



**ETON**  
**COLLEGE**

**KING'S  
SCHOLARSHIP  
2021**

**NOVEMBER 2020. PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS SITUATION, THE PROCESS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED AND CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SIT THESE EXAMS AT ETON COLLEGE.**

**OTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN UPDATED IN THIS PROSPECTUS AND OVERRIDE ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS.**

# ETON COLLEGE KING'S SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

## **EMERGENCY MEASURES**

***PLEASE NOTE: The 2020 scholarship exams were severely disrupted for both candidates and schools by the coronavirus. The venue for the scholarship examinations in 2021 and arrangements have recently had to be changed, in November 2020, and may need to change again at short notice. The Admissions Office would inform parents and schools as soon as possible of any further necessary changes to the examinations process.***

The **2021** Scholarship Examination will take place between **Thursday 22 April** and the afternoon of **Monday 26 April 2021**.

**Due to possible transmission of virus infections when using paper, or admissions staff having to work remotely, applications and other documents should be sent by EMAIL to [admissions@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@etoncollege.org.uk) by 31 January 2021. Any applications that arrive after this date will not be processed.**

The purpose of the examination is to select the King's Scholars, 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. An Election Roll is published at Eton after the examination. The Roll includes all those who have qualified for King's Scholarships, plus the Annah Shaw and Martineau awards.

King's Scholars will be subject to full fees (fees in 2020/21 are £14,167 per term). Scholars may apply for a bursary to obtain remission of the School Fee, according to financial need. To apply for such remission, a Bursary Application Form must be completed and **submitted by 31 January 2021**, along with the Scholarship entry form.

Families requesting a bursary will be able to apply online on the school's website in the autumn term. For more information please contact **[Bursaries@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:Bursaries@etoncollege.org.uk)**. Parents applying for a Bursary will receive an indicative response to their application before their son sits the scholarship.

A boy with a conditional place at Eton who does not achieve a King's Scholarship may be considered for one of the following awards:

One Annah Shaw Scholarship is awarded to a boy who excels in the 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 already have financial assistance arranged. An honorary award may also be given.

One Martineau Exhibition (up to a maximum of £3,000 per annum) is awarded to a boy in financial need who does well in the examination, narrowly missing a King's Scholarship, with consideration being given to his general record and his parents' financial circumstances. Boys shortlisted for this award will be interviewed and his parents will already have financial assistance arranged. Awards are normally tenable for five years.

## **BOYS CHOOSING TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN COLLEGE**

Boys who do not already have a conditional place and who are not successful in gaining a scholarship will not be offered a place in the school.

### **Relevant only for candidates holding a conditional place.**

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. It is important that his head teacher confirm that the boy can cope with the demands of this challenging examination.

A candidate in UK state education who wishes to sit the King's Scholarship examinations must first sit the Eton Entrance exam in January 2021 to confirm his place. For any such boy a decision will be made as to whether he is eligible to sit the King's Scholarship examination on the basis of his performance in the Eton Entrance exam.

## **BOYS CHOOSING NOT TO OPT FOR A PLACE IN COLLEGE**

A boy with a conditional place at Eton may sit the examination but opt not to compete for a King's Scholarship, preferring his place in an Oppidan house. These boys are known as *honoris causa* candidates.

**When choosing whether to sit the King's Scholarship examination or Common Entrance, candidates should be aware that a strong performance in Common Entrance will usually be rewarded with places in higher sets at Eton than a mediocre performance in the King's Scholarship examination.**

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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT COLLEGE**

It is not possible to offer visits in person at this time and so all visits will be in real time via virtual media for 2021 entry.

Prospective candidates interested in becoming a King's Scholar will be offered the opportunity to virtually visit College on a variety of dates in the autumn and spring terms, either after confirming the intended exam route of entry (for boys with conditional places), or on receipt of an application form (for boys without a conditional place). Please be aware places for these visits are limited.

