



PLATANOS COLLEGE

An outstanding school for
pupils of all abilities

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We have had a distinct Scholarship Programme over many years at Platanos College. The school has now extended the programme to wider, potential Scholars.

This inclusive Scholarship Programme will recruit, retain and reward pupils of different and wider abilities and interests who uphold the highest educational standards.

We will therefore offer Scholarships in the following categories:

- A. Most able pupils with the highest academic achievement.
- B. Gifted pupils with an aptitude in specific subjects.
- C. Pupils who make an outstanding contribution to our school community.

1. ART AND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON APTITUDE

- 1.1 Applicants should apply for the Art or Music scholarships as part of the admissions process for entry into Year 7. A separate **Scholarship Form** (available from the school office and website) must be completed in addition to the Common Application Form (CAF) and Supplementary Information Form (SIF).
- 1.2 This forms part of the school's admissions criteria and selection process.
- 1.3 A maximum of 10% (16 places) of the school's published admissions number is reserved for successful applicants for the Art or Music scholarship. Successful pupils will be allocated to the separate Art/Music band.
- 1.4 Children who apply for the Art or Music scholarship must also sit the CAT admissions test.
- 1.5 Children are only eligible to access scholarship provision if they have accepted a place at Platanos College and successful in their scholarship application.
- 1.6 Applicants who are unsuccessful with their application for an Art or Music scholarship may still be offered a place at the school following the normal admissions procedure and oversubscription criteria as detailed in the Admissions Policy.
- 1.7 Applicants who apply for a scholarship may be invited to an interview (assessment) based on their Scholarship Application Form. This takes place on one day during the autumn term admissions period.

1.8 The assessment will be conducted by a panel of assessors who represent the school, in addition to an independent assessor. This assessment will involve the following activities in order to establish the applicant's **aptitude** towards the subject and each will be scored by the panel:

SUBJECT	ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice and art portfolio • Practical assessment of (drawing/art/creativity) skills
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice • Practical performance(s) on the instrument of choice or vocal piece(s)

1.9 Applicants who are invited for the assessment process will be provided with details of the assessment programme in writing.

1.10 All scholarship applicants who attend the assessment will be scored and placed in rank order. Places will be offered to the 16 applicants with the highest scores.

1.11 Applicants who reach scholarship standard following the assessment process and successfully allocated a place will be informed in writing.

1.12 The decision of the assessment panel is final.

1.13 In the event that there are more applicants than places available, those applicants that obtain the same score within the bottom of the Art/Music band will be allocated a place by random allocation.

1.14 If a place is offered to an applicant but is not taken up or is subsequently withdrawn then the College will offer the place to the next highest scoring candidate. If this candidate does not accept the place, the process will continue until it is accepted. In the event that the place is not accepted by any one of the applicants for an Art / Music scholarship, the College will make the additional place available to other children who have applied to the College under the banding process.

2. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, DRAMA, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

2.1 Applications for these scholarships **are not** used as part of the admissions selection process.

- 2.2 Only pupils that have been offered, and have accepted, a place at Platanos College can apply for these scholarships.
- 2.3 Applicants must also sit the CAT admissions test. The applicant's CAT score, along with the applicant's Scholarship Application Form, will be used as part of the selection process for a scholarship and invited to an interview (assessment) based on this information.
- 2.4 The assessment will be conducted by a panel of assessors who represent the school. This assessment will involve the following activities and each will be scored by the panel:

SUBJECT	ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice • Practical demonstration where appropriate
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice • Practical performance (individual or group)
PE and Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment • Presentation on topic of choice • Physical assessments (individual and/or group) for rhythm, coordination, fitness, reaction time, speed, agility, stamina, power, flexibility, team, communication, leadership and related skills.
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Written assessment/report • Presentation on topic of choice

- 2.5 Applicants who are invited for the assessment process will be provided with details of the assessment programme in writing.
- 2.6 All scholarship applicants who attend the assessment will be scored and placed in rank order.
- 2.7 Applicants who reach scholarship standard following the assessment process and successfully allocated a place will be informed in writing.
- 2.8 The decision of the assessment panel is final.

APPENDIX B

THE SCHOLARSHIP STATUS AND PROVISION

Platanos College's scholarships provide an inclusive programme that fosters the highest standards of educational achievement. All pupils who achieve Scholarship Status will be offered a pathway of opportunities specific to their needs and interests to enable Scholars to gain extensive, relevant knowledge specific to their field.

3.1 All Scholars will be offered the following opportunities:

- a. Scholars maintain a high profile within the school including participation and leadership in relevant whole school events.
- b. Undertake an independent research paper or creative project in a chosen field with training in the art of academic writing.
- c. Annual Scholars' Day for pupils to showcase their talents and work as part of an exhibition.
- d. Opportunities to attend national and international trips in partnership with schools and organisations.
- e. Access to universities and other related workshops and mentoring.
- f. Master classes and lectures provided by visiting experts.
- g. Annual evening talk by Admissions Tutors from Oxbridge.
- h. Receive £30 book voucher per term.
- i. Extensive support with letters of application for work experience and partnership opportunities with local and international organisations and industries specific to their field.
- j. Training and access to specialist equipment and resources related to their field of scholarship.
- k. Opportunities to work on partnership projects with other pupils in the private sector.
- l. Development of a skills CV and Record of Achievement portfolio.
- m. Liaison with governor, teacher and parent groups as required.
- n. Accreditation for their achievement where possible (e.g. Young Leaders' Award).
- o. Subject-specific support, activities and tuition where appropriate:

SUBJECT	SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR SCHOLARS
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master classes and workshops • Programme of visits to galleries and other venues • Art projects in collaboration with specialist organisations and artists • Publication of art works and projects • Exhibitions and competitions
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master classes and tuition • Programme of visits to live performances • Collaborative projects with external organisations • Competitions
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative writing academy and workshops • Programme of extensive literature and reading projects • Programme of visits to theatres, national events and other venues • Master classes and lectures
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master classes and tuition • Programme of educational visits to national venues and leading research institutions • University workshops to prepare Scholars for higher level requirements • Participation in competitions and international programmes, events, conferences and other STEM projects
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master classes and practical workshops • Lectures and seminars from visiting experts • Programme of visits to universities, leading laboratories and other scientific institutions • Participation in collaborative research projects, exhibitions, competitions and other STEM activities
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master classes and workshops • Theatre projects and visits • Participation in performances and contribution the Platanos Theatre Company • Publication of research and works • Participation in school and national events
PE and Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching and training workshops with specialists and other professionals and organisations • Participation in local, national and international events and competitions • Programme of trips and workshops • Access to sports clubs and specialist facilities and resources
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of educational visits to external institutions • Collaborative projects with external organisations • Competitions

SUBJECT	SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR SCHOLARS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community workshops and training• Research project

3.2 All Scholars must commit to the Scholarship Programme and maintain the highest standards of achievement and conduct throughout their time at Platanos College. This is required to maintain their eligibility for the Scholarship, which is subject to regular review.