

# Moving on from BPS Policy

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<b>Applies to</b>	Prep School
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## Transfer to the Upper School

Most boys in Year 8 at Bedford Prep School transfer into the Upper School. They do not have to sit an entrance assessment. Instead, Year 8 boys do a range of assessments which are used to place them in sets in Year 9. This includes summer exams, assessment days throughout the year, and their performance in the BSAT (Bedford School Assessment Test) which is taken in January.

Members of the SLT, the Head of Year 8 and Head of Academic Support are involved in discussions with the relevant staff from the Upper School to ensure that boys are placed in the most appropriate groups.

In rare cases, boys are not able to transfer to the Upper School. This is generally when it is considered that the academic education provided at Bedford is not the most appropriate for a boy or when a boy's behaviour is not conducive to learning. In these cases parents would have been contacted by the end of Year 7 so that we can assist them as they choose another school for their son.

## Scholarships and Bursary Awards at Bedford School

### Scholarships (13+)

When boys move into Y9 (at 13+) there are a number of scholarship awards available in the following areas:

- Academic
- Music
- Art
- Drama
- Sports (Rugby, Hockey, Rowing, Cricket and Golf)

### Bursaries (11+ and 13+)

Means tested bursaries (awards providing financial assistance towards school fees) are available at entry into Year 7 (11+), and entry into Year 9 (13+).

If a boy gains a bursary at 11+ he would normally retain this throughout his time at the school, subject to continued financial eligibility which is reassessed on an annual basis by the Harpur Trust. Bursaries are discretionary awards and are also subject to high standards of attendance, diligence and behaviour on the pupil's part.

For more information, please see the School Website or contact Mrs Anna Steiger, the Director of Admissions.

The Headmaster contacts all parents of boys in Y6 with details of bursaries, and Y8 with details of bursaries and scholarships, with information about how to apply. The academic awards involve sitting

an online test of underlying potential and there is no extra preparation required. For sports and music awards parents should make contact with the Head of Sport or Director of Music respectively to discuss whether it is appropriate for them to enter their son.

## **Moving at 13+ to Other Independent Schools**

Some years a small number of boys move to other independent schools. The entry process varies from school to school. Although we do not explicitly prepare boys for entry to other schools, we will try to assist where we can. Bedford School does not routinely prepare boys for Common Entrance, but, again, we will try to help where we are able. If you would like to discuss this, or are considering another school for your son, please speak to the Headmaster, who will be able to advise. To enable us to assist as far as is reasonably possible parents should let us know which school they are considering for their son as soon as possible, and certainly by the end of Year 7. In most cases, the Headmaster of the other school will make contact with us and we have a very good relationship with a number of major schools to which boys have successfully transferred in recent years.

## **Scholarships at Other Independent Schools**

Occasionally, boys sit for awards at other HMC schools. The demands of these vary considerably and, in many cases, it will be necessary for the boy to do a considerable amount of extra preparation in his own time. We will try to help in cases such as this, but because of the variation in content and style of the papers used by different schools, we really need to know if a boy is going to sit at another school as soon as possible. We ask that parents let us know by the end of Year 7 at the latest.