

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Scholarships and Exhibitions (minor scholarships) are awarded to children who demonstrate a particular aptitude for academic work, Art, or Music. They recognise potential and achievement, and encourage children with those aptitudes to enter or remain at Queen Mary's School, thus maintaining or raising standards at the school. Scholarships are competed for each year during the Spring Term, at 11+, 12+ and 13+ (to be taken up the following September on entry into Years 7, 8 and 9 respectively). They are advertised in the local papers. Parents of children already at the school and who are interested in the awards should contact the Headmaster.

Bursaries are awarded to children whose parents might not otherwise be able to afford the fees at Queen Mary's School. Bursaries for children of the Church and Armed Forces and for sisters of children already at the school are given automatically¹. Parents may apply for bursary assistance by explaining their circumstances to the Headmaster, and then by application to the Governors by means of a Bursary Application form (available from the Head of Finance & Estates). All bursary applications will be considered together by the Governors at their Spring meeting. Written applications should therefore be submitted by 1 February each year.

Queen Mary's has no endowed funds to cover scholarships and bursaries. The awards therefore are paid for out of fee income. The Governors have set an upper limit on awards of 10% of gross fee income.

Scholarships are offered as follows:

- Academic Scholarships: Not more than six full scholarships annually, two in each of the three categories of entry.
- Music Scholarships: Not more than three full scholarships annually, one in each of the three categories of entry.
- Art Scholarships: Not more than one full scholarship annually.

Note that a full scholarship allows 30% remission of fees (including boarding fees if relevant). A Music Scholarship will in addition include the tuition costs of one or two instruments. At the discretion of the Head of Department the amount of money available for the awards may be split amongst several candidates as minor scholarships (20% of fees remitted) or Exhibitions (less than 20% of fees remitted). Music awards may be limited to the tuition costs of one or two instruments.

Scholarships once awarded remain with the child throughout her time at Queen Mary's. A child gaining a minor scholarship or exhibition at 11+ or 12+ may apply to increase her award at 12+ and/or 13+. It is a condition of the awards made at 11+, 12+ and 13+ that the child remains at Queen Mary's until she takes GCSEs. If the child leaves before GCSEs the School reserves the right to reclaim for the full value of the award.

¹ Second and subsequent sisters, while the older sister is still at Queen Mary's School, receive a 10% reduction in net fees. Children of Regular Servicemen or Servicewomen and children of Church of England clergy also receive a 10% reduction in net fees.