

Scholarships Academic Sport & Music

Applications Close: Friday 14 May 2021

Academic Examination: 21 May 2021

Music Audition: 26 May 2021



The Cathedral
Grammar School



Every child. Every day.

Balancing traditional values with an energy to move forwards, The Cathedral Grammar School is the start of something extraordinary.

Our school is a place of ambition alongside preparation. We are committed to providing a balance of tradition and rigour while being curious and adventurous every day. Supported and encouraged by a culture of nurturing, knowing and growing, our students advance on their educational journeys with a solid foundation of academic success and a well-rounded character.

Our students learn from the best right from the start. Every year level benefits from the expertise of our high-calibre specialist teachers across multiple subjects. And with individual attention, every child's strengths are identified and built on, and support provided where and when needed. Plus, our distinct school structure is designed to best suit the different learning styles of both girls and boys at different ages.

Creativity and culture play a big role here, with our unique relationship with the ChristChurch Cathedral Choir and over 300 individual music and speech and drama lessons enjoyed every week in addition to class time. We're also a proud sporting school, offering a wide range of activities for student participation because here at Cathedral Grammar, we recognise physical education and sport as an important part in developing well rounded young people.





Welcome to The Cathedral Grammar School

No other full primary, independent preparatory school in Christchurch has a history as rich or as long as ours. We take huge pride in the varied, successful and happy lives of the boys and girls who have experienced Cathedral Grammar over that time.

Yet for all this history and individual and collective achievement, it is to the future we always look. While we cannot claim to know exactly what sort of world our children will inhabit in 25, 50 or 75 years, one thing is certain; it will be a world that requires the best possible early physical, intellectual, creative, spiritual and social development of our young people, today.

We prepare children for life in an environment of nurturing, knowing and growing. This means Cathedral Grammar is a safe place for students to experiment and express themselves as they discover the joy of knowledge and what the learning journey can truly mean. Students here know they'll be supported as they find their own path because they are encouraged to seek and try different ways and approaches.

We tell them it's ok to try, and fail, as long as you try again, because every day is another chance to learn. And with values at our core, hearts and minds come first, and we always respect others' views.

We are proud to be guided by the Anglican values and ethos, Faith, Hope and Love, that have formed the foundations of our school since 1881.

They say the secret to getting ahead is getting started. With our combination of strong Christian values and high-calibre staff, we look forward to the opportunity of providing your child a school experience rich in tradition and modern in outlook - preparing every individual for an ever changing world.

Scott Thelning
Principal



Scholarships

The Cathedral Grammar School offers scholarships for entering into both the Boys' and Girls' Preparatory Schools, subject to availability of places.

Candidates must be eligible to enter Year 4-8 in 2021.

Academic

Children who show considerable academic promise may apply for an Academic Scholarship. The awards will be made after examinations in English and Mathematics.

The Merton Scholarships were instituted to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the school in 1971 and are named after the first Headmaster of the school, Mr G H Merton.

The number of scholarships awarded in any one year will be based upon the calibre and quantity of the applicants. The scholarships will normally be up to 50% of fees, but in exceptional cases this may be increased.

Music

Children who show considerable musical

promise on one or two instruments, and/or voice, may apply for a Music Scholarship.

An audition will be held where the candidates will be expected to perform two contrasting pieces on their instrument(s) plus show proficiency in sight-reading and aural tests.

Applicants for the Music Scholarship will be required to sit the examinations in English and Mathematics as well.

Sport

Children who show considerable sporting promise may apply for a Sport Scholarship. Applicants will need to provide specific details of achievements, including written references by coaches/trainers.

General

In considering the awards, the Principal will, in addition to the results of the examinations and auditions, have regard to the candidate's school record, general manner, attitude, work ethic and ability to work well with others. Under the terms of the scholarships,

tuition fees are paid in part for the successful candidates, providing the Principal is able to give a satisfactory report to the Board of Trustees each half year, of the character, diligence and progress of the scholar. In the case of an unsatisfactory report the scholarship may be terminated.

The scholarships do not include text book or uniform charges or such other chargeable extras and disbursements as may be made by the school, although these are generally of a minor nature.

A pupil may receive only one scholarship or other fee discount at the one time.

The parents or caregivers of the successful candidates will be expected to sign an agreement which states that the student will be subject to the rules and expectations of the school, and that the parents or guardians will pay the charges mentioned above.

In the event that no candidate reaches the required standard, no award will be made.

Cathedral Chorister Scholarships

The Christchurch Cathedral Choir is a unique part of our cultural heritage. The twenty boys and twelve men who make up the choir, along with their counterpoints in cathedrals and collegiate chapels throughout Britain, proudly maintain a centuries-old tradition of choral excellence in the service of the Church.

As members of the choir, the boys receive a first-class musical education and learn qualities of self-discipline, team work, leadership and self-reliance.

To join the choir, a boy or girl must be between the ages of eight and usually ten. No previous musical experience is necessary but he should have a pleasant voice and be able to sing in tune. Being able to focus on task for periods of time is beneficial.

If a boy or girl auditions successfully for the choir, the

child and their parents are interviewed by the Principal of The Cathedral Grammar School. If accepted, he becomes a probationer receiving free voice training for six months before being formally accepted as a chorister.

This programme provides an opportunity for a trial period for those with a genuine interest but without any financial commitment on either side until the end of the probationary period.

Choristers receive a Choral Scholarship, the terms and value of which can be discussed with the Principal.

The benefit a boy receives as a Choral scholar are enormous and are carried through into later life.

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Places Offered: 9 June 2021





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