



Winchester College

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2019

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This information applies to Academic Awards. Details of Music Awards may be obtained from the Music School Administrator, Miss J. Ambrose (jma@wincoll.ac.uk).

Since its founding by William of Wykeham, Scholars have played an integral role within Winchester College. In 1382, the charter foundation established 70 Scholars. Today, most features of the foundation are still in place, including 70 Scholars who live together in College. The Warden and Fellows of College appoint examiners and elect Scholars, as well as Exhibitioners. Election is the current process of selecting the incoming year of boys for Scholarships and Exhibitions. This document provides important details for parents and candidates regarding Election.

About 14 Scholarships and about 6 Exhibitions are awarded each year to candidates who have sat Election. A Scholarship or Exhibition is tenable during the whole of a boy's time at the School, subject to satisfactory progress.

AWARDS:

The following academic awards are made on the results of the Election examination:-

1. **Scholarships**, tenable only in College (the Scholars' house).
2. **Exhibitions**, tenable only in Commoner Houses.
3. **Headmaster's Nominations**, tenable in Commoner Houses.

Candidates who hold a conditional place in a Commoner House or a General Place may apply for Scholarship and/or Exhibition. Candidates not holding a conditional offer of a place in the school may apply for Scholarship only.

An **Exhibition** or **Headmaster's Nomination** ensures a place in a Commoner House. A Headmaster's Nomination may be awarded to a candidate who has not previously been offered a place in the school and is not elected a Scholar, but whose exam results are deemed good enough to warrant promotion. Headmaster's Nominations cannot be applied for and are not necessarily awarded each year.

THE ELECTION EXAMINATION:

Exams and interviews take place over three days. The Election exams in 2019 will begin on **Monday 6th May** and the Roll of Scholars and Exhibitioners will be published on Friday 10th May. Candidates will be resident in Winchester for the period of the exams.

The examination consists of two parts:

Compulsory papers:

C1 English
C2 Mathematics I
C3 Science
C4 General Paper I
(multiple-choice
logical
reasoning test)

Alternative papers: candidates must take at least THREE:

A1 Latin
A2 French
A3 Greek
A4 History
A5 Geography
A6 Mathematics II
A7 General Paper II (usually 3 questions). May include interpretation of data, a passage for comprehension, or a structured essay question).

Candidates are expected to sit at least one language paper if they attend a school at which languages form part of the curriculum, unless the school feels there are exceptional reasons to preclude this. If a candidate is studying Latin or French, but is not taking the Election paper, the school should contact the Head of Classics (Dr Sarah Harden sjh@wincoll.ac.uk) or the Head of Modern Languages (Mr Justin Pinnells jjp@wincoll.ac.uk) before Election to discuss the situation. If more than one language paper is selected, they can be in any combination of French/Latin/Greek. If the candidate studies Greek, but is choosing not to take the Election Greek paper, the school should contact Dr Harden in advance.

No books are named for preparation. Most papers are based on the appropriate Common Entrance or Key Stage 3 syllabus, although in some parts of the French and Latin papers, a wider range of vocabulary and grammar may be found. Copies of previous Election papers, with the exception of paper C4, may be obtained free of charge from the College Secretary, Mrs Rosamund Robertson (rsr@wincoll.ac.uk).

Credit is given in the marking of all papers to clarity in the presentation of answers and accuracy in the use of English.

In Mathematics, calculators are not allowed in either paper. In the marking of mathematical papers, special attention is paid to the style of the answers. Calculators may be used in Science and Geography if necessary.

A **music test** can be arranged during Election for any candidate whose ability would allow him to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the school. This does not apply if a candidate has already received a Music Award from the College. In the same way, a candidate may bring a portfolio of his **art or design technology** work for consideration. Notice should be given beforehand by completing the relevant section of the Election Application Form.

APPLICATION FOR ELECTION:

Candidates for Election must be under fourteen years of age and at least twelve years of age on 1st September of the year in which they take the Election examination. In awarding Scholarships and Exhibitions, allowance is made for the age of the candidates. Scholars are usually admitted to the College in September; a very young Scholar, may, however, have his entry deferred. The Master in College, Mr Ian Fraser, is always keen to meet potential Election candidates informally before application; a visit to College, with parents or guardian, usually taking place when the candidate is in Year 7 at his current school. Those interested should email Mr Fraser (ief@wincoll.ac.uk) for information.

