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Over 400 Years of Helping Bristol Boys

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital was founded in 1586 by John Carr, a Bristol merchant, who in his Will provided for a Bluecoat school in Bristol on the lines of Christ's Hospital in London.

The School's Charter was granted by Queen Elizabeth I in 1590 when QEH opened and was specifically charged with 'the education of poor children and orphans'. For many years QEH was a boarding school but nowadays educates just day boys.

Down the centuries, QEH has always provided a first class education for boys whose families would otherwise not be able to find the funds to pay for it. That tradition continues to this day. Due to the generosity of our founder and gifts from other benefactors, along with the generosity of today's former pupils, the school has substantial funds to enable boys in the 21st-century to attend the school.



Bursaries

The school has generous funding available for Bursaries from its own investments, the John James Foundation (a Bristol-based Charity), the QEH Old Boys' Society and the continued generosity of Old Boys and friends of the school. Bursaries are means-tested and a boy can receive up to 100% assistance towards fees, on a sliding scale, depending on a family's gross income. We have guidelines that suggest families earning over about £40K per annum fall outside our usual limits and are unlikely to qualify for assistance. However, in all cases we look sympathetically at the situation and make any adjustments we feel are necessary. A Bursary stays with a boy throughout his time in the school but may change in value if parents' income changes.

In any given year we usually have more applications for funds than we can satisfy. For that reason, a boy's performance in the Entrance Examinations is also important as we seek to allocate available funds.

It is also possible for a boy to have both a Bursary and a Scholarship.



John Carr Academic Scholarships

John Carr Academic Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a boy's performance in the 11+ Entrance Examinations. They are not means-tested and remain with the pupil until he leaves (subject to good behaviour and progress). Of course Scholarships are only awarded to those near the top of the Entrance Examinations list and represent a considerable achievement on the part of the pupil. Although the number of Scholarships varies from year to year, depending on the quality of candidates, anyone in the top 15 of the Entrance Examinations will be eligible for a scholarship of up to 25% of fees.

Scholarships are available in a similar way at 13+, though the entry at that age tends to be small and so the value and number of Scholarships at 13+ will vary from year to year.

Music Scholarships

Scholarships are also available for able musicians at both 11+ and 13+. We look for all-round musical talent and potential (not just grades achieved), though as a rough guide we would expect candidates to be at a minimum of grade 3 standard at 11+ and grade 5 standard at 13+. Again, the number of Scholarships awarded each year varies according to the quality of the applications. It goes without saying that a Music Scholar must also sit and pass the normal Entrance Examinations.





Ogden Sixth Form Science Scholarships

For a number of years the school has participated in the scheme run by the Ogden Trust whereby students entering QEJH from a state school can receive up to 50% of fees from the Ogden Trust. The school can provide additional, means-tested funding up to 100%. Those applying for an Ogden Scholarship must expect to achieve high grades at GCSE and be intending to study Maths and Physics at A-level. Further details and applications are available from the school.

QEJH Gifted and Talented Programme

All John Carr Scholars will be recognized under the school's 'Gifted and Talented' programme, co-ordinated by our Head of Learning Enhancement. There will also be other boys, not in receipt of a Scholarship, who are part of the programme. The Head of Learning Support ensures that a boy's talent is nurtured through extra provision and activities designed to offer real excitement and challenge in his learning. Equally, the school works with parents to agree the extent of extra provision so that a boy is never over-burdened.

At QEJH two thirds of our pupils qualify as 'gifted learners' in national terms. Although we have our own 'Gifted and Talented' programme for the most able, no pupil feels singled out or left out, and we are very conscious of the need to provide stretch and challenge for all.





How to apply for a Scholarship or Bursary

Every candidate who sits the Entrance Examinations is automatically entered for a John Carr Academic Scholarship. There is nothing additional to do.

For a Music Scholarship, please tick the box on the application form and the Director of Music will contact you to discuss the audition.

If you wish to apply for a Bursary you must complete the Statement of Financial Circumstances form before your boy sits the Entrance Examinations and tick the box to indicate that you are applying for a Bursary. If your son's performance in the examinations warrants consideration for a Bursary, you will be invited to school to discuss how the school might be able to help.

Further Questions?

Please get in touch. Our Admissions Registrar, Liz Bamber, can answer most questions. Her telephone number is 0117 930 3068. The Headmaster and Bursar will also be happy to discuss your application either on the telephone or in person.





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