

**BADMINTON SCHOOL
AWARDS AND BURSARIES
POLICY FOR ENTRY IN
SEPTEMBER 2023**



POLICY NO. 2.11

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This policy sets out details of Awards and Bursaries which may be granted by Badminton School.
- 1.2. This policy seeks to clarify the difference between awards and bursaries and to point to sources of information and to application routes.
- 1.3. The policy does not cover the provision of continuity discounts, sibling discounts or Armed Forces discounts.
- 1.4. Further enquiries regarding these concessions should be made to the Director of Finance and Operations (DFO).

2. TYPES OF AWARD

- 2.1. Awards (many of which are commonly referred to as scholarships or Exhibitions) are made to pupils with a particularly high standard of achievement or potential and are granted regardless of financial need. There are awards made on academic grounds (which may be general or subject specific, and there are also awards which recognise ability in the fields of sport, music and art, as well as all-rounder awards.
- 2.2. An award is intended to recognise the achievement or the potential of a pupil and the School does not consider that the financial worth of such an award is its most important feature. Awards at Badminton are not given lightly and it is expected that the recipient will strive for excellence in their chosen field and make a material contribution in this sphere. In addition, the School will encourage recipients by highlighting opportunities to maximise their potential.
- 2.3. Awards are given a financial value. They are not means tested. The annual financial value for each type or individual award is set out in the tables below. Should parents be happy to waive the associated fee discount, the amount of the award is transferred to the School's bursary funds. The School is naturally extremely grateful to any families who are happy to donate to its bursary funds in this way.
- 2.4. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of a family's financial circumstances and are reassessed at least annually.
- 2.5. The School has limited resources from which it can offer bursaries. A range of factors is considered in granting a bursary and the School does not apply a simple family income threshold to determine whether a bursary may be given. In considering the financial need of an applicant, the size of family and the level of income and capital are taken into account. As a result the number and size of bursaries can vary considerably.
- 2.6. In all cases the level of a bursary is determined by the extent of financial need and therefore applicants are required to complete an application form which provides comprehensive details of their income and capital. Where the assessment carried out by the School shows that there is no financial need, no bursary will be granted. The level of discount varies significantly and bursaries can be awarded at any amount from 10% to 100%.
- 2.7. It is possible for a pupil to hold fee discounts of more than one kind, for example the holder of an academic award may also receive bursary support. Bursaries are "inflation-proofed" by being expressed as a fraction of the annual fee and are reassessed each year.

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3. AWARDS

3.1. Awards, Scholarships and Exhibitions

- 3.1.1. The School may offer scholarships, exhibitions and similar awards, each year. These are offered to pupils joining in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7, Year 9 or Year 12 in the Senior School. The majority are available to pupils already in the School and to prospective pupils without any differentiation. However, there are a small number of closed awards for girls who meet specific conditions.
- 3.1.2. Full details of the application process are available from the School's Admissions Department.
- 3.1.3. If applying for an Academic Scholarship we will accept a Girls second application for another category, only one will be awarded. If a girl is already a holder of an award/scholarship, she may apply for a different one at a later stage; if she were awarded both then she would need to decide which would be an honorary title (e.g. gain benefit and status but not financial value of both).
- 3.1.4. The awards available for each School phase are shown below. There is no obligation to award any/all of them in a given year.

3.2. Junior School

Junior School	Annual Award Value	Additional Information – open to all applicants unless specified
Junior School Scholarship	£300	Available to external applicants joining in Y3 continuing until the end of Y6.
Academic School Scholarship	£300	Available to external applicants joining in Y5 and continuing until the end of Y8. Any further award would have to be re-applied for as a pupil moves into Y9.

3.3. Year 7

Year 7	Annual Award Value	Additional Information – open to all applicants unless specified
Academic Scholarship	£600	
Music Scholarship	£300	Candidates are expected to have achieved at least Grade 4 standard in their first instrument.
Art Scholarship	£300	
All Rounder Award	£300	
Sports Scholarship	£300	
STEM	£300	

3.4. Year 9

Year 9	Annual Award Value	Additional Information – open to all applicants unless specified
Academic Scholarship	£600	
Music Scholarship	£300	Candidates are expected to have achieved at least Grade 6 standard in their first instrument.
Art Scholarship	£300	
All Rounder Award	£300	
Sports Scholarship	£300	
STEM	£300	

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3.5. Year 12

Sixth Form	Annual Award Value	Additional Information – open to all applicants unless specified
Academic Scholarships	£600	
Music Scholarship	£300	Candidates are expected to have achieved at least Grade 7 standard in their first instrument.
Art Scholarship	£300	
All Rounder Award	£300	
Sports Scholarship	£300	
Sixth Form Day Girl Award	£300	Plus a means tested bursary if required, open only to State School applicants.

