



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIPS

13+, SEPTEMBER 2026 COMMENCEMENT

Winchester College inspires original thinking by providing an education of exceptional quality and breadth, rooted in free intellectual inquiry and academic excellence. The College seeks scholars who think independently, explore big ideas, and engage in cross-disciplinary inquiry. We value intellectual curiosity, debate, and individuals with the confidence to challenge conventions. Our unique combination of highly accomplished dons and exceptional pupils fosters an appetite for challenge which equips young people for life beyond formal education by encouraging the intellectual rigour and nuanced thinking required of future leaders.

Pupils entering Junior Part (Year 9) at Winchester College from September 2026 may apply. Founder's Scholarships recognise academic excellence and are not means-tested. Candidates may apply for both a Founder's Scholarship and a means-tested bursary, which can be held and operate together cumulatively.

- **Founder's Scholarships** 25% fee remission (four on offer)
- **Major Scholarships** 10% fee remission (two on offer)

As a full boarding environment, scholars are immersed in a learning community where education extends well beyond the classroom. The variety and depth of extension activities is recognised by the world's top employers and universities both in the United Kingdom, the United States, and further afield. See our results [here](#). Learn more about academic extension [here](#).

Key dates

Applications close: 23 January 2026 (express interest on the Registration Form)

Election examinations: 27-29 April 2026

Offers: 12 May 2026

Queries

Director of Admissions - admissions@wincoll.ac.uk

1. **Eligibility**

1.1. Candidates for 13+ entry must have a birth date between **1 September 2012** and **31 August 2013**.

1.2. Candidates must be available to attend in person assessments which will be scheduled between **27 – 29 April 2026**.

2. **Scholarships**

2.1. Four Founder's Scholarships and two Major Scholarships will be awarded for 13+ entry in September 2026.

2.2. Founder's Scholarships provide 25% fee remission.

2.3. Major Scholarships provide 10% fee remission.

2.4. Families may apply for both a Founder's Scholarship and a means-tested bursary, which can be held together and operate cumulatively. (See section 5. *Bursaries* for more information.)

3. **Process**

3.1 Candidates must first apply for a place at Winchester College via this registration form: **13+ Form Registration Form**.

3.2. Prior to application, candidates will need to collate:

3.3.1. A personal statement

3.3.2. Recent school reports including performance grades

3.3.3. A school reference

3.3.4. Curriculum vitae

3.3.5. Birth certificate

3.3.6. Passport

The school will issue a confirmation of academic study for pupils requiring a visa.

3.3. Candidates are encouraged to attend an **Open Event** prior to application.

3.4. Applications close **22 January 2026**.

3.5. Candidate applications are reviewed and **shortlisted candidates notified** by **31 March 2026**.

- 3.6. Candidates shortlisted for a Founder's Scholarships will attend the assessment period **27 – 29 April 2026** (this assessment period is called *Election*, rather than the general assessment period, which is called Entrance). In addition to performance in Election examinations and interviews, a candidate's full scholarly profile will also be taken into account to determine the recipients of the scholarships. This decision is made at the discretion of the Headmaster and Master-in-College in consultation with the Election Committee. Candidates can find out more about the process and access sample examination papers [here](#).
- 3.7. Successful candidates will be notified on **12 May 2026**.

4. Conditions

- 4.1. In addition to the general terms and conditions applicable to all pupils set out in the Parent Contract, recipients are required to:
- 4.1.1. undertake an academic programme, including choice of subject, approved by the Headmaster;
 - 4.1.2. work diligently and consistently, maintaining high academic standards;
 - 4.1.3. involve themselves fully in the life of the school, especially in academic enrichment and extension activities outside the classroom;
 - 4.1.4. set an example to others through their positive intent, commitment and demeanour.
- 4.2. The continuation of scholarships is subject to satisfactory progress and commitment, assessed at an annual review.
- 4.3. Parents and successful candidates will be required to sign an agreement committing the recipient to fulfilling their obligations.
- 4.4. At Election, six outstanding pupils are recognised with scholarships:
- **Founder's Scholarships** (4 available) - awarded to the four most outstanding candidates, each worth 25% fee remission and a place in *College*.
 - **Major Scholarships** (2 available) - awarded to two candidates who showed exceptional scholarly qualities, each worth 10% fee remission and a place in *College*.

'Scholarship and Exhibition' candidates are eligible for both a Founder's Scholarship and a Major Scholarship. 'Exhibition-only' candidates are only eligible for Major Scholarships.

- 4.5. For entrance into Junior Part (I3+), recipients will enter College. Major Scholarship recipients will enter the commoner boarding house for which they already hold a firm offer of a place or, if they do not hold such a place, to the boarding house allocated by the Headmaster. Where no firm offer is already held, parental preference will be taken into account but is not determinative.
- 4.6. The school reserves the right to reject an application without assessment, based on information supplied by parents and teachers.

5. **Bursaries**

- 5.1. Bursaries are available on entry to the school and can be for up to 100% of the fees. The full boarding fees for the year can be found on the school website. Fees are payable in advance of each term.
- 5.2. Bursaries and academic scholarships can be held simultaneously and operate cumulatively (up to a combined maximum of 100%). For example: if a bursary of 25% fee remission is awarded and a Founder's Scholarship (25% fee remission) is awarded, the recipient will receive 50% fee remission in total.
- 5.3. It is the School's expectation that parents who do not apply for a bursary at application will not require financial support throughout the time that their child attends the School, and the School will not entertain subsequent bursary applications.
- 5.4. Applications for bursary awards for 2026 entry will be made online, and only families who have expressed an interest in applying on the general application form will receive a link to the application portal. The bursary application itself should be completed by each parent/guardian with parental responsibility.

More information and guidance about bursaries can be found on the School's website at: [Financial Support at Winchester College](#). Should you wish to apply, please indicate your interest by emailing the Bursaries team on bursaries@wincoll.ac.uk