



**Year 7 - 9**

**Sport Scholarship**



**The Abbey**

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## Overview

The Physical Education department at The Abbey School is vibrant and extremely busy. We have very successful teams in a variety of sports and age groups, which allow girls the opportunity to represent the school. We also welcome girls to our clubs who just want to discover and enjoy a variety of sports and activities.

Netball, hockey, swimming, tennis, rounders, cross-country and athletics have busy fixture lists and girls also represent the school in biathlon, gymnastics, cricket and football. The Abbey is consistently successful at county and regional level in a number of sports, and have also made nationals in netball.

We have a number of individuals who compete at regional or national level across a wide range of sports. For our most talented athletes we offer extra support to enable them to balance their academic studies with such high-level competitive demands.

A selection of our girls' achievements:

- Member of the GB Tennis and England U17 Netball Squad
- 1st place in Gymnastics mixed team European Cup
- Rowing – Gold (GB v France), winners of National Regatta, Gold in Europeans
- Swimming GB Synchro
- Aerobic Gymnastics – World Championships
- England Table Tennis player
- GB ice hockey

There is a Gym and Dance display every two years which features a huge variety of dance genres and is largely choreographed by the Sixth Formers.

## Sports Scholarship Award

Sports Scholars at The Abbey enjoy special status, are awarded a £500 discount on their annual fees and benefit from a Sport Support and Mentoring Programme which will enable them to develop the necessary skills, psychology and fitness to perform their sport at a high level. The department will expect all scholars to act as sporting role models and, where applicable, be available to represent the school teams.

## Criteria for Application

We recognise that each sport will have different assessment criteria and a different performance pathway but, where appropriate, candidates should be representing their county to be considered for a Sport Scholarship. Where this is not applicable to their sport, candidates should be performing at a very high standard for their age group or 'playing up' for an older age group.

We would also like to see that a candidate has represented their school's teams if relevant.

The Abbey may award the title of Sports Ambassador to a girl who competes at national level in a sport that we do not play at The Abbey. eg. rowing, aerobic gymnastics.

## Assessment Process

Applicants are expected to hand in references from their clubs together with a list of achievements to show the level of sport they are performing at with their application form.

Candidates who meet the required criteria will be invited to attend an interview with the Director of Sport. They will also complete a multi-sport skill test.



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## Application for Year 7 - Year 9 Sport Scholarship

Scholarships for entry to Year 7 are awarded until the end of Year 9. There is an opportunity to re-apply in the summer of Year 9 for Years 10 and 11. Scholarships awarded for entry to Year 7 are awarded for three years. All scholarships need to be re-applied for prior to entry into the Sixth Form. Scholarships are subject to continued good performance, conduct and academic progress.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Year Group for Entry: Year 7    Year 9  
(Please indicate appropriate year group)

Please give details of the sports you participate in. It should include the clubs you attend for these sports and the standard you achieve:

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You must supplement your application with a reference from the Coach of your team(s) to verify the achievements listed above. This form and the reference must be submitted to the Admissions department by 1 December for those seeking to join the following year.