



Prep School Entrance and Awards

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd January 2022

Introduction

Prep School Awards are available in the following areas; Academic, Sport and Music. These awards are open to current and prospective pupils entering First Form. Awards are worth up to 10% of the school fees. Should additional funding be required an application for bursary can be made, further details can be obtained on our website along with the application form and guidelines. The closing date for bursary applications is Friday 4 February 2022 for September 2022 entry.

Entrance to Strathallan Prep School

Prospective pupils wishing to join SPS are asked to undertake an online assessment called CAT 4 which normally takes 60-90 minutes to complete. In addition prospective pupils are asked to complete a written essay. The assessments allow the staff to discover all new pupils' areas of strength and areas for development. The offer of a place is subject to a satisfactory school report and reference. Please note that these are **not** competitive academic entrance assessments.



Academic



Those wishing to be considered for an Academic Award will be asked to complete the entrance requirements if they are not a current pupil. In addition they will have a short interviews with our Deputy Head Academic, Mr Hamill and our Academic Scholarship Coordinator Dr Woodman and an interview with our Head of SPS, Mrs Lalani.

Awards recognise outstanding academic ability and develop future academic potential though a structured programme.

Successful candidates will demonstrate a high level of academic ability, the potential to develop this further, the attitude to learning and intellectual challenge commensurate with the highest academic standards relative to their age, and a natural interest and passion for the area of their academic study.

Successful candidates will be expected to embrace the academic opportunities that Strathallan School offers by engaging fully with the following:

- Our series of Humanities and STEM-based lectures, seminars and workshops;
- Participation in the annual Academic Essay Competition;
- Where appropriate, 'mentoring' of younger pupils
- Academic outreach work of specific academic departments;
- Regular meetings with the Academic Scholarship Coordinator to discuss individual academic progress and targets;
- Entry into external academic competitions, as appropriate;

Sport



Sports Awards are available for boys and girls who demonstrate outstanding sporting ability, talent and potential to contribute strongly to sport at Strathallan and beyond. Applicants may highlight at least 2 of the following sports:

- Athletics
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Tennis

- Cricket
- Netball
- Swimming

For applicants of exceptional talent, sports outside the above will be considered.



What are we looking for?

- Outstanding natural sporting ability
- Achievement in chosen sport(s)
- Potential: just as important as current level of performance
- Motivation to train and perform
- The ability to work as part of teams or squads
- Leadership potential
- The ability to inspire peers to higher levels of performance
- The desire and drive to excel in sport beyond Strathallan
- The ability to manage academic and other school commitments

Candidates are asked to complete the relevant application form and provide the admissions office with references for each sport. Detail of honours, awards and achievements, current district/regional or national teams, targets and intended goals plus any supporting information should be included in the application.

The Sports Assessment consists of a generic sports assessment which assesses athleticism, balance, coordination and team work. There is also a group interview with the Director of Sport followed by assessments in the candidate's chosen sports.

Music



Music Awards are available for boys and girls who show outstanding ability, talent and commitment to music. Candidates should be performing confidently on two instruments of which one may include voice.

Minimum Standards

Age 9-10 (Year 5 and Year 6) Grade 2

Age II-I2 (First and Second Form) Grade 4

*Please note that the corresponding examination need not have been sat.

Candidates are invited for an audition and interview with our Director of Music, Mr McAuley. Candidates are asked to prepare two contrasting pieces and if applicable a third piece on their second instrument. In addition candidates will be given aural and sight-reading tests appropriate to their practical ability.

Successful Music Award holders would be expected to:

- Prioritise attendance at all appropriate musical events
- Sing in the school choir
- Meet with the Director of Music to discuss progress and personal targets
- Be actively involved in musical outreach work

Please note that copies of the both the pupil part and piano accompaniment should be sent to admissions@strathallan.co.uk by Monday 17 January in advance of the audition.





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