

# Excellence Awards in Art, Music & Sport

## Art

**The Art Scholarship assessment involves:**

1. A portfolio:

Candidates should bring evidence of talent and interest in Art and Design, in the form of work produced at home and/or at school. A minimum of six pieces of work must be submitted on the day of the assessment; these should be clearly labelled with the candidate's name. If the portfolio includes large, heavy or fragile 3D work then a clear photograph of the work is preferred. The portfolio should ideally include good examples of observational drawing.

2. A 90-minute assessment which will consist of two tasks:

- a) A simple drawing task with the subject focus provided by the department. This will focus on technical ability and tonal drawing skills.
- b) An additional drawing task that will test the candidates' drawing, use of colour, composition and creativity.

**The Art Scholarship assessment will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 2pm until 3.30pm in the Art Department. Candidates should arrive 15 minutes before the assessment is due to start. All materials will be provided.**

## Music

Music scholars are expected to play a full part within the musical life of the school. This means prioritising musical activities over others and contributing to instrumental and vocal ensembles including extra-curricular activities at **lunchtimes, after school** and on **Sunday Training Days**. At all times representing the school must be a priority and regarded as an honour and an obligation.

**11+ candidates must offer two instruments (the second of which may be singing). Candidates should be at least Grade 3 standard and working towards Grade 4 on their main instrument and Grade 1 standard on their second instrument. They will be expected to perform two pieces on their principal instrument and one on their second instrument. There will also be tests in sight-reading, aural, general musicianship, scales and a viva-voce.**

**Music Scholarship assessments will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Individual appointment times will be notified via a Candidate Card.**

Candidates must bring with them the original certificates and comment sheets from the most recent exams taken on each instrument, plus a written reference outlining their musical achievements from their current school and, if appropriate, the conductor of any outside ensembles of which they are a member.

**Scholarships are awarded for the successful candidates' entire time at the College. If Scholars cease to participate in the area of award without authorisation then the College reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship.**

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## Sport

Sports Scholars are expected to play a full part in the sporting activities within the College including extra-curricular activities at **lunchtimes, after school** and on **Saturday mornings**.

At all times representing the school must be a priority and regarded as an honour and an obligation.

Candidates should be at area, county, regional or national standard or show **real potential** of reaching this standard in at least one sport offered at St. Mary's College. Please be realistic about your child's potential as competition for scholarships is incredibly strong.

Candidates must provide a written reference outlining their sporting excellence from their primary/current school and (if appropriate) an outside referee e.g. Club, Area, or County coach.

The following tests will be conducted:

- 1) A range of fitness tests to assess cardio-vascular fitness, agility and co-ordination.
- 2) Skills Tests
  - Netball - female candidates only
  - Hockey - female candidates only
  - Rugby Union - male candidates only
  - Football - female & male candidates
  - Cricket - female & male candidates
  - Assessment of replication of key skills and coachability - female & male candidates
- 3) Each candidate will also have a short individual interview with a member of the PE staff.

In addition to an assessment of their overall sporting potential; male candidates will be assessed on their ability to contribute to the College's major sports of Rugby Union, Football, Cricket and Athletics and female candidates will be assessed on their ability to contribute to College Netball, Football and Athletics.

**Sport Scholarship assessments will take place on the following days:**

- **Girls: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 12.30pm - 3pm**
- **Boys: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 12.30pm - 3pm**

Please arrive in kit at least 15 minutes before the assessment is due to start and bring a drink and a snack (e.g. fruit or health bar). Boys should bring football / rugby boots in addition to regular trainers and may also bring a gum shield and/or hard ball cricket equipment if they wish.

Any boys wishing to show hardball cricket need to arrive at 12pm and email [armsjst@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk](mailto:armsjst@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk) to notify us in advance.

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