



RUGBY SCHOOL

13+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2026 (For candidates currently in Prep School)

Examination dates: Tuesday 24 February 2026

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION FORMS AND BURSARY AUGMENTATION IS FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2026

1. A substantial number of Academic Scholarships at 13+ are awarded annually.
2. Candidates must be under 14 on 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken.
3. Places in the School may be granted by the Head to candidates not previously registered for entry who, though not elected to a Scholarship, do well in the examinations.
4. Candidates who were previously registered for entry and who do not obtain awards are normally admitted to the School on the result of the Scholarship Examination; in a few cases the candidates *may* be required to sit all or part of the Common Entrance Examination before admission.
5. The results of the Scholarship Examination will be posted on or before Friday 6 March 2026.

Subjects of the Scholarship Examination at 13+

1. All candidates will be required to sit papers in English and Mathematics and have a 20 minute interview with a senior member of the Academic Team.
2. Candidates are invited to choose 2 or 3 papers from Science, Humanities and Languages groups. They will be required to take a paper in at least two of these groups.
3. There will be no requirement to sit a speaking language exam.

Candidates must choose 2 or 3 papers to sit from at least 2 of the following groups:	
GROUP 1: Science	
General Science Examinations	45 minutes
GROUP 2: Humanities	
History	45 minutes
Geography	45 minutes
Group 3: Languages	
French	45 minutes
German	45 minutes
Spanish	45 minutes
Latin	45 minutes
Greek	45 minutes

Additional information

1. All papers are based on knowledge of the Common Entrance syllabus and will be 45 minutes in length with the exception being Maths which will be a 1 hour paper.
2. We set our own Academic Scholarship papers. Past papers can only be issued to schools preparing candidates for the Scholarship examination.
3. The use of calculators is not permitted in any paper apart from the Science paper.
4. The use of dictionaries is not permitted.
5. Candidates who are entitled to extra time will be allowed 10 minutes per paper.

An example timetable.

Candidates will receive an individual timetable; below is an example of how their day may look:

8.45am	Candidates arrive at the Collingwood Centre
9.00am – 9.45am	English
	Break
10.15am – 11.15am	Mathematics
	Break
11.45am – 12.45pm	Optional paper or Academic Interview
	Lunch
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Optional paper or Academic Interview
	Break
3.15pm – 4.00pm	Optional paper or Academic Interview
	Break
4.30pm – 5.15pm	Optional paper or Academic Interview
	Departure

All interviews and written papers take place in the Collingwood Centre.

Award and Augmentation

If a scholarship is awarded, fees may be augmented by means-tested bursary support up to 100% of the boarding or day fees.

Bursary applications are made via an online system, please complete the [Bursary Application Form](#) to start an application. In order for your bursary application to be considered, your child must be registered with the School and the Registration Fee (if applicable) paid in full. Applications submitted after the closing date may not be assessed until after the result of a scholarship application is known.

Additionally, at the Head Master's discretion, exceptional awards with a fee concession may be made where, **during the assessment process**, we identify exceptional potential.