



Myddelton College  
Denbigh, Denbighshire, LL16 3EN

## Scholarships and Bursaries Policy

### Introduction

This policy contains an overview of the scholarships and bursaries currently in operation at Myddelton College ('the College'). It is our intention that scholarships and bursaries are accessible to all able, gifted and talented individuals. The College has a sensitive and comprehensive scholarship and bursary system in place, to provide financial assistance to families who may think they can't afford to send their child to the College. If you are thinking that this is beyond you, we would ask; can you afford not to find out what we can do to support your children?

This policy, together with all ancillary documentation including the scholarship and bursary application forms, are made available to existing parents and prospective parents on request. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

### Definitions

#### Able pupils

'Able pupils' refers to students who achieve, or have the ability to achieve, above average (compared with the attainment of other students in their year group) in one or more of the National Curriculum subjects.

#### Gifted pupils

Gifted refers to students who achieve, or have the ability to achieve, **significantly** above average (compared with the attainment of other students in their year group) in one or more of the National Curriculum subjects other than art, performing arts or physical education.

#### Talented pupils

Talented refers to those students who achieve, or have the ability to achieve, **significantly** above average in art, performing arts, physical education or in areas requiring visio-spatial skills or practical abilities (these could include a range of non- traditional areas) compared with the attainment of other students in their year group.

#### Scholarship

A scholarship is an award made to support a student's education, the award is based on the student's merit and holds no reference to parental financial circumstances.

#### Bursary

A bursary is a reduction of fees based on an assessment of the child's academic performance as well as the financial circumstances of the family. The College's bursary awards are means-tested and may be awarded in addition to a scholarship or in its own.

The combined value of Scholarship and Bursary awards will not exceed 50% remission off the fees, except where specifically mentioned as part of the award.

## Scholarships at Myddelton College

### Aims of the Scholarship programme at Myddelton College

- To reward and signify excellence
- To celebrate exceptional talent
- To broaden access to Myddelton College for all able, gifted and talented individuals.

### Scholarships Outline

The scholarship programme is designed to enable students who have a particular talent or aptitude to perform at the highest level. Scholarship students receive extra support and a programme of advanced study and activity that challenges them and broadens their understanding and skills. They learn to take pride and enjoyment in their expertise, to understand what it means to excel in a particular field. Scholarship students also act as ambassadors for their subject/s, encouraging others to share their enthusiasm and exploring ways to communicate their expertise and ignite interest in their fellow students.

It is the College's usual policy to limit the value of awards to 10% and should your child sit for more than one type of scholarship, and is successful in more than one, then the combined value of all awards will not exceed 30%, although they will be entitled to the full titular prestige of all the awards won. However, it may be possible to enhance the value of an award with the addition of a bursary on an individual family circumstances (means-tested) basis.

Fee remission is only on the day fees that you pay (after other remissions have been subtracted). Incidentals will be charged at the full amount. Scholarships can be combined with other Scholarships and Bursaries.

For September 2016, the College is offering the opportunity for new pupils to apply for a scholarship on the basis of evidence of exceptional recent achievement, performance in the entrance assessment and an interview with a College representative at the stages outlined on page 5.

Students who do not receive a Scholarship, but whose performance in the assessment(s) is deserving of recognition, are offered Awards. All Award holders will receive a remission off their tuition fees, together with an unconditional offer. Candidates who narrowly miss out on achieving a Scholarship or Award may be given a remission off their tuition fees or unconditional offer on the basis of their performance in the entrance assessments.

### Subject Scholarships

The College offers a limited number of Scholarships, but can offer an Award in recognition of outstanding potential, these are usually limited to a value of between 5-10% off our day fee.

### Scholarship Categories

There are three categories of scholarship:

1. Academic Scholarship
2. Talent based Scholarship: Art, Drama, ICT, Music and Sport.
3. Unique Scholarships: this includes the Denbigh Scholarship and the Hugh Myddelton Scholarship.

