingness to reflect on how they learn
- Exceptional potential to contribute to the academic life of the School

What does a scholar enjoy?

- Mentorship from the Deputy Head: Academic Enrichment and Co-curricular Activities who will meet with scholars at least once per half term to discuss their progress and involvement in academic enrichment activities
- Invitations to at least two Thinking Suppers, which are opportunities for academic discussion and debate on a particular curriculum area with able students from other schools, over the course of Lower School
- The opportunity to participate in The Lower School Helena Award programme which is only available to Academic Scholars

Expectations of a scholar

- To display a commitment to learning across the curriculum
- To model excellent attitudes to learning and academic work
- To engage with the supra-curricular opportunities available in School and those offered outside School

The Deputy Head: Academic Enrichment and Co-curricular Activities will discuss these expectations with each scholar and monitor their academic performance with a particular focus on their attitude to learning.

Selection and assessment procedure

Academic scholarships are awarded to both internal and external candidates following entrance assessments in January. Successful external candidates are informed in their Year 7 offer letter. Year 6 students are informed by letter from the Headmistress.

Details of the Scholarship Programme are available in the Scholarships section of the School website www.shsk.org.uk