



Lathallan School

S5 Scholarship Guidance 2025

Academic

Pupils applying for an academic scholarship will be invited to an interview with our Headmaster, Mr Toley to discuss their Scholar Years' ambitions and career aspirations. Together, with a combination of predicted grades, most recent academic report and a reference from their current school's Head Teacher we will evaluate each applicant's merit and award this esteemed scholarship to the rightful candidate.

All rounder

Pupils wishing to enter S5 with an all-rounder scholarship will be subject to the same process as an Academic scholarship candidate. They are expected to demonstrate a high level of academic competence combined with strengths in other areas such as music, drama and sport. Evidence required will be supporting references and relevant assessments/demonstration/performance for each specific discipline.

Requirements for All Rounder (Music) - Grade 2 (or equivalent) on at least 1 instrument.

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 currently taking part in environmental initiatives in/out of school. They will be invited to submit a project idea which they will complete over S5 to improve an element of the school's sustainability.

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. Any references/CV for drama is helpful.

Music/Piping/Drumming

External Scholarship candidates are required 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.

Requirements for Music Scholarship S5

Grade 5 (or working towards) on at least 1 instrument, plus a 2nd instrument to at least grade 4 desirable

Commitment to join relevant ensembles and perform regularly both within and outside school.

Please provide reference(s) from external teachers/instructors if available and details of any exams passed e.g. copies of certificates.

Sport

Potential Scholars 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 clearly demonstrate a higher than average level of physical competency. Candidates may be interviewed by the Head of Department and other associated staff. Specific sport references from club coaches will be requested to support an application where appropriate.

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 on the basis of merit.

In rugby candidates will be assessed on their practical ability to perform the Key National Themes (hand catch, offload, ball presentation and tackle technique). 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 that rugby and netball scholars, will at all times, be excellent role models for other students with 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 done in the school gym or on the fields/pitches. A clean towel will be useful to bring for the end.

Assessment dates and interviews will be allocated on an individual basis.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require clarification on any of these points.

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