



Sports Scholarship Reference Form

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

11+ Sports Scholarship Pathway

This is our top tier offering and includes a Sport Scholarship which is available from Year 7. They are awarded to up to four candidates with significant athletic potential and in recognition of a very high sporting standard across at least one sport that is played at Belmont (Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Football, Cricket) – this is so potential scholars can be assessed equally. Please note the second sport does not have to be one of the five sports offered at Belmont. Awards are not made solely to those with a particular sporting prowess but also to those with significant athletic potential and mental resilience.

The sports scholarship is tenable for two years at Belmont and continues for five years at Mill Hill, our senior school, subject to satisfactory progress and behaviour.

Performance Pathway

In addition to the Scholars, our next level of award sees up to six pupils offered a place on the Performance Pathway. There is no fee remission offered for this award but it gives pupils access to performance sessions with elite Strength & Conditioning coaches and sport performance staff and access to twilight psychology and nutrition sessions with the scholars. Pupils who are awarded will demonstrate excellent athletic ability, sporting attitude and character. This nominated group could expect to be fast tracked for 13+ at Mill Hill School.

Talent Pathway

Belmont will then select up to a further 20 pupils to be part of the Talent Pathway. These pupils will be selected by the Sports department and will meet once a week to train on their fundamental components of fitness as well as undergo preparatory work for the Mill Hill School 13+ scholarship. Parents will need to complete a new application to be considered for the 13+ Scholarship award at Mill Hill School.

Candidates who are offered a place on the Pathway at either Performance or Talent are those who, like the scholarship candidates, are identified as having the potential athletic ability and mind-set to become sporting leaders but would benefit from enhanced coaching, skills development and sport science information. Emphasis is placed on the individual's athletic development and team play.

Up to 4

MHSF SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
PER YEAR

Up to 6

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP PERFORMANCE
PATHWAYS AWARDED PER YEAR

20

TALENT PATHWAYS AWARDED PER YEAR

Belmont Sports Scholars expectations

Candidates entering for the Scholarship pathway should be aware that if offered, sport will become a major part of their school life. Scholars are expected to take a full and active part in the sporting life of the school, and will find themselves performing in fixtures during the school week and some weekends in addition to their individual coaching commitments.

What a Belmont Scholar would look like:

- Coachable and willing to quickly implement given feedback
- Have excellent hand-eye co-ordination
- Demonstrate ambition and drive towards achieving a personal or team goal
- Are able to make good decisions when under pressure
- Are physically resilient and robust
- Have raw athletic ability
- Have positive emotional intelligence and are able to bounce back from setbacks
- Have good communication skills
- Are willing to take the lead

Scholarships will be reviewed annually and their continuance is dependent upon attitude, conduct, participation and progress

What is the required standard?

For entry at 11+ candidates will be expected to be at club or county level in their main sport and often offer a second sport (though this is not a prerequisite). The over-riding factor in whether a candidate receives an award will be whether they show exceptional athletic potential in their assessments. If you are in any doubt about suitability for an award please contact the Director of Sport; Ms Goldthorpe in advance lgoldthorpe@belmontschool.com

When do the trials take place?

Trials for entry in September will take place during the Spring Term of that year; successful candidates will be required to meet the School's academic entrance requirements.

On the day of the trials all candidates will take part in three activities including two of their chosen sports and a team building activity. Candidates are assessed individually and as a group involving a variety of physical measures in order to demonstrate a combination of athletic ability and hand-eye co-ordination.

Ms Goldthorpe, our Director of Sport is always happy to meet with prospective candidates and their parents, and to answer enquiries at any stage of the application process.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FORM – REFERENCE FORM

Student Details

Name:

Sport:

Details about the student's achievements in your sport

Their level of ability, coachability, general athletic ability, tactical awareness, attitude, potential, and anything else you feel will enhance their application.

Please also include the level at which they are playing and any representative honours (County, South East etc)

Referee's Details

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Position

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