As part of the scholarship and bursary application, **ALL** students will need to provide the following evidence:

1. A personal statement. Candidates are required to write, in their own words, a short personal statement (approximately 300 words) about their work and interests in relation to the category

of scholarship to which they have applied. The personal statement should include information on:

- a. Why the candidate is applying – this should include the candidate’s ambitions and what interests them about the selected scholarship subject
  - b. What makes the candidate suitable, or what can they bring to the College – any relevant skills, experience or achievements gained from education, work or other extracurricular activities.
2. A portfolio containing evidence of their achievements:
- a. **For an Academic Scholarship:**  
Students will also need to provide any prizes and certificates gained, as well as sample pieces of outstanding work with references from their teacher/s.
  - b. **For a talent-based Scholarship:**  
Students will also need to provide a portfolio of achievements including examination results, examples of outstanding work, and, depending on which Scholarship is being applied for, recordings, match reports, references from a specialist club or coach, or evidence of county level sporting success.
  - c. **For our Unique Scholarships:**  
Students will also need to provide any prizes and certificates gained, sample pieces of outstanding work, teacher references as proof of academic achievement, as well as evidence of achievements that relate to the specific talent on which they have been chosen to be judged.

Please note that any scholarship applications without the sufficient supporting evidence will be rejected.

### Scholarship Details

Each scholarship requires students to match a certain criteria. The criteria for each scholarship is as follows:

#### Denbigh Scholarship

The College will offer two fully-funded scholarships (100% remission), to one boy and one girl living in the town of Denbigh. The College will be looking for exceptional able, gifted and talented individuals that are able to demonstrate that they are currently an ambassador for the town of Denbigh and therefore for Myddelton College. This is our way of giving back to the community of Denbigh, a reward for the dedication the individual has given to others in the community. Candidates for a Denbigh Scholarship will be asked to sit our entrance assessment, provide a written personal statement and any relevant supporting documentation and references to substantiate their application. The Town Council will be involved in the selection process.

Therefore, students applying for the Denbigh Scholarship must:

- Live within the town of Denbigh
- Be a day student
- Be a student in, or entering the Middle and Senior School
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Be an active member of the Denbigh community, for example, be a member of an organisation/group providing a community based service for others

The Denbigh Scholarship is the only 100% remission offered by Myddelton College. The College reserves the right to offer a Denbigh Scholarship to students in, or entering Lower School if, at the discretion of the Admissions Team, the student has and is a strong ambassador for the community of Denbigh and holds the relevant and necessary experience that is needed to be a Denbigh Scholar.

### **Hugh Myddelton Scholarship**

The Hugh Myddelton Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship that is awarded to an able, gifted and talented individual. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who can demonstrate a high academic ability, consistent contribution to their local community and potential to contribute to the College. The scholarship can cover up to 50% of the College's day fees.

Therefore, students applying for the Hugh Myddelton Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Be an active member of their local community

### **Academic Scholarship**

We do not award academic scholarships on the strength of the entrance assessments alone, we believe that we gain a much more accurate picture of a child's academic ability after we have had an opportunity to meet and interview the student. Therefore, following the entrance assessment and provision of a written personal statement, students identified as having the potential to be Academic Scholars are written to, inviting them to attend an interview.

Therefore, students applying for the Academic Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential

### **Music Scholarship**

The Music Scholarship is awarded to pupils who demonstrate an exceptional ability in either singing or playing a musical instrument. Pupils must be at least at Grade 5 with their chosen instrument in order to apply. The scholarship is awarded to pupils who are committed to further developing their musical talent in the future, as well as those willing to dedicate time towards the musical aspect of the school, throughout their years at the College.

The scholarship also provides 2 free music lessons per week during term time. The free music lessons only apply where the combined total discount does not exceed 30% (at the discretion of the headmaster).

The scholarship is subject to cancellation at any time if the individual is absent for two of these free music lessons without adequate reasoning. The individual's conduct and reasoning will be at the discretion of the individual's teachers and Headmaster. There is no appeals process.

Pupils who are looking to apply for a Music Scholarship should be prepared to play a set piece of music on their chosen instrument.

Therefore, students applying for the Music Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Provide evidence of exceptional talent in a particular musical discipline
- Be (at least) Grade 5 on their chosen instrument

### **Art Scholarship**

Art Scholarships are awarded to talented young artists, who have a passion for their subject, and are committed to developing their talent throughout the duration of their time at the College, and in the future. This scholarship is awarded to pupils who can demonstrate their outstanding ability in art, particularly through creativity, imagination, manipulative skills and strong powers of observation. Successful candidates expected to attend the Art Department on a regular basis in extra-curricular time and to play a full part in the life of the Arts Department of the College.

