



Lathallan School S1 Scholarship Guidance

Scholarship Requirements

We are delighted to invite applications for our S1 Lathallan Scholarships, which recognises talent, ambition, and a commitment to excellence. All scholarship candidates, whether applying for academic or other awards, will be required to sit an academic assessment, these are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all. These assessments allow us to identify potential, celebrate achievement, and ensure every applicant has the opportunity to demonstrate their strengths.

Pupils who are excelling in their chosen subject(s) are invited to apply for the following categories:

All-rounder

Candidates who wish to be considered for an All-rounder Scholarship must perform well in the **academic assessments and two of the following categories:**

Art

Art scholarship pupils should provide a portfolio of work to present to the specialist teacher. We ask for portfolios be handed in no later than Friday 31st October. During the art assessment candidates will complete a pencil drawing, showing their observation skills, use of line and tone and ability to follow instructions in a 'still life' set up for them in the art room. There will also be a short discussion about previous experience and interests.

Drama

Candidates should prepare for a 10-minute assessment to include a 2-minute drama performance or poetry/prose recital (preferably from Shakespeare) followed by a short discussion on previous interests and experiences. References from drama/theatre clubs welcomed. All auditions will be recorded.

Ecology

Pupils who wish to apply for the Ecological scholarship should be able to demonstrate they have been an active member of an Eco club, or are currently taking part in environmental initiatives in/out of school. They will be invited to submit a project idea to improve an element of Lathallan School's sustainability.

Music

Requirements for Music Scholarship S1 - Grade 3 (or working towards) on at least 1 instrument, plus a 2nd instrument to at least grade 2 is desirable, commitment to join relevant ensembles and perform regularly both within and outside school.

Candidates will be interviewed to establish commitment, interests, ability to practice etc. They will be asked to perform 1 piece on each instrument.

Requirements for All Rounder (Music) - Grade 2 (or equivalent) on at least 1 instrument. Candidates will be interviewed to establish commitment, interests, ability to practice etc. They will be asked to perform 1 piece.

Piping/Drumming

Scholarship candidates should bring their own instrument with them. On the day, they will be asked to play something which they are familiar with in order to assess their technical/musical ability and then asked to play from sight a piece which is selected from the Band repertoire.



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Sports Scholarship Information

Sport (All Netball and Rugby 7s candidates will also be considered as a Sport candidate)

All sport candidates will be observed by members of the P.E. department whilst undertaking a range of skill and fitness assessments. There is an expectation that candidates will be able to achieve scores in the pre-selected tests which demonstrate a higher-than-average level of physical competency. Candidates may be interviewed by the Head of Department and other associated staff.

Candidates applying for a **Sport Scholarship** are advised that supporting references will be required as part of the application process. These references should provide evidence of the candidate's sporting achievements, commitment, and potential, and may be submitted by a coach, teacher, or other relevant mentor.

Rugby & Netball

Rugby and netball are the primary competitive sports played at Lathallan. Both sports are played in the autumn and spring terms and a range of competitive teams play against other Schools and Clubs.

In rugby the Lathallan 7s tournament continues to grow and has now become one of the largest School rugby 7s tournaments in the North East of Scotland, attracting 32 different teams over 4 age groups.

In netball Lathallan takes part in the Aberdeen Secondary Schools League at U15 and U18 levels and the National Scottish Cup competition at a variety of age group levels.

Lathallan School offers rugby and netball scholarships in either S1 or S5, in exceptional circumstances pupils can apply out with these year groups. Scholarships are awarded based on merit.

In rugby candidates will be assessed on their practical ability to perform the core skills of the game. In addition, candidates should have a knowledge and understanding of the rules and tactics. Candidates may be interviewed by the Head of Rugby and other associated members of staff.

It is an expectation of our rugby and netball scholars to be available for school fixtures and these will take precedence over club fixtures. It is also an expectation that they will be excellent role models for other pupils in terms of their behaviour, dress and sportsmanship.

Kit/Assessment

All candidates should bring appropriate kit for testing in their sport (suitable clothing, clean trainers, boots, gum shield, etc.). Assessment will be by testing/observing a range of sporting attributes based on the scholarship applied for. Testing may be carried out on school premises, in the school gym or on the fields/pitches, or we may be required to travel locally to Inverberrie Sport Centre. A clean towel might be useful to bring for the end.

Netball

Testing will be through working with other candidates and current S1 pupils in a netball environment. PE/Netball kit needed.

Rugby

A gum shield, boots and rugby kit are required as there will be contact work.