



WORTH  
SCHOOL

# Scholarships and Bursaries 2010/11



**Scholarships are awarded annually, varying in value up to 40% of the annual fees.**

**Entry at 11+ and 13+**

*Academic Scholarships*

At age 11+: Scholarships are available to candidates demonstrating academic excellence in the entrance tests held at the school in January each year. Year 7 entrance tests for September 2010 entry will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and will be in English, Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning. On the basis of these tests and a positive report from their current school, some pupils will be invited back on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January for scholarship interviews. Parents will receive the results of the scholarship interviews by early February. The closing date for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

At age 13+: Scholarships are available to candidates demonstrating academic excellence in the Common Scholarship examinations in the Spring Term. The closing date for applications for 2010 entry is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

*Music Scholarships*

At age 11+: Scholarships are awarded for choral and / or instrumental excellence to outstanding candidates. The music scholarship auditions and interviews for 2010 entry will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and the closing date for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

At age 13+: A number of scholarships including free tuition on either one or two instruments are awarded annually to outstanding candidates. The music scholarship auditions for 2010 entry will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and the closing date for music scholarship applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

*Sport, Art and Drama Scholarships (All Rounder Scholarships)*

This category covers Sport, Art and Drama. Portfolios should include relevant Certificates and References from candidate's Coaches and/or Head of Department, and should be submitted by the closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 for Year 7 and Year 9. Candidates should meet with the appropriate Head of Department here at Worth for pre-auditions during the Autumn Term prior to the year of entry.



### Entry at 16+

Year 12 applicants for an Academic Scholarship are expected to complete two examination papers of their choice, and a General Paper.

Those students wishing to apply for Sport or Music Scholarships, or for All Rounder Scholarships (Art or Drama) will offer an area of specific achievement and should supply a portfolio of certificates and references by the closing date of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009. They will also be expected to complete the General Paper examination, and should make contact with the Registrar in order to arrange a pre-audition/assessment meeting.

Music candidates are expected to play their first and second instrument (voice is acceptable as an instrument) and to do some aural tests and sight reading. There will also be a chance to ask questions of the Director of Music and his colleagues and to look around the department during a pre-audition in the Autumn Term.

The examinations and interviews will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

#### *Bursaries*

All scholarships may be supplemented by a means-tested bursary if need is shown. For further details on scholarships, please contact the Registrar on 01342 710231 or [yloiraine@worth.org.uk](mailto:yloiraine@worth.org.uk). For bursary application forms, contact the School Bursar, Mrs. Angela Higgs, on 01342-710220 or [ahiggs@worth.org.uk](mailto:ahiggs@worth.org.uk)

#### **St Benedict Scholarships**

The purpose of the St Benedict scholarships is to enable local Catholic children of real ability, whose parents' financial circumstances would normally preclude attendance at Worth, to benefit from the opportunities offered by the School.

Each year from September 2009, one day place will be available for Year 7 and two day places for Year 12 and, subject to annual financial review, these places will be available up to the end of Year 13.

To be eligible for the award, students should be:

- the children of Catholic families who are in full communion with the Catholic church as verified by testimonies from their local parish priests and / or members of the Worth monastic community and who are committed to a Benedictine education;
- able to fulfil the criteria for scholarship in the entrance tests in either academic, musical, sport or all-rounder terms.

To be eligible for the award, the family of the student should be:



- of very limited financial means;
- willing to support the ethos of Worth School.

The award will be 100% of the day fee. The parents of the pupil will be expected to pay for any extras that the pupil may incur including music tuition, special tuition and other normal extras though some hardship support may be given for school trips and visits where appropriate.

Each application will be means tested. Parents will be required to complete a Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances and return it with the School's Registration Form.

**Detailed financial criteria for eligibility to be sent to those wishing to apply:**

The Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances which parents must complete is a standard form recommended for use in assessing means tested financial support by the Independent Schools Bursars Association and is used in many schools across the country. To be eligible for a St Benedict's scholarship, the net level of income (assessed as the difference between the income in part 3 and the outgoings in part 4 of the Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances) should not exceed £18,000 p.a. and the net value of assets owned by the family (assessed as the difference between the assets in part 5 and the Liabilities in part 6 of the Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances) should not exceed £50,000. However, it is not the intention that these criteria be rigidly applied and the Head Master of Worth School will have discretion to make an award where in his judgement the parents' net income and/or net assets are not significantly higher than the above, bearing in mind the particular circumstances and commitments of the parents.

We will also be allocating one boarding place in Year 12 each year to a Roman Catholic from Eastern Europe, who will be short-listed from a large number of applicants, in a scheme organized by the United World Colleges Organization, who will be interviewed by our Deputy Headmaster, Dr. Whitehead.