SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

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Sevenoaks offers an outstanding sporting education, providing opportunities for every student to thrive within an inclusive and inspirational environment. There is a range of opportunities to engage in sport across the academic year, fostering lifelong interest and creating an environment where performance can be developed.

Sport Scholarships



At the Year 9 (13+) entry point, all candidates who have already been offered and have accepted a place at the school will be invited to apply for a Sport scholarship. This invitation is also extended to current students who joined the school at Year 7 (11+). Sport scholarship applications should be submitted by 1 February of Year 8 and the scholarship assessment day will be held in April. Internal candidates are not required to provide a reference when making an application.

Lower Sixth (16+) candidates should apply for a Sport scholarship at the confirmation stage. Selected candidates are invited for assessment in late October or early November after sitting the academic entrance exams in October.

Selection Criteria

Sport scholarships at Sevenoaks School are awarded to celebrate exceptional achievement in external sporting endeavours. The school celebrates internal sporting success through other means, for example the award of school colours and prizes.

Sport scholarships are formally awarded to applicants at 13+ and 16+ via an assessment process. We award only a few scholarships to candidates at 13+, reserving a significant number of scholarships to be awarded to students during their time at the school, as they mature and develop their sporting ability. During this time, we support each individual towards external representation, through the Performance Sport Programme. ***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 scholarships to external candidates who are at a comparable level to sport scholars already in the school. Usually, these students are on at least a talent pathway (or equivalent) to regional or national level sport representation.

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Sevenoaks School Performance Sport Programme

Sevenoaks provides support for every student with the ambition to develop their potential in performance sport. To this end, we have established a Performance Sport Programme which provides access to coaching and ancillary support. Sport Scholars participate in this programme, alongside any student serious about working towards sporting excellence. Sevenoaks offers a breadth of sporting activities where the school competes locally and nationally, and 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, 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

• **Wellbeing** - 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: Sevenoaks Hall of Fame.

Further information and application details

At Year 9 entry, all candidates who have accepted a place at the school will be invited to apply for a Sport scholarship. Sport scholarship applications should be submitted by 1 February of Year 8 and the scholarship assessment day will be held in April. The application form can be found here.

At Lower Sixth entry, candidates should express an interest in a Sport scholarship at the confirmation stage and complete the scholarship application form found here. Selected candidates will be invited for assessment in late October or early November.

Please direct further enquires to our Admissions department via email, admissions@sevenoaksschool.org. Our Director of Sport, Mr Steve Brenchley, is pleased to meet candidates informally at any stage and to answer any queries.