



ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

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WELCOME



Academic Scholars benefit from a specialised and inspiring programme that fosters a lifetime love of learning. A tailored approach results in our scholars benefitting throughout their time at Effingham Sixth Form, enjoying an array of opportunities that are designed to encourage intellectual curiosity, enhance academic accomplishments and provide an appropriate level of challenge.

Our Academic Scholars' programme offers students a complimentary combination of mentoring, academic enrichment and extension opportunities.

This development structure allows us to offer an engaging level of stimulation for all Academic Scholars, inspiring them with opportunities that enhance the academic experience.

OPPORTUNITIES



The Dorothea Beale Quarterly

A curated collection of academic opportunities that are beyond the curriculum, Academic Scholars are automatically subscribed to receive our quarterly academic enrichment publication. Examples of opportunities include:

- World Scholar's Cup
- Oxford Debating Competition
- Levels 2 & 3 Extended Project Qualification
- Internal Essay Competition
- Subject Specialist Reading Lists
- Unifrog virtual enrichment events
- Chemistry Olympiad

The Beale Society

The Beale Academic Society unites our Academic Scholars across the school, providing networking opportunities and celebrating academic success. Events include an annual Academic Scholars' dinner with a key note address and seminars. All of the events are tailored for scholars in the Sixth Form, resulting in our Academic Scholars building confidence and challenging their academic understanding with like-minded peers.

The Beale Society Virtual Team

Membership in our online Beale Society Team provides Academic Scholars with a place of mutual interest, where they are able to find and share specialist opportunities, information about trips, courses, and extension resources, all designed to inspire and provide academic challenge.

OPPORTUNITIES



Academic Enrichment Co-Curricular Programme

Working in collaboration with the Co-Curricular programme at Effingham Sixth Form, Academic Scholars enjoy a dedicated Academic Enrichment section in the Co-Curricular Student Guide, as well as benefitting from an Academic Scholars Key, highlighting activities that are recommended for Academic Scholars.

Examples of recommended activities:

- Classics Club
- Robotics Club
- Philosophy Club
- MedSoc
- Biology Olympiad

Mentoring:

Individualised mentoring ensures that all of our Academic Scholars are supported to achieve an effective balance of feeling challenged and nurtured. Mentors and Mentees are rewarded by growth of confidence and are motivated by the opportunity to support others, whilst enjoying the reassurance of being supported.

Exclusive Invitations

Academic Scholars receive exclusive invitations throughout the year to attend trips and events that promote academic curiosity, for example the annual Oxford or Cambridge University Trip.

Leadership Opportunities:

We believe that our Academic Scholars are leaders of the future and, as such, our Academic Scholars Programme is designed to inspire, with the intention that, in turn, the scholars themselves inspire, promote and celebrate academic excellence. Purposefully designed, the leadership opportunities offer development for scholars and range from mentoring younger scholars, undertaking Subject Ambassador roles and being a member of the Academic Scholars Committee, led by the Senior Prefect: Academic.

EXPECTATIONS

An Academic Scholar:

- Is highly committed.
- Is proactive.
- Is self-motivated in their willingness to undertake academic pursuits.
- Embodies a sense of initiative.
- Manages their time commitments across their timetable, to achieve overall academic excellence.
- Undertakes a minimum of one Academic Enrichment Co-Curricular opportunity every term.
- Accurately records academic activities and skill developments in their Unifrog Account.
- Willingly undertakes leadership roles to assist other students and/or support academic events, such as the annual Subject Ambassador Event.

HOW TO APPLY

Application Form Deadline: Friday 2nd October 2026

An assessment will take place at Effingham Sixth Form in October 2026. Candidates will sit a one hour general paper and a one hour subject-specific paper; the latter needs to be one of the candidate's chosen A Level subjects.

There will also be an interview with Mr Clouston, Director of Sixth Form, and the Head of Year 12, during the same week – notice will be given to candidates of their specific timings in advance.

Please contact our Director of Admissions for more details at:

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