



SHERBORNE

LOWER SIXTH SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2011 (For Entry in 2012)

GENERAL

Each September we accept a number of candidates into our Lower Sixth to begin a two year A/AS level or IB course. These places are highly competitive and depend upon:

- The number of boys leaving Sherborne after taking their GCSE examinations.
- The report received from the candidate's present school.
- Interviews with the Headmaster and the Director of Studies, and the taking of written papers.

Candidates can be accepted for entry:

- After winning a scholarship. Any award over 20% of full fees will be dependent on financial need. Awards of lesser value may be awarded if the boy's ability does not warrant a scholarship.
- After sitting a scholarship and being offered a place.
- After sitting entrance (ie: non-scholarship) papers.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Scholarship candidates must be under 17 years of age on 1 July 2012. Other candidates for entrance should normally fulfil this age qualification.
- At the time of application, candidates must have obtained, or be certified as likely to obtain, a minimum of **FIVE GCSE/O** level passes, of which **AT LEAST FOUR MUST BE AT GRADE B OR BETTER**. A guideline for attempting the scholarship examination would be a forecast of 5 or more A*/A grades at GCSE/O level.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

Candidates will be invited to Sherborne on Wednesday/Thursday 9/10 November 2011 for interviews and to sit papers consisting of:

A compulsory paper in three sections:

- a) a passage of English for comprehension;
- b) a choice of general essay questions;
- c) Mathematical questions up to GCSE standard.

Three subject papers of the candidate's choice. The candidate should choose subjects in which he would hope to do well. It is expected that his choice will include at least two subjects he intends to study in the Sixth Form. In the papers we will be looking for signs of flair and scholarship as well as competence. There will also be a short interview in each subject offered.

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Candidates will be invited to Sherborne on Tuesday 15 November 2011 for interviews and to sit written papers consisting of:

- A compulsory paper** in three sections:
- a) a passage of English for comprehension;
 - b) a choice of general essay questions;
 - d) Mathematics questions up to GCSE standard.

Two subject papers of the candidate's choice. It is expected that the subjects chosen will be likely **A level** subjects. In the papers we will be looking for competence in the subjects offered as well as suitability for these **A level** courses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Application forms for scholarship and entrance examinations, and further details about the examinations may be obtained from **The Registrar, Sherborne School, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3AP (01935 810402) (email: registrar@sherborne.org)**, preferably during the early part of the academic year in which the candidate is due to take his GCSE/O levels.
- The Headmaster of the candidate's current school should be advised of the intending application.
- On receipt of a completed application form, the Registrar will write to the candidate's present school asking for a full and confidential report on the candidate.
- The closing date for Scholarship entry is **Friday 28 October 2011**.
- Each year a 'Sixth Form Courses' booklet is produced. This gives full information about the A and AS courses offered. Examination procedures may have to be modified for those candidates living overseas. This may entail sitting papers under supervised conditions abroad.
- To be eligible for a Bursary candidates must take the Scholarship Examination or receive a Sports or Music Award.