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The 2012 Scholarship Examination will be held at Eton, beginning at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st May and continuing until the afternoon of Friday, 4th May. **Applications must be received by 1st March, 2012.**

The main purpose of the examination is to select King's Scholars, of whom there are normally 70 in the school at any one time. The King's Scholars are all housed together in *College*, a group of buildings under the care of the Master-in-College; each boy has his own study-bedroom (as do all boys at Eton). The number of vacancies in College varies from year to year, but averages fourteen.

Boys who already have a conditional place, and who do not wish to compete for a King's Scholarship, preferring a place in one of the twenty-four oppidan boarding houses to a place in College, may also sit the examination. The parents of each candidate are required to indicate unambiguously on the application form (enclosed herewith) whether the boy is competing for a King's Scholarship (and therefore a place in College) or not. Successful Music Scholars are deemed to have a conditional place.

Boys who do not already have a conditional place and who are not successful in gaining a scholarship will not normally be offered a place in the school, though this is possible on rare occasions.

An Election Roll is published at Eton after the examination. The Roll includes all those who have qualified for King's Scholarships, distinguishing each of these by means of a star, together with those others who have impressed the Examiners very favourably. Such candidates are styled ***Oppidan Scholars***, but are not thereby entitled to any fee discount.

The following King's Scholarships and other awards, normally tenable for five years, are offered:

About fourteen King's Scholarships, each equal in value to at least 10% of the School Fee (£10,327 per half from September 2011). Scholars may obtain further remission of the school fee, according to financial need. This requires the submission of an application for school fee assistance.

The parents of a King's Scholar, if not in need of the fee discount associated with the Scholarship, are invited to resign the whole or part of it; in such a case the boy will retain the style and status of a Scholar, and the sum given up will be paid into a fund for making grants towards the education at Eton of boys who need financial assistance.

One Annah Shaw Scholarship awarded to a boy with a conditional place who fails to win a King's Scholarship but who shows promise in Classics. All those who offer Latin and Greek will automatically be entered. Financial support (up to £1,575 per annum) is available for those who submit a financial statement by **1st March 2012**.

One Oppidan Exhibition (up to a normal maximum of £2,500 per annum) for a boy with a conditional place who does well in the examination, with consideration being given to his general record and his parents' financial circumstances. This requires the submission of an application for school fee assistance by **1st March 2012**. Non-registered boys are not able to apply.

Eton reserves the right to require a candidate with a conditional place, who has not performed well in the examination, to take Common Entrance in full before he may enter the school. Candidates who perform poorly in individual subjects may also be required to take Common Entrance papers in those subjects to assist in placing them in the correct set.

ELIGIBILITY (*Please read carefully*)

Age Limits: Candidates must be under 14 (and over 12) on 1st September 2012 (*but there is flexibility over the year of entry for boys with a September or October birthday*). Most boys enter College aged 13 years.

Other Limitations: (i) By the Statutes of the College, King's Scholarships are open to any boy who is a British subject; but the Provost and Fellows (*i.e.* the Governing Body) may admit any person as a candidate, even if he is not a British subject, provided special application is made to them through the Head Master. (ii) No boy who is already in the school may compete. (iii) If a candidate is found to have accepted a scholarship or similar award at another school, he shall not be allowed to sit for or complete the examination, or if he has completed the examination his name shall not appear on or shall be removed from the Election Roll, unless the authorities of the school where he has already obtained an award shall first have signified to the Provost their concurrence in the boy's candidature at Eton.

SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE

Parents may apply for School Fee Assistance. **The Statement of Family Financial Circumstances (form obtainable from the Admissions Office and at www.etoncollege.com/documents.aspx) must be submitted by 1 March, along with the Scholarship entry form.** An indication will then be given of the level of assistance available if your son is awarded a place in College. Parents of a candidate with a conditional place must complete the form if they wish their son to be considered for either the Oppidan Exhibition or the Annah Shaw Scholarship.

MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

The parents or the legal guardian of the candidate must complete and return the Parental Consent Form giving the details of his doctor.