## **APPLICATIONS**

All applications to take the King's Scholarship examination must be received by **31 January 2021**. Boys who have a conditional place must, on the application form, choose whether they are applying for a King's Scholarship, and hence a place in College, or not. If, having submitted the application form, a parent wishes to reverse the decision as to whether their son is applying for a King's Scholarship or not, he/she must both confirm this by e-mail **and** by phone with Mrs Sally Hayter in Admissions. After the deadline of **31 January 2021**, the decision is irreversible.

All candidates without a conditional place who take the examinations must apply for a place in College. A copy of the application form may be downloaded from webpage [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships).

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA *(Please read carefully)*

1. Candidates must either be aged 13 on Monday 1 September 2021 or have turned 14 during August 2021 where Eton has previously agreed that the boy may defer his entry by a year due to an August birthday.
2. We require all candidates from UK schools to have taken the computerised Eton List Conditional Place Test and achieve a satisfactory score. Those boys who have not already taken the test at age 11 may still apply and will be required to take the test on **Tuesday 26 January 2021**. Applications received after **Monday 4 January 2021** will be required to take the test on **Tuesday 9 February 2021**. Those who achieve a satisfactory score will then be entered for the Scholarship examination. *[For candidates attending schools outside the UK who are not registered, an alternative option is available which would avoid travel to the UK for assessment and hence reduce costs. Such candidates may be assessed by UKiset (<https://www.ukiset.com/>), taking their test locally and the results submitted to the Director of Admissions. A decision would then be made as to whether the candidate would be eligible to sit the King's Scholarship. Eton would prefer that the test is taken during scholarship year but would consider tests taken earlier. Those considering this option should contact UKiset either by e-mail at [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com) or by telephone on +44 (0) 207 766 9792.*
3. Prior to **Monday 22 March 2021**, 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 King's Scholarship examination.
4. No boy who is already in the school may compete.
5. 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.

## THE EXAMINATION

All candidates are required to sit the following compulsory papers:

**ENGLISH      MATHEMATICS A      SCIENCE                      GENERAL I                      CREATIVE WRITING**

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

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

*\* Please note 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.*

*\*\* The format of the French paper changed in 2016 and is offered on the website. Details of the new Modern Languages arrangements, including specimen papers, are available for schools on the webpage [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships).*

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

Candidates for College will have a short individual virtual interview with the Master-in-College and these will be arranged to take place in the Easter term. An individual timetable will be sent to the exam venue for each candidate, with his examination number, by the start of the examinations week.

## LOCATION OF EXAMINATIONS

For 2021 it has been decided that all candidates (applying to sit the 2021 King's Scholarship exams) will be required to sit the examinations either at their school, another school if this is agreed, or at a test centre. The examinations for UK candidates will take place between **Thursday 22 April and Monday 26 April 2021**. Boys at schools overseas, due to time differences, will sit the examinations within the following 24 hours, at the equivalent UK times. Details will be sent to both parents and schools.

Examination papers will be sent electronically to schools on the day of the examination and we ask that scripts should be returned electronically on the same day, with the originals couriered on the last day of the examinations. Boys will take their first paper on the morning of **Thursday 22 April 2021**. The final paper will be on **Monday 26 April 2021**, except for boys at overseas schools in time zones ahead of the UK.

## 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 and may be found on the webpage [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships).

## PAST PAPERS

Recent past papers up to 2019 may be downloaded from the Eton College website [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships). The most recent papers are kept for schools to use for mock exams.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Any questions about the information in this booklet should be directed to the College Examination Secretary c/o Mrs Sally Hayter via [s.hayter@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:s.hayter@etoncollege.org.uk) or 01753 370612.

DOCUMENTS available on the website:

[www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships)

King's Scholarship Prospectus

King's Scholarship Application Form for candidates not holding a conditional place. (*Candidates holding a conditional place will be sent a reduced application form by email*).

King's Scholarship Syllabus supplementary details

King's Scholarship change of procedure information for 2016 onwards.

King's Scholarship 2021 NOTICE of change of procedure due to coronavirus

Links to Previous King's Scholarship papers available to download