

SPORT

SCHOLARSHIPS

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

Sevenoaks offers an outstanding sporting education, providing opportunities for every student to thrive within an inclusive and inspirational environment. Sevenoaks provides a range of opportunities to engage in sport across the academic year, fostering lifelong interest and creating an environment where performance can be developed. We place a strong emphasis on development of character through sport.

Sport Scholarships

Sport scholarships are offered annually at the age of 13+ (Year 9) or 16 (Lower Sixth). Those joining the school at 11+ (Year 7) may apply as internal candidates for the award at 13+.

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.

Selection Criteria

A satisfactory performance in the appropriate entrance examination is a condition of an Sport scholarship.

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 Lower Sixth, we offer Sport scholarships to candidates who are on a level with the sport scholars already in the school.

Applicants for a Sport scholarship will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

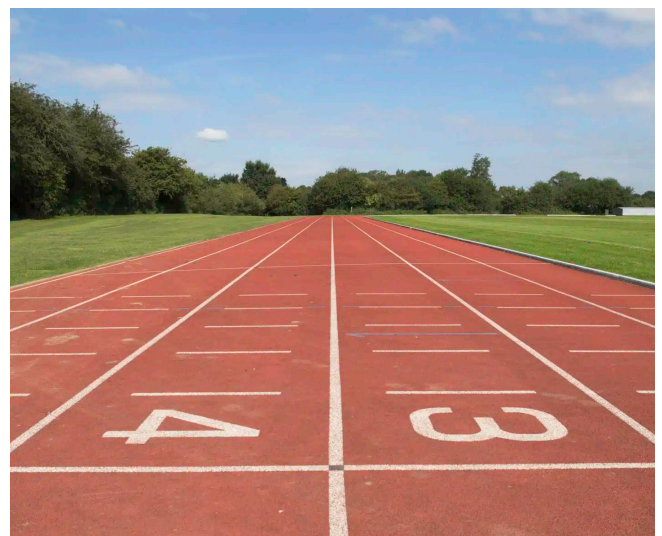
- **Values** - How well do students represent our Sport department values?
- **Commitment** - Have students attended all sport fixtures and training?
- **Endeavour** -What level of non-school sport are students competing in?
- **Reflectiveness** - How do students manage feedback in the pursuit of development?
- **Performance** - What level of sport are they playing (at school or with a club)?

All awards are reviewed annually and their continuance is dependent upon satisfactory conduct, attitude, participation and progress.

Assessment

The assessment day will include:

- Physical profiling
- Assessment in their individual sports (where feasible)
- Involvement in a team sport activity



- Interview or presentation to members of the Sport department
- The opportunity to meet current scholars and learn about the Performance Sport Programme

Sevenoaks School Performance Sport Programme

Sevenoaks is keen to support every student's 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. 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 Performance Sport 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, 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: <https://www.sevenoaksschool.org/co-curricular/sport/hall-of-fame/>.

Further information and application details

For Year 9, 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 May. The application form can be found here: <https://www.sevenoaksschool.org/admissions-repository/year-9-co-curricular-application/>.

For Lower Sixth, candidates should express an interest in a Sport scholarship at the confirmation stage of application. Selected candidates are invited for assessment in late October or early November: <https://www.sevenoaksschool.org/admissions-repository/sixth-form-co-curricular-scholarship-application/>.

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