THE EXAMINATION

All candidates are required to take the following papers:

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS A
GENERAL I	SCIENCE

They must also offer at least THREE of the following papers:

FRENCH	LATIN*	GREEK
MATHEMATICS B		GENERAL II
HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & DIVINITY (<i>answering questions from at least 2 subjects</i>)		

There is also a short intelligence test. All candidates for College will have an interview with the Head Master and with the Master-in-College. There is also an interview for those applicants for the Oppidan Exhibition whose financial circumstances warrant support. Each candidate will be given a copy of his interview timetable when he arrives.

*** Please note that Latin is a compulsory subject at Eton in the first year. If a candidate who has a Conditional Place does not offer Latin in the scholarship, his school will be asked to provide information about his experience in order that he may be 'set' appropriately.**

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is offered by Eton during the examination and the majority of candidates stay for the three nights. Where possible a boy with a conditional place will stay in the Oppidan House he may be joining. The remaining candidates will stay either in College or with other members of staff. If a boy has requested accommodation, details including the name of his host will be sent to both his parents and his school. This information should be available approximately ten days before the examination. The host will suggest the time for a candidate to arrive on the afternoon of Tuesday 1st May prior to the intelligence test at 6.00 pm.

Lunch is provided for those who are not staying overnight and there are mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments for all candidates.

DRESS CODE

Candidates may wear school uniform or smart casual clothes for the examination. They may bring casual clothes into which to change in the evening.

SYLLABUSES

Apart from the General Papers, most papers are based on the current appropriate Common Entrance syllabus; however, questions which, while based on the Common Entrance syllabus, nevertheless invite a more advanced response than is usually expected at Common Entrance, will frequently be set.

French, which includes a brief Oral, may demand a wider range of vocabulary and syntax than Common Entrance. The **Latin** paper follows the syllabus of the Common Academic Scholarship; the harder syntax may extend to composition. The **Greek** paper begins with questions demanding little more knowledge than is commonly tested in Common Entrance, and progresses to others of a more advanced standard.

General I seeks to test ability to think logically and to respond to problems in an imaginative way. **General II** covers current affairs, literature, art, and moral and religious issues.

The combined **History, Geography and Divinity** paper requires candidates to answer three questions from at least two of these subject areas. Within the History section, questions are designed to encourage candidates to think on their feet while also allowing them to apply knowledge of any periods and topics that they have studied. Questions are not based on the Common Entrance syllabus and the format will offer more general questions in the form of four essays and two responses to source extracts. The Geography section is drawn from the thematic studies part of the Common Entrance syllabus and questions are designed to test knowledge and understanding of geographical phenomena and processes. Divinity is based on the whole of the Common Entrance syllabus, including Appendix VII. There will be six questions: two questions on the Old Testament (one specific, one general); two questions on the New Testament (one specific, one general); two questions on world religions (one on Christianity and one on either Judaism, Islam or Buddhism). There will be no questions on Sikhism or Hinduism. Questions requiring the use of a calculator may be set; each candidate should bring one, of a kind that would be acceptable in GCSE or A level examinations. The use of a calculator is permitted in all papers except the Intelligence Test and Mathematics B.

The Examiners wish to see only work produced during the examination. If a candidate has done notably well in course work or in projects, or if he has shown outstanding promise in such fields as art, music, design or computer programming, full details should be included in the confidential report.

All candidates are assessed on their performances in **English, Mathematics A, Science** and **General I**, which are compulsory papers. If a candidate offers more than the minimum three optional papers, the Examiners will assess him on his best three. In assessing the overall performance of candidates, the Examiners may take age into consideration.

PAST PAPERS

Past papers for 2009 and 2010 may be downloaded from the Eton College website at www.etoncollege.com/documents.aspx. Sets of papers from 2004 to 2008 may be obtained from the College Examination Secretary at £6.00 per set per year (please make cheques payable to Eton College). *Please send your request to: The College Examination Secretary, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 6DB.*