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**LEWESTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Scholarship Guidelines 2011-2012**

Entry into Leweston Preparatory School

Entry into the School is via one of the following routes:

1. Scholarship Examinations taken at the School in the December.
2. Informal assessments prior to entry into the School. Arrangements for these assessments are made with the School Registrar.

What is the procedure for entering Leweston Preparatory School?

Leweston Preparatory School accepts children throughout the year into all age groups. We encourage all families to visit the School to have an individual tour and meet the Headteacher, Mary Allen, and other members of staff. You are also most welcome at our Open Days and we encourage all children to join us for a 'taster day' to experience the School 'in action'.

If you wish to pursue an application to Leweston Preparatory School, there is a Registration Form to complete and return together with a Registration fee of £75.

Your child then either sits a Scholarship paper or an informal School assessment. The Head may then make the offer of a place and/or Scholarship. This offer must be accepted in writing and accompanied by a £500 deposit which will be returned to you when your child leaves the Preparatory School and which is forfeited if you do not take up the place.

What Scholarships do you offer?

Leweston Preparatory School offers 6+ (Year 2) 7+ (Year 3), 8+ (Year 4) and 9+ (Year 5) Scholarships in Art, Drama, Music, Sports and for Academic Excellence. Exhibitions are also awarded where a child has done well in the scholarship assessment but not quite met the criteria for a full scholarship.

Awards are kept under review during the pupil's time at the School and whilst it is extremely unusual for an award to be removed, a significant decline in commitment or performance would bring into question its continuance. Scholars are expected to take a full part in School life and it is anticipated that they will remain in the School until the completion of Year 6.

A candidate can enter for more than one scholarship but usually only one scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship awards and the starting date for commencement at Leweston Prep are both discretionary and based on each individual's performance and circumstances.

The value of scholarships normally ranges from one fifth of current termly fees to a quarter of termly fees.

Scholarship details

All awards will take into account the following:

- a) Interview with the Head.
- b) Confidential report from the Head of your child's present School – following acceptance and confirmation of a place.
- c) Performance in tests of Verbal, Numerical, Perceptual Reasoning.

1. Academic Scholarships

In addition to the requirements listed above, children will be expected to demonstrate an ability to perform problem solving tasks and show a real enthusiasm for learning.

2. Art

Art and Design Technology at Leweston Preparatory School are taught in the impressive Norfolk Centre and with pupils being offered the opportunity to work with resistant materials and pottery as well as the more traditional media. An Art Club runs as part of the after-school activities programme.

In addition to completing the standard papers children applying for Art will be expected to bring examples of their work. There will also be an opportunity for them to demonstrate and discuss their art interests and there will be a test of artistic skills.

3. Drama

Drama is strong at Leweston Preparatory School with Years 5 and 6 spending every Friday afternoon in Performing Arts lessons. Over the past year the children have performed in Youth Makes Music in Sherborne, various School concerts, a Christmas production of 'Chaos at Christmas', 'Wind in the Willows' and at the Mid-Somerset Festival in Bath. All children from Year 4 upwards participate in the English Speaking Board examinations.

In addition to the standard papers children interested in drama scholarships will be asked to memorise and speak a poem, tell a short story or perform an extract from a play lasting 1-2 minutes. We will be looking for your child to show that they can choose an appropriate piece, learn it by heart, speak it aloud script free, show an understanding of its content and help listeners enjoy the piece through imaginative delivery.

4. Music

Leweston Preparatory School has a very lively and active Music Department which offers children the opportunity to participate in the School Choir, the Chapel Choir, Orchestra and Recorder groups. All of these groups rehearse regularly and perform both in School and beyond on a regular basis. The Department also works closely with that of the Senior School and enjoys some joint musical events with them.

Children applying for a music scholarship will be expected to have been learning at least one instrument for a year or more. They will be asked to play a prepared piece showing understanding of the skills involved. They will also be tested on their aural and sight reading skills. We will request a confidential report from your child's instrument teacher. They are also expected to complete the standard papers.

5. Sports

Leweston Preparatory School has an exceptional Sports Department offering a wide range of sporting opportunities including hockey, netball, trampolining and sailing. Children applying for a Sports Scholarship will be expected to show a good level of fitness and to demonstrate potential in a series of skills-based activities. We will also be looking at their ability to play as part of a team.

In addition to this candidates must sit the standard scholarship papers.

The award of a Scholarship does require a positive commitment from your child, Scholars are expected to contribute to the life of the awarding department.

If your application meets the initial criteria, then your child will be invited to attend a Scholarship Day held at the School. **This year Scholarship Day takes place on Monday 5th December 2011.**

If your child is successful in gaining a Scholarship the offer must normally be accepted within five working days. Scholarships are tenable for the duration of a pupil's stay at Leweston Preparatory School, subject to the conditions laid out in the Scholarship Acceptance Form.

What about Bursaries?

Bursaries are means tested and awarded in the case of financial hardship. Bursaries may be applied for at the same time as a scholarship by completing a separate bursary application form. Bursary forms can be obtained from the Bursar's Secretary, Mrs Dee Greenham on 01963 210765.

What do I do now?

If you decide to go ahead with a Scholarship application for your child, forms can be obtained from the Registrar, Mrs Chiara Damant, Leweston School who can be contacted on 01963 211010. **Scholarship application forms must be returned by Monday 28th November 2011.**

A registration form is included with these guidelines.

We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have, or to arrange a visit to the School to talk about your child's application. Please contact the Registrar on 01963 211010.