Pupils looking to apply for an Art Scholarship should be prepared to produce a portfolio with 8 pieces of work to demonstrate their artistic talents.

Therefore, students applying for the Art Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Provide evidence of exceptional talent in a particular artistic discipline

### **Drama Scholarship**

The Drama Scholarship is awarded to pupils who have a passion for drama and have an impressive practical capability. The scholarship is awarded to pupils who are committed to further developing their talent during their time at the College and in the future. Successful candidates will be expected to take part in appropriate events and activities staged by the Drama and Theatre Department.

Pupils looking to apply for a Drama Scholarship should be prepared to perform an extract from a play of their choice for no longer than five minutes, as well as perform a set reading to be given at the assessment to show fluency, clarity, and modulation.

Therefore, students applying for the Drama Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Provide evidence of exceptional talent in this discipline

### **Sport Scholarship**

The College are keen to provide young, aspiring athletes with a high-quality education. We therefore offer Sports Scholarships to pupils who demonstrate outstanding talent, potential, determination and enthusiasm in a sport. The scholarship is awarded to pupils who are committed to further developing their sporting talent in the future, as well as those willing to dedicate time towards the sporting aspect of the school, throughout their years at the College.

Pupils looking to apply for a Sports Scholarship should be prepared to bring a testimonial from their sports club coach, and should also be prepared to liaise with the Admissions team to organise a time and date when pupils can demonstrate their sporting ability.

Therefore, students applying for the Sport Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Provide evidence of exceptional talent in a particular sporting discipline
- Be an active member of a sporting club that is affiliated to the governing body of their chosen sport

### **I.C.T. Scholarship**

The ICT Scholarship is designed to award pupils who are highly skilled and proficient with information technology, who have a strong understanding of ICT systems and can demonstrate their competency.

Pupils looking to apply for an ICT Scholarship should be prepared to demonstrate their abilities in a separate, computer-based test.

Therefore, students applying for the ICT Scholarship must:

- Be a day student
- Demonstrate significant intellectual potential
- Provide evidence of exceptional talent in a particular computer-based discipline

### **Scholarship Conditions**

- Scholarships are awarded subject to availability of spaces within the year group being entered. Students can apply for more than one scholarship.
- Each scholarship is subject to a review of progress each year and the Headmaster reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if satisfactory conduct, effort and progress are not being made or if the pupil is not contributing to the life of the school in an appropriate manner. The individual's conduct will be at the digression of the individual's teachers and Headmaster. There is no appeals process.
- The College respects the confidentiality of scholarship awards and expects parents and pupils to do the same.

### **Scholars' Programme**

All Scholars are automatically part of the Scholars' Programme and are required to attend events organised for this group. The Scholars' Programme is centred on a diverse selection of Forums, talks, lectures, seminars and educational visits. In the Forums, pupils have talks/lectures from members of staff or from visiting speakers on topics beyond the syllabus. Pupils are often asked to read or undertake some other form of preparation for the meetings and discussion is a key part of them; the aim is to broaden the pupils' educational experience and horizons and to develop their skills as critical thinkers as they engage in rigorous debate on complex and challenging topics. We hope that these forums will help further a central aim of our teaching and learning, that pupils will come to enjoy scholarly learning for its own sake. The programme envisaged for Year 7 is focused on pupils asking questions that do not have definitive answers.

### **Scholarship Application Process**

1. Complete the scholarship application form and return, along with a copy of your child's most recent school report and evidence to support the application to:

The Admissions Office, Myddelton College,  
Peakes Lane, Denbigh, Denbighshire,  
North Wales, LL16 3EN

2. The application will be reviewed and an email will be sent inviting successful candidates to attend an entrance assessment day. Unsuccessful candidates will be contacted by letter. The College use a series of online cognitive base-line tests for entrance assessments to establish perspective pupil's potential, the results from these base-line tests will be used for the organisation's internal use only and will not be published in any form.
3. Successful candidates from the test day will then be invited to attend an interview and audition or trial with a College representative. Scholarship interviews can be arranged via 'Skype' if travel to College would be prohibitive.
4. If successful at this stage, a scholarship offer will be sent out within a fortnight of the interview. Unsuccessful candidates will be contacted at this stage.
5. In the event of a scholarship being awarded and accepted, candidates must make a formal application and register to join the school within 14 working days. This offer is dependent on a satisfactory reference from the candidate's current school.

