

Academic Scholarships



ST MARY'S
SHAFTESBURY

At St Mary's we focus on academic rigour whilst remaining focused on each individual and knowing and understanding their needs. Our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers inspire a love of learning and allow girls to fulfil, and surpass, all expectations.

Throughout the school, we take the approach that learning is not just for exams but for life. Developing curiosity, persistence, critical thinking and a positive mind-set is key to preparing to work in a modern, global society.

We have Academic Scholarships awarded at 9+, 11+ and 13+ as well as Sixth Form Scholarships.

9+, 11+ and 13+ Academic Scholarships (for entry into Years 5, 7 and 9)

The selection process is as follows:

The candidate is expected to attain a high standard in the school entrance examinations and will be required to sit an additional academic scholarship examination.

The candidate will have an interview with a member of the Senior Management Team.

St Mary's will request a testimonial and academic report from the candidate's present school along with any other available supporting evidence.

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships (for entry into Year 12)

Scholarships are offered for the two-year duration of Sixth Form.

Scholarship candidates are expected to achieve a minimum of eight GCSE passes, with Grade A/7 in at least their three A Level choices.

The candidate's mock examination results will form the basis of the selection process together with the following:

Candidates will be asked to attend academic examinations and an interview with a panel which may include the Head, Deputy Head, Head of Sixth Form and Heads of Departments.

There will be a series of examinations consisting of a general intelligence paper, a general essay paper and papers for two of the A Level subject choices. If one of the choices is a Modern Foreign Language, an oral component will be included.



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