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Sport Scholarships at Arcadia British School

Year 11 moving to Year 12 | Academic Year 2027–28 **Information for Families**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Arcadia British School (ABS) Principal Scholarship Award Programme. Our Sixth Form scholarship pathway recognises students demonstrating exceptional sporting ability. Awards are intended to support students entering Year 12 in 2027–28 and progressing through Years 12 and 13, subject to the terms of the award and ongoing review.

What scholars can expect in Years 12 and 13

Sixth Form scholars will be expected to combine ambitious academic study with meaningful participation and leadership in school life. The proposed programme of support includes:

- ***Academic pathway:*** personalised academic target-setting, progress reviews, guidance on subject choices and preparation for post-18 pathways.
- ***Sporting pathway:*** access to school training and competition, individual development goals, performance feedback and opportunities for mentoring or leadership within school sport.
- ***Performance pathway:*** access to analysis, strength & conditioning, speed development, psychological support.
- ***Academic Support:*** Support in lessons around their academic curriculum ensuring loading, tapering towards assessments and interventions are all in place.

The precise timetable, specialist support, competition opportunities and any additional provision will be confirmed with successful applicants before acceptance.

Entry criteria and scholarship categories

- Applicants should demonstrate a strong record of achievement and potential for further development in Sixth Form.
- Academic potential — strong GCSE/IGCSE results or predicted grades, academic assessments where appropriate, and evidence of achievement or aptitude.
- Sporting Excellence — high-level school, club, regional, national or international representation; evidence of technical, tactical and physical ability, commitment and potential.

There will be full and half scholarship awards available, which come with different levels of fee remission and access to the pull-out programme. A full scholar would access two sessions per week with a half scholar accessing one session per week.

Key focus sports at ABS

The key focus sports for the Sixth Form sporting scholarship pathway are rugby, football, netball, swimming and basketball. Applicants in these sports should show a strong competitive record and the ability to contribute to senior school teams. Applicants excelling in other sports may also be considered, subject to school provision and assessment capacity.

Assessment structure

The proposed Year 12 selection process is designed to assess both present achievement and readiness for the demands of Sixth Form:

- Stage 1 — application and evidence screening: recent school reports, predicted GCSE/IGCSE grades, references and relevant achievement records.
- Stage 2 — pathway assessment: academic discussion or subject-based tasks; sport-specific practical assessment and performance profiling.
- Stage 3 — interview: discussion of motivation, character, academic ambitions, commitment and contribution to ABS.
- Stage 4 — award decision: holistic review of evidence, references

**** The assessment afternoon is scheduled for Friday 22nd January 2027 ****

What should applicants submit?

- Completed scholarship application / expression of interest.
- Most recent school report, predicted GCSE/IGCSE grades and relevant standardised assessment results, where available.
- A school reference from a current teacher, tutor, Head of Year or school leader.
- A personal statement explaining Sixth Form aspirations, contributions and intended pathway.
- Relevant supporting materials: certificates, awards, portfolios, performance videos, competition records and sporting statistics.
- For sporting applicants, a concise athlete profile should include primary sport, positions/events, teams represented, level of competition, recent achievements, training commitment and coach contact details.

  All supporting evidence should be current and verifiable.

Who can apply?

- Current ABS Year 11 students.
- External candidates studying the equivalent of Year 11 in 2026–27 may apply for entry into Year 12 in 2027–28, subject to Sixth Form admissions requirements, appropriate subject choices and availability.

  Candidates may be shortlisted based on the evidence submitted.

Next steps

Families should register their interest through the official ABS admissions process or may access the link in the flyer. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete the relevant assessments and interviews. Where attendance on an assessment day is not possible, families should contact the school to discuss alternative arrangements.

For scholarship enquiries, please contact:

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We look forward to welcoming ambitious and talented students who will contribute positively to the academic, sporting and creative life of Arcadia British School.

With very best wishes,

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