



HALSTEAD  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## **Scholarship Policy**

The governing body awards scholarships for academic, music, creative and sporting excellence within the framework outlined below:

### **Academic Scholarships**

The Sue Herd Scholarship (named after a former chairman of governors) is the only academic scholarship available. It is awarded for academic excellence.

Pupils entering Halstead in the first year of the main school (Year 3) from our Pre-Prep (Year 2) or from outside are eligible for the award.

The maximum value of a full scholarship award is 25% of the annual fees and it is awarded to a single candidate. However in the absence of a single candidate who is clearly head and shoulders above other very able pupils, smaller awards can be made.

The award is made based on the pupil's standard of achievement in the core subjects of English, maths and science assessed informally during a school day at Halstead and an interview with the Headmistress.

### **Creative Awards**

Pupils entering Halstead in the first year of the main school (Year 3) from our Pre-Prep (Year 2) or from outside are eligible for the award.

The maximum value of the award is 25% of the annual fees and it awarded to a pupil who displays exceptional ability in an area of the creative arts e.g. drama, dance or art. There is only one award and it is not automatically awarded each year. A pupil needs to demonstrate ability in drama, dance or art. Pupils applying for an art award will be interviewed by the Head of Art and will need to bring a selection of work they have completed in Year 2 and to complete a short task in school. Candidates for drama and dance will be interviewed by our Head of Performing Arts and they will need to supply a recommendation from experts who have worked with the applicant outside school.

### **Sports Awards**

Pupils entering Halstead in the first year of the main school (Year 3) from our Pre-Prep (Year 2) or from outside are eligible for the award.

The maximum value of a scholarship award is 25% of the fees awarded to a single candidate. We endeavour to ensure that such awards are made to pupils who are head and shoulders above other very talented and able pupils in their peer group. These judgements are sometimes difficult to make because sporting excellence depends on factors other than the more obvious physical development of a child. Consequently, candidates are screened individually by the PE Department and in addition, the

Headmistress requires recommendations from experts who have worked with an applicant outside of the school.

### **Music Awards**

Pupils entering Halstead in the first year of the main school (Year 3) from our Pre-Prep (Year 2) or from outside are eligible for the award. The maximum value of a scholarship award is 25% of the annual fees awarded to a single candidate. At the discretion of the Headmistress the award may be put towards the cost of individual music lessons. We endeavour to ensure that such awards are made to pupils who show 'potential' not necessarily attainment to date. Consequently, candidates are screened individually by the Head of Music and in addition, the Headmistress requires recommendations from experts who have worked with an applicant outside of the school, this may be the peripatetic teachers who have worked with the pupil outside school.

Any scholarship or award is given for the whole of the pupil's time at Halstead. During her time at the school the pupil needs to demonstrate a full commitment in the curriculum area in which the award was made.