### **Bursaries at Myddelton College**

Please note that the College will consider your child's academic performance in our selection process as well as your financial circumstances when deciding whether to award a bursary, and when setting the level of bursary support.

If you would like to apply for a bursary, please notify us as early in the application process as possible. This will be acknowledged, and then later you will be sent a financial assessment form and guidance about its completion. You may be contacted to arrange a visit to your home by a representative of the College; one of the purposes of the visit will be to give you any support you might need with the completion of the financial assessment form. Bursaries are means-tested and may be awarded to candidates whose family annual gross income does not exceed £50,000 per annum.

Bursary awards are subject to repeat testing of parental means each year and may be varied upwards or downwards, depending on parental circumstances and the financial information provided. The income we use to fund bursary awards is limited, and we cannot guarantee that every application for support will be successful.

Acknowledging that others might have a different view, the College considers that indications of wealth such as the following would not be consistent with the receipt of a bursary:

- frequent or expensive holidays;
- new or luxury cars;
- investment in significant home improvements;
- a second property/land holdings;
- valuable works of art.

The College respects the confidentiality of bursary awards made to families and recipients are expected to do likewise. Please note that any Bursary applications without the sufficient supporting evidence will be rejected.

## **Bursary Categories**

There are two bursaries available:

1. Key Worker Bursary
2. Myddelton Bursary

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- A personal statement

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- A portfolio containing evidence of their achievements

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## **Estimating a Bursary Award**

The College realise that it will be helpful for you to estimate the size of the bursary support that may be awarded to you. We judge each application carefully, taking into account:

- All sources of income
- All outgoings
- All assets
- All liabilities
- The value and council tax band of the family home
- The size of the family

## **Bursary Details**

### **Key Worker Bursary**

As the College is driven toward accessibility for all able, gifted and talented individuals, we therefore offer ten bursaries with up to 50% off our day fees. These bursaries will be available for children of parents/guardians who are both key workers living in the local area.

The College defines a key worker as someone who is employed by the public sector, in a frontline role delivering an essential public service. Examples of such roles include: clinical NHS staff (other than doctors and dentists), teachers (in schools, further education and sixth form colleges), police officers and community support officers, prison officers, probation service staff, fire fighters, ambulance service crew and members of the armed forces.

This bursary provides an enhanced level of bursarial support over a wider range of total family income. Whilst the bursary is aimed at families where both parents/guardians are key workers, where a parent/guardian is employed in such a role, careful consideration will be given to the circumstances/employment of the second parent/guardian in deciding whether this specific bursary should apply.

### **Myddelton Bursary**

The College is committed to broadening access by offering to eligible parents/guardians, means-tested financial support towards the payment of the fees. Our Myddelton Bursaries are awards made on a combination of both the child's academic merit and the family's financial need. In applying for a bursary, parents must complete a statement of financial circumstances which is available from the College on request.

## **Bursary Application Process**

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For further information on the College's scholarships and bursaries, please contact the Admissions Team by telephone on 01745 472 201 or email [admissions@myddeltoncollege.com](mailto:admissions@myddeltoncollege.com)

*If your child is been awarded a Scholarship or Bursary, your liability will be for the amount of fees due after taking account of that award. An award may be withdrawn with immediate effect if, in the opinion of the Head teacher your child's attendance, progress or behaviour no longer merits the continuation of the award but any such withdrawal of an award will not operate so as to increase the fees due in respect of a term which has already commended. The College reserves the right to review all awards of scholarships/bursaries on an annual basis.*

*It is the policy of the College to review Scholarships and Bursaries annually, and upon entering 6th form all Scholarships and Bursaries will be re-assessed, and changes taking place from the anniversary of a pupil's start at the College. However, the College reserves the right to review percentage given or impose surcharges at any time in the event of a sudden and unpredictable College running costs if circumstances warrant it.*