

Year 9 Academic Scholarship Guidance

The following elements will be included in the Academic Scholarship Assessment for those seeking to enter Year 9 on an Academic Scholarship or to increase a current award:

- Mathematics paper 1 hour
- English paper 1 hour
- Persuasive Writing 1 hour

Two essays on an ethical issue

Length of essay should be between 500 and 750 words, written in 30 minutes.

GUIDANCE: Candidates should be able to discuss both sides of an issue, and yet make an informed and reasoned argument. Those who can pick out the nuances of the words of the question (for instance bringing in the “sacred” aspect of question 3) will distinguish themselves.

- Scholarship interview with the Vice-Principal Academic and a senior member of staff (for the top group of candidates from the examination). This will involve exploration of academic matters, the child’s attitude to school, their passions, and also will pose questions for which there is no clear “right answer”, but are designed to have the candidate thinking on his/her feet.