



13+ Academic Scholarship

We are delighted to share a new and exciting framework for 13+ Academic Scholarship, aligned across Sherborne Boys (SB) and Sherborne Girls (SG). It builds on the changes implemented this year, reviewed jointly by both schools, and has been shaped by feedback from applicants, prep school Heads and staff.

What is Changing and Why	Key Dates
The new approach combines written papers with richer observed evaluation to reveal genuine academic potential and academic agility, encompassing problem-solving, collaboration, curiosity and reflection. Our aim is for every candidate to leave with a positive, inspiring and academically serious impression of Sherborne.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of the academic year - exemplar papers released • End June - 13+ Academic Scholarship Application Form available • Mid-late November - application deadline

The Assessment

Written Papers	Observed Activities	Interviews and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (Reading Comprehension & Descriptive/Narrative Writing) • Mathematics • Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics combined) • General Scholarship Paper (Humanities, ethics/philosophy, interdisciplinary reasoning, persuasive writing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group task 1 (self-initiated research, preparation, and written or verbal presentation) • Group task 2 (problem-solving / logic / UKLO-style tasks) • Structured reflection (supporting holistic judgement and candidate feedback) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic interview (unseen stimulus text, candidates bring a piece of academic work) • Meet the Head (reflection on the Sherborne experience) • STEAM Group challenge (SB & SG social evening activity) • Q&A with current Scholars (panel discussion with High Academic performance/ Scholars)

Two-Day Format (illustrative timetable)

Day 1 (All Day)	Day 2 (Half Day)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning - Welcome; English & Maths Scholarship papers • Afternoon - Carousel: Academic interviews (15 mins incl. unseen stimulus response); Meet the Head; Group tasks • Evening - Carousel: Fun combined (SB and SG) group STEAM challenge experience OR Fun combined Professor Chronos and Professor Quantum escape room game; Panel with current High Academic Performance / Academic Scholars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning - Science & General Scholarship Paper; • Reflection, Self-Evaluation & Feedback

Financial Award: Scholarships and other non-means tested awards carry a maximum of 10% remission of the day or boarding fee (as applicable), excluding extras and VAT.