

ETON COLLEGE KING'S SCHOLARSHIPS EXAMINATIONS 2014

The 2014 Scholarship Examination will be held at Eton, beginning at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th April and continuing until the afternoon of Friday, 2nd May. **Applications must be received by 1st March, 2014.**

The main purpose of the examination is to select the King's Scholars who are housed in College under the care of the Master-in-College. The number of vacancies in College varies from year to year, but averages fourteen.

The school also awards several Oppidan Scholarships, which are honorary awards with no fee discount. Oppidan Scholarships will be awarded to those boys holding conditional places who perform extremely well in the scholarship examination but who, prior to the examination, opted not to compete for a King's Scholarship, preferring a place in a boarding house. An Oppidan Scholarship may also be awarded to a boy who narrowly misses election as a King's Scholar. Music Scholars are deemed to have a conditional place.

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 a list of Oppidan Scholars.

Each King's Scholarship carries automatic fee remission of 10% of the School Fee (which currently amounts to £1,109 per half, as the 2013/14 School Fee is £11,090 per half). Scholars may obtain further remission of the School Fee, according to financial need. To apply for such remission, a Statement of Financial Circumstances (SFC) form must be completed and **submitted by 1st March 2014**, along with the Scholarship entry form.

The SFC form is available from the Admissions Office and on the school's website at www.etoncollege.com/documents.aspx. Parents applying for additional school fee assistance will receive a response to their application before the examination.

A boy who is successful in gaining a King's Scholarship in addition to his Music Scholarship will be eligible for total fee remission of 10% of the school fee.

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.

Boys with a conditional place at Eton who fail to gain a place on the Election Roll may also be considered for one of the following awards:

One Annah Shaw Scholarship is awarded to a boy who excels at Classics and does not enter College. This is only for boys who offer both Latin and Greek. A financial award of up to £1,500 per annum will be made to a boy whose parents have already applied for financial assistance. An honorary award may also be given.

One Martineau Exhibition (up to a maximum of £3,000 per annum) is awarded to a boy who does well in the examination, narrowly missing a Scholarship, with consideration being given to his general record and his parents' financial circumstances. All boys shortlisted for this award will be interviewed during Scholarship week and his parents will already have applied for financial assistance.

Awards are normally tenable for five years.

BOYS NOT GAINING A SCHOLARSHIP OR EXHIBITION

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.

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 or part 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 CRITERIA *(Please read carefully)*

1. Candidates must be aged 13 on 1st September 2014 *(but there is flexibility over the year of entry for boys with an August or September birthday)*.
2. We require all candidates to have taken the computerised Eton List Conditional Place Test and achieve a score satisfactory to the school. **Those boys who have not already taken the test at age 11 may still apply and will be required to take the test on 27th January 2014***. Those who achieve a score satisfactory to the school will then be entered for the Scholarship examination.
3. Prior to 14 April 2014, we must receive from a candidate's current head teacher a report which demonstrates to our satisfaction that the candidate is sufficiently strong academically to sit the Scholarship examination.
4. No boy who was unsuccessful in any application for a New Foundation Scholarship may sit the Scholarship examination.
5. No boy who is already in the school may compete.
6. 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.

(*for non-registered candidates applying after this date, an alternative assessment date will be arranged).

THE EXAMINATION

All candidates are required to sit the following compulsory papers:

ENGLISH MATHEMATICS A GENERAL I SCIENCE

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

FRENCH MATHEMATICS B GENERAL II
LATIN(*) GREEK HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & DIVINITY

** 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.*

All candidates are assessed on their performances in the compulsory papers plus their best three optional papers.

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. Each candidate will be given a copy of his interview timetable when he arrives.

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 29th April prior to the intelligence test at 6.00 pm. Owing to the difficulty in finding accommodation for all candidates, a few who live nearby may be asked to stay at home.

Lunch, mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments are provided 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.

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 and any medical conditions.

SYLLABUSES

Apart from the General Papers, most papers are based on the current appropriate Common Entrance syllabus; However, questions which, invite a more advanced response than is usually expected at Common Entrance, are frequently set. Specific syllabus and calculator requirements are given in the attachment.

PAST PAPERS

Past papers for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 may be downloaded from the Eton College website at www.etoncollege.com/documents.aspx, but note that the format of the General Papers from 2013 is different – specimen papers are available to download from the website. Sets of papers from 2004 to 2008 may be obtained from the College Examination Secretary. *Please send your request to: The College Examination Secretary, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 6DB.*

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