



## **EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARS**

Every year Taunton School provides financial support for pupils with special artistic, intellectual or sporting gifts. This support recognises their outstanding ability, but also confers certain responsibilities to the School community on the individual.

### **For Academic, All Rounder and IB Scholars:**

- We expect a fine work ethic, which implies the capacity to produce their work on time and to a standard of presentation and content commensurate with their status as a scholar.
- Scholars should set an example of academic excellence to those around them with regard to meeting deadlines, demeanour and participation in class and integrity in all matters related to coursework and homework.
- Scholars should have an appetite for stretching their minds beyond what is available in class, through reading, research, visits and presentations.
- We expect scholars to participate in the wider academic activities that the School arranges, including societies and one off events.
- Scholars should display academic ambition beyond the norm, being ready to take the initiative in cooperation with members of staff.
- All Rounder scholars are expected to participate fully in their recognised discipline(s) in the same way as detailed in the relevant sections below.

### **For Art Scholars:**

- The award of an Art scholarship presupposes that the successful scholar will pursue an art course through to advanced level with the option of continuing to art school.
- Art scholars should set an example to their peers through the quality and quantity of their work and indeed their enthusiasm for the subject.
- It is expected that they work independently subsuming the syllabus and thus creating work of a much higher calibre.

### **For Music Scholars:**

- Music scholarship holders are required to enter fully into the musical life of the School.
- It is expected that music scholars take part in a large number of ensembles and they must take as many opportunities as possible to play / sing as a solo performer, namely at tea-time Concerts, in Chapel and eventually possibly perform a concerto with the School's orchestra.
- They must be good ambassadors for the Music Department and encourage fellow pupils to be involved in different musical ensembles and choirs, representing the Department positively within the wider community.
- The holder must practise regularly, setting a good example.
- Music scholars must be available for occasions which fall at evenings and weekends.
- Scholars are expected to follow an academic music course throughout their time in the school to A level/IB.

**For Drama Scholars:**

- Drama scholars are expected to opt for Drama at all levels.
- They will be expected to demonstrate keen commitment and enter fully into Drama events organised by the School (although the award does not guarantee a role in productions).

**For Sports Scholars:**

- We expect pupils to be injury free and have a clean bill of health. Any chronic illness or injury must be notified to the School in writing in advance of any offer being made.
- Scholars must represent the school in any sports for which they are selected.
- Scholars must set the highest standards of dress, behaviour and sportsmanship whenever representing any team, whether at School or elsewhere.
- Scholars must accept this position as role models within the wider School context. Therefore their behaviour and attitude in lessons and around the School should be exemplary.
- Scholars should display exemplary commitment to the School, both as an athlete and as a member of the School body.
- Scholars can utilise the school Elite Sports Policy when pursuing representational sport equivalent to Regional level or above following discussion with the Director of Sport. It is however important to recognise that Sports Scholars are expected to contribute to more than one sport in the school.

**For ICT Scholars:**

- **Year 9** ICT Scholars will be expected to take a full part in ICT department activities such as Junior ICT Technicians and Robotics clubs.
- They will be expected to opt for a KS4 ICT qualification. Currently this is IGCSE ICT in Years 10 and 11.
- **Sixth Form** ICT Scholars will be expected to take part in ICT department activities such as Cyber Prefects.
- They will be expected to take a KS5 ICT qualification. Currently this is AS/A2 ICT in years 12 and 13.

**For Design & Technology Scholars:**

- A Design & Technology scholar will be expected to be fully involved in the 'life' of the Department and enter into the extra curricular side of the subject eg Greenpower.
- A successful applicant is expected to study Design & Technology at GCSE and A Level or IB Diploma.

**Communication and Monitoring:**

- A meeting will be held at the beginning of each academic year for scholars so these expectations can be explained and reinforced.
- Pupils who consistently do not perform to the standards laid down here will have their scholarship reduced or, in extremis, terminated.

L C Glaser  
Headmaster

I agree to abide by the Expectations of Scholars as outlined above:

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Name of Scholar (printed)

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Signature of Scholar

*Please keep one copy and return one signed copy of this document to the Registrar, Taunton School.*