

## SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS & SPORTS PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

### Sport Scholarships

Sevenoaks School awards Sport Scholarships at 13+ and 16+ via a formal assessment process to both external and internal applicants. We award only a few Scholarships to external candidates at 13+, reserving a significant number of Sport Scholarships to be awarded to students during their time at the school as they mature. Typically, a Scholarship is awarded once a student has been selected for a talent pathway (or equivalent) to regional or national level sport representation.

At 16+, we offer Sport Scholarships to candidates who are on a level with the Sport Scholars already in the school, i.e. on at least a talent pathway (or equivalent) to regional or national level sport representation.

### Sevenoaks School Sports Performance Programme

Sevenoaks is keen to support every student's ambition to develop their potential in performance sport. To this end, we have established a Sports Performance Programme which provides access to coaching and ancillary support. Most of our Sport Scholars participate in the programme, but any student serious about working towards sporting excellence can apply for the programme. Participation in the Sports Performance Programme may lead to the award of a Sport Scholarship.

Sevenoaks offers a breadth of sporting activities where the school competes locally and nationally, so we are experienced in supporting students across many sports, not just the traditional UK school sports, such as Athletics, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby, but also less traditional options including Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Fencing, Girls' Football, Golf, Sailing, Shooting, Squash, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball. We also support students in sports not offered in the school.

This Programme is holistic and tailored to each individual. It includes:

- **Athletic Development.** Physical preparation support which underpins movement relevant to individual sports
- **Mentoring.** Staff and peer mentoring tailored to the individual.

- **Coaching.** 1-to-1 coaching and performance analysis from sport specific coaches.
- **Education.** Seminars and workshops delivered by elite coaches and athletes.
- **Responsibility.** A seat on the Sports Council, a student/staff forum which aims to develop the school's sporting environment and provision.
- **Higher Education.** Individual guidance and support in all aspects of the process, in conjunction with the school's Higher Education department.
- **Well-being.** Staff mentoring to maintain balance between academic work and sports, in collaboration with the student's Tutor and pastoral leads.

We believe Sport Scholars should not have to compromise on their academics, and Sport Scholars at Sevenoaks commonly combine representation at national level with admission to a UK Russell Group or US University.

We are pleased to have supported students into the following universities and teams:  
<https://www.sevenoaksschool.org/co-curricular/sport/hall-of-fame/>

### **Application criteria**

Applicants for a Sport Scholarship and Sports Performance Programme will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Values – How well do students represent our Sport Department values?
2. Commitment – Have students attended all sport fixtures and training?
3. Endeavour – What level of non-school sport are students competing in?
4. Reflectiveness – How do students manage feedback in the pursuit of development?
5. Performance – What level of sport are they playing (at School/Club)

### **Sport Scholarship Assessments**

The Assessment Day will include:

- Physical profiling.
- Assessment in their individual sports (where feasible).
- Involvement in a team sport activity.
- The opportunity to meet current Scholars and learn about the Performance Sport Programme.

For 13+ applicants, the assessment takes place in May before they join the school. For 16+ applicants, it takes place in late October or early November after the academic assessments.

The Admissions team is happy to pass any further or specific queries about Sport Scholarships to the Director of Sport, Steve Brenchley.