



# Mill Hill School

## Fourth Form Awards, Scholarships & Bursaries

A wide range of Awards are offered to pupils entering into the Fourth Form (Year 9). These Awards broadly fall into two categories – Scholarships and Bursaries.



# 4th Form Awards General Information

## Scholarships

Scholarships attract a maximum of 10% fee remission of a day or boarding place. 10% fee remission is the maximum total amount that any candidate can hold as a scholarship even if more than one scholarship is held. If a candidate holding a Fourth Form Award of 10% applies later in their career for a Sixth Form Scholarship, they will, if successful in their application for a Sixth Form award, attract the status of a Sixth Form Scholar but the financial value of their scholarship will not increase.

Scholarships are available to pupils showing exceptional talent in a variety of areas both in the classroom and on the sports field. In addition to major awards, there are a number of minor Awards or Exhibitions also on offer. The Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster (External) or the Assistant Registrar are happy to advise parents and feeder schools about any of these awards.

- Candidates for Scholarships must be over 12 years old and under 14 years old on 1st June in the year which they are applying to enter the Fourth Form
- The School will seek a written reference on each candidate from the Head of his or her present school
- All Awards are reviewed annually and are subject to the recipient performing at a satisfactory standard during the course of the preceding year
- The value of an Award will attract the same annual percentage rise as the School Fees

The Head of an applicant's prep school will be asked to make the recommendation for consideration for an academic award and the format of the prep school Head's reference will be modified to allow more space to identify particular academic strengths, especially where these are in subjects not in the entrance examinations.

Those candidates whose performance in the entrance examinations is sufficiently strong, as assessed by the School, will be invited to proceed to a series of scholarship interviews, held at the end of the second week after the entrance examinations. Those going forward for scholarship interview may include those recommended by their prep school Head and also any others who have met the required standard of performance in the entrance examinations.

Candidates will be interviewed by Heads of Department at Mill Hill in 1, 2 or 4 of the subjects offered in the entrance examinations (depending on their performance), and by the Headmaster.

The subject interviews will be 20 minutes long, with candidates given some material/questions to prepare for 20 minutes before each interview. The interviews will have agreed criteria for evaluation.

The range of academic awards available will be:

### **Academic Scholarship**

for strong performance in all/most scholarship interviews

### **Academic Exhibition**

for good performance in all scholarship interviews

### **Exhibition in one or two named subject(s)**

for strong performance in the relevant subject interviews and in the Headmaster's interview.

## Other Awards

Candidates for other awards will be expected to perform at a sound level in the School's Entrance Examinations.

## Ward Art & Design and Design Technology Awards

Ward Art & Design Award and Design Technology Awards may be made annually.

Candidates will be required to submit a portfolio of recent work. It is expected that any candidate for an Art & Design Award or Design Technology Award will be:

An outstanding pupil in Art or Design Technology who regularly receives A grades at his/her current school. Be able to demonstrate a strong interest and commitment to the subject, and intending to continue with the subject at least to GCSE level.

Have strong drawing skills, and be able to demonstrate the ability to draw from both observation and imagination be able to demonstrate ability to use a range of materials. Be able to demonstrate ability to initiate and develop his/her own ideas for pieces of work. Be able to analyse and discuss art/design works and express his/her own opinions.

## Todd Sports Awards

A number of Sports Awards may be made annually.

Candidates will be required to provide evidence of their sporting ability by the presentation of a sporting CV and a letter of recommendation from their present school and/or a letter of recommendation from a coach or manager of any

out of school team represented. The letter of recommendation should detail significant skills and achievement of the candidates in their chosen sport/s. Candidates will also be expected to attend a Sports Award Trial in January, where fitness and agility levels will be assessed in their chosen sports.

It is expected that candidates for a Sports Award will be:

An outstanding performer in one or more sporting disciplines at his/her current school or at club/district/county or national level. Be able to demonstrate a strong interest in and commitment to their selected sport/s. Be able to offer expertise in areas that reflect the sporting provision at Mill Hill School.

## Music Awards

Music Scholarships and Exhibitions may be awarded annually. Candidates may enter for either an Academic Award or a Music Award or for both.

The Major Music Award is named the Helmore Music Scholarship.

At Fourth Form level, candidates for a Music Scholarship will normally be expected to have reached at least the standard (though not necessarily to have sat the examination) of Grade 6 in piano or Grade 5 in an orchestral instrument. For a Music Exhibition a minimum of one grade lower would be expected. Candidates may also offer a second instrument at a lower level, and/or voice, and/or composition. Two contrasting pieces will be expected and there will also be aural and sightreading tests. Musical ability may also be taken into account in making other Academic Awards. Further information on Music Awards may be obtained from the Director of Music.

## Drama Awards

A Drama Award is available to a student who is able to demonstrate outstanding acting ability. Evidence for this will be threefold:

The student should have an outstanding record of full participation in past school productions, supported by a reference from that school, outlining exactly what the student has achieved in the past and why the student should be considered for such an Award. The candidate will take part in an audition session at Mill Hill in January. He/she should prepare two short audition

speeches, one from Shakespeare and one from a modern play. These should be fully rehearsed before the audition, word perfect and show outstanding ability in both voice and movement work.

The student will take part in a drama workshop with other candidates on the day of the audition, where he/she will demonstrate a confident awareness of how to work positively and creatively with others in such an environment. Candidates should only attempt this audition if they have a proven interest in drama and something very special to offer the school. The successful candidate will be expected to involve him/herself in public performances as requested at the school during their time at the school.

## Bursaries

Means-tested bursaries are available to new entrants to the School. Such awards are intended to extend the benefits of a Mill Hill education to pupils whose families would not otherwise be able to afford the School's fees. In addition, the School makes provision for the award of hardship bursaries to assist families who experience sudden and unexpected hardship. Bursaries are funded from the School's fee income, supplemented by contributions to the Mill Hill School Foundation Appeal. Bursary awards are made by the Court of Governors upon the recommendation of the Foundation Bursary Committee. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate sound academic potential, strong extra-curricular interests and strong personal qualities. Families wishing to apply for financial support are encouraged to request a Bursary Application Form and a copy of the School's Bursary Policy, both of which are available from Mrs Tracy Williams at Walker House or [twilliams@mhsfoundation.org.uk](mailto:twilliams@mhsfoundation.org.uk).

## External Trust Funds

There are a number of Awards funded by external Trust Funds; the Headmaster nominates candidates for these on the basis of the School's normal interviews and Entrance Examinations and any other information, as available and appropriate.

McClure/Life Governors' Scholarship at the Headmaster's discretion; no special conditions.

Ousey Scholarship: a candidate must be a lineal descendant of a former pupil of the School.

# Application Form



How to Apply for an Art & Design, Design Technology, Sports, Music or Drama Award.

Please complete the return the application form below.

The deadline for all applications is the end of December preceding the year of entry.

## 4th Form Awards

Please return the completed form to

The Admissions Office, Mill Hill School, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill Village, London NW7 1QS

Full Name of Candidate

Name of Present School

Name of Headteacher

Name of Parent/Guardian

Telephone Number(s)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please tick the type(s) of Award for which you wish your child to be considered

Art & Design

Design Technology

Drama

Music *Please indicate instrument(s)*

1st

2nd

Sports *Please indicate which sport(s)*

1st

2nd

*Sports CV and references to be submitted with application*