



Scholarships at 13+

The assessment day for the 2025-26 13+ Scholarship assessments is **Friday 31st January 2025**. To apply for a scholarship, parents must return a completed registration form, including registration fee, and a scholarship application form by **Friday 10th January 2025**. For further information please contact our Registrar at cwalker@rookwoodschool.org or on 01264 325910.

Most scholars will be offered a 10% discount on fees. A higher discount may be offered in exceptional circumstances, for example for an outstanding candidate or where a candidate demonstrates promise in two or more areas.

Scholars are expected to display a positive attitude to their work across all subject areas. Working hard in class, behave well and ensure that homework tasks are completed to a high standard. It is recognised that even scholars may struggle in certain subjects but in such cases it is imperative that they maintain a positive attitude.

Academic

Candidates sit papers in English and Mathematics. The exams are based on the National Curriculum expectations for Year 8, and therefore these exams are accessible to children from any setting (i.e. state schools as well as other independent schools).

Performing Arts (Music)

Candidates should have achieved at least Grade 5 in their chosen instrument (which could include voice). They will be required to play one prepared piece of their choice and they will also be asked to play a piece at sight and complete some aural tests. In addition to the discount in fees, Music Scholars will also receive the equivalent of one free peripatetic lesson per week during term time.

Performing Arts (Drama)

Candidates will be required to perform one prepared monologue of their choice, lasting approximately two minutes. This monologue should be learnt by heart. Candidates will also be asked to perform a short monologue or poem which shall be given to them during the audition.

Following the performances, there shall be a discussion with the teacher with regards to the role that drama plays in the candidate's life. Candidates may wish to detail any drama examinations that they have taken, roles that they have had in a play or drama clubs that they belong to. Please provide a drama portfolio either with your application or in advance of your assessment.

Sports

Candidates should be involved in their chosen sport at local club level and/or school team standard. They will be asked to submit a brief resume of their sporting activities to date, and should also provide a letter of recommendation from their coach or PE teacher. The assessment includes a fitness test, a group sporting activity and an interview.

Art

Candidates are required to produce two pieces of work at home, unaided:

- A drawing using any dry colour media. For example, it could be pastel, fine-line pen, conte crayons, coloured pencils or charcoal. The drawing can be of any subject e.g. a landscape, portrait or still life and could be in colour or black and white
- A painting copying or interpreting a painting by a well-known artist. This can be done using any type of paint except oil. We recommend using good quality paper or canvas for this to achieve the best result.

On the assessment day, candidates will complete an observational still life pencil drawing in the relaxed environment of the Art Department. This will last approximately an hour. The purpose of this is as much to identify creative potential as well as to assess current ability.