



SOLIHULL

Sixth Form Information Event - FAQ

Monday 16 November 2020

- **When is the closing date for Sixth Form applications?**

Internal applications – Wednesday 9 December 2020

External applications - Thursday 7 January 2021

- **What Scholarships do you offer at 16+?**

We offer Academic and Co-curricular Scholarships in Music, Sport, Drama and Theatre Design.

- **When is the Academic Scholarship exam?**

Saturday 6 February 2021. The general Academic Scholarship exam is a one-hour multiple choice paper designed to test critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Sample papers can be found on our website. Candidates will usually be predicted Grade 8 in at least six subjects.

- **May I apply for more than one Scholarship?**

Yes

- **How do I apply for a Scholarship?**

Your parents will need to complete the Scholarship form on our website and return to Solihull School along with the completed registration form and relevant documentation. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Admissions Department on 0121 705 4273 or admissions@solsch.org.uk

- **How do I apply for a Bursary?**

At the time of registration your parents will need to add a covering letter to say they wish to apply for a Bursary. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Admissions Department on 0121 705 4273 or admissions@solsch.org.uk

- **Are bursaries the same as scholarships?**

No bursaries are means tested on parent's financial income and outgoings.

- **May I have both a bursary and a scholarship?**

Yes

- **What Careers support is on offer for Sixth Form students?**

Students in the Sixth Form have access to bespoke and independent support and advice from our Head of Careers, Mrs Chillcott. Mrs Chillcott works closely with the Sixth Form Team to ensure that students select A Levels that are right for them, and which facilitate their post-18 aspirations. Students are able to make an appointment with Mrs Chillcott at any point, and all LVI students receive an individual careers interview in the summer term, to discuss their post-18 options (e.g. university, degree apprenticeship).

- **How does Solihull support my child's university application?**

During their LVI year, students are introduced to the UCAS application process, in the summer term receive help and support with writing their personal statements. This support continues into the UVI, when applications are finalised and submitted. Mrs Chillcott oversees this, and works closely with the Sixth Form Team and tutors. Students in LVI have access to UniFrog, which is an online portal bringing together information on courses and institutions across the world, and which enables students to make informed choices and successful applications.

- **What if my child does not wish to go to university?**

Whilst the vast majority of our students move on to Higher Education, we recognise that this is not the best fit for everyone. We are fully supportive of students exploring other options, and facilitate this through an extensive programme of Careers Seminars and the Career Mentor programme, which matches students with members of the Solihull Community who are successful in their particular field of interest. A number of our recent alumni have gone onto prestigious degree apprenticeship courses, and we invite these back annually to speak about their experiences.