4. ABOUT AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

- 4.1. It is expected that awards, scholarships and exhibitions awarded in Year 7 or Year 9, will be tenable through to year 11, whereupon they are reconsidered for award in the sixth form.
- 4.2. Awards, scholarships and exhibitions are regularly reviewed by the Head, who will satisfy himself regarding the pupil's diligence, progress, attitude and good conduct. Academic scholars will be expected to actively engage in the intellectual wider life of the school and sustain good studies, whilst Sports scholars will be expected to contribute significantly to the School's sporting life, Art Scholars will be expected to contribute significantly to the School's art and Music Scholars will be expected to play a full and willing part in the musical life of the School. All-Rounders (including 6FDGA) will be expected to make a significant, noticeable and positive contribution to the School's community life, as would other award holders.
- 4.3. It is open to parents to renounce the emoluments of any award. Their daughter will retain the full status of a scholar and the funds released will be transferred to the School's bursary funds to provide financial support for those who require financial assistance.
- 4.4. The detailed application process and timetable is outside the scope of this policy and details are available on request from the School's Admissions Department.

5. BURSARIES

- 5.1. Badminton School will offer financial help towards the payment of fees in cases of proven need. Bursaries are awarded according to need and are not dependent on academic performance, although the pupil in question must satisfy the School's standard entry requirements and continue to work to a satisfactory standard whilst in the School.
- 5.2. Parents who consider that they may need to apply for bursary support are encouraged to discuss the matter at an early stage in their application with the Director of Finance & Operations prior to applying for a place at the School, as bursary funds are limited.
- 5.3. Parents should note that applications for bursary support after the offer of a place are unlikely to be successful unless there are particular extenuating circumstances. All applications are reviewed by the School's Bursary Committee.

6. ELIGIBILITY FOR BURSARY SUPPORT

- 6.1. Bursaries are awarded on entry to the school, at Year 7, Year 9 or Year 12 and remain available through to the completion of the girl's education at Badminton. However, the level of bursary will be reviewed at least annually, to ensure that any material change in the family's financial circumstances is taken into

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account in setting the level of bursary support for the following year. Should a family's financial circumstances change materially during the course of an academic year and prior to the annual reassessment there is an expectation that the School will be made aware of this and adjustments may be made to the level of support.

- 6.2. Only in exceptional circumstances will applications be considered for families not resident in the UK.
- 6.3. Hardship bursary support may be available to a family where the pupil is already at the School. Funds are limited, but the School considers it to be important that hardship funding is available, particularly where there has been a change in financial circumstances which threatens the continuation of the pupil attending the School.
- 6.4. All applications for bursary support, whether in respect of new or existing pupils, require the submission of an application form in the School's standard format together with original supporting documents. The school may conduct a home visit where appropriate using either school staff or a third party assessor.
- 6.5. Bursaries may be added to another award or provide some discount from standard fees for successful applicants for places. The Bursary Committee would usually intend to provide support for as long as it is required, however all bursaries are subject to annual review and this will include requests for updated financial information.

7. FUNDING OF BURSARIES

- 7.1. Unlike some independent schools, Badminton does not have substantial endowment funds and the School funds all bursaries from its own budgets. Although there is no specific quota for the number of bursaries that may be made, the bursary fund is limited and it is not possible to meet all requests for support. A proportion of the fund is reserved for families who already have a pupil at the School and whose financial circumstances change unexpectedly.

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR BURSARY SUPPORT

- 8.1. For pupils who are not already enrolled at Badminton School, an application form for bursary support should be requested from the School's Admissions Department. The Bursary Application Form should be completed and returned to the DFO at the same time as the registration is submitted to the Admissions Department.
- 8.2. Parents of existing pupils seeking a bursary should contact the DFO's Office to discuss the circumstances leading to the need for bursary support and to obtain an application form.
- 8.3. The form requests information which is intended to provide a clear picture of the family's financial position in order to allow the Bursary Committee to make a fair and reasoned assessment of the application. Parents may be invited to a short meeting with the DFO so that the process may be fully explained.
- 8.4. Wherever possible, application forms in respect of bursaries should be returned to the DFO's Office by the dates published in the year preceding that in respect of which support is requested. Applications will be considered after this date but will be dependent upon the availability of bursary funds. Parents may submit an application for a place at the School for their daughter on the basis that acceptance will be conditional upon receiving bursary support.
- 8.5. In all cases bursaries are conditional upon the pupil making reasonable academic progress and maintaining good standards of behaviour and may be withdrawn in the event of consistent breach of School rules or serious misconduct.

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8.6. Bursary values are deducted from the tuition fees and shown on the fee invoice issued termly.

9. OTHER SOURCES OF BURSARY ASSISTANCE

9.1. There are a number of educational and charitable trusts which may be able to provide assistance with school fees. The funds of many grant-making bodies are limited and there are sometimes restrictions on who may apply for support.

9.2. The School encourages parents to apply for support where it is felt a good case can be made for assistance. The following organisations may be a useful source of information:

The Educational Trusts’ Forum
Website: www.educational-grants.org

The Joint Educational Trust
Website: www.jetcharity.org

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