If a boy does not already hold the offer of a House or General Place, before embarking on the application process for Election or a visit to College, Mr Fraser must first be provided with a recommendation from his school – preferably from the Head Teacher. Potential Election candidates without a House or General Place, who are resident and being schooled in the Far East, must first be interviewed and assessed by the Head of International Affairs in Hong Kong. Those wishing to enter a candidate should contact either Mr Fraser (ief@wincoll.ac.uk 01962 621 295) or the College Secretary, Mrs Rosamund Robertson (rsr@wincoll.ac.uk 01962 621 272) for information or to request an application form.

Any candidate holding the offer of an academic award from another school will not be permitted to sit the Election exams, unless approved otherwise by the Winchester College Registrar.

If a candidate requires **extra time or the use of a laptop** during the examinations, advice must first be sought from the school's Head of Learning Support, Mr Christian Schofield (cs@wincoll.ac.uk) to ensure that the requirement complies with the school's regulations. The relevant box must be ticked on the Election Application Form and the application supported by documentation from the candidate's current school or independent educational assessor, as proof of entitlement. Candidates given approval to use a laptop for the exams will be provided with a Winchester College laptop.

The school is normally able to provide **accommodation** for candidates during Election week. If required, the relevant box on the form should be completed.

The Election Application Form, with enclosures, must be returned to Mr Fraser on or before **Thursday 14th February 2019**, the form signed by each parent/guardian with parental responsibility. The envelope should be marked 'Election Application Form'. Enclosed must be:

1. A certified photocopy of the applicant's passport OR birth certificate (signed and dated by a professional adult who knows the candidate well – this may be a teacher or a family friend).
2. Upon receipt of the Election Application Form, Winchester College will request from the candidate's current school a full testimonial from the Headteacher.
3. Three passport sized photographs of the candidate.

By signing the Election Application Form, parents are agreeing to accept the specified award, if offered to their son.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The parents of elected boys will be informed by the Master in College by telephone or email on the evening of **Friday 10th May**. The roll of newly elected Scholars and Exhibitioners will be posted at the Porters' Lodge in College Street at 6pm that evening. Parents of unelected boys with House places, having successfully gained a place in the school, will be contacted by the relevant Housemaster that evening. Scholars and Exhibitioners are placed on the Roll in alphabetical order. Parents of unelected candidates without House or General Places will be contacted by the Registrar that evening. Headteachers of candidates elected Scholar or Exhibitioner will be informed of the results by the Master in College the same evening, by telephone or email. All other Headteachers will be contacted by email on the morning of Saturday 11th May. Grade cards will be sent to all Headteachers **within two weeks**.

FEES:

The full boarding fee for the year 2018/2019 is £39,912 per annum, or £13,304 per term and is subject to annual review. Fees for 2019/2020 will not be confirmed until March 2019. Fees are payable in advance of each term."

Parents/guardians who will need bursary assistance must submit an application form in accordance with the following timetable. The School will adhere strictly to stipulated closing dates.

Either: Parents/guardians of applicants for a Scholarship or Exhibition, who are already holding House or General Places at the School for September 2019 entry, will have already applied for a bursary, the last day for application was 1st September 2017 as part of the acceptance of the offer of a House or General Place. New applications will not be accepted.

Or: Parents/guardians of applicants who are applying solely for a Scholarship or Exhibition at Election must submit an application for a bursary before – or at the same time as – application for Election, ie by Thursday 14th February 2019. Earlier application is encouraged as demand is high and last minute applications are most unlikely to be successful. It is the School's expectation that parents who do not apply for a bursary at this time will not require financial support throughout the time that their son attends the School and it will not entertain subsequent bursary applicants, except in exceptional and wholly unforeseeable circumstances. The bursary application itself should be completed by each parent/guardian with parental responsibility.

Should you wish to apply, bursary application forms can be obtained from:

Mrs W.A. Neville
Tel: 01962 621 271
Email: bursaries@wincoll.ac.uk