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Dear Year 5 Parents

Scholarships

We have traditionally offered a small number of scholarships to Town Close pupils entering their final years to recognise exceptional talent in academic study, sport and music and challenge children to extend themselves further prior to applying to their senior school at 13+. All scholarships are from Year 6, with applications invited from Year 5 pupils followed by a competitive process to determine who the successful candidates are.

These awards are principally honorary, though parents of successful candidates are offered a small fee remission conditional on the children remaining at Town Close through to the end of Year 8 and repayable should this not be the case.

A maximum of eight scholarships is usually offered, comprising three academic, two music and two sports scholarships and one Headmaster's scholarship which recognises talent and excellence in any area. The academic assessment will take place on Tuesday 17th January and music auditions will be on Thursday 19th January. The sports selection process does not take place until the summer term so that we can assess pupils' progress in summer sports too. We will write to you about this in March along with details of the Headmaster's Award which will also be made in the summer term.

There are, of course, a great many talented children at Town Close and we would always wish to keep scholarships in perspective. Like any competition, the gap between winning and losing can be narrow and many is the child who does not win a scholarship at this stage who goes on to achieve amazing things in later life.

Details about the academic and music competitions can be obtained from my PA, Mrs Sara Hill (headsec@townclose.com), from whom application forms can also be requested. Please note that for the academic assessment no past papers or sample questions are available as the aim is to assess thinking skills rather than the ability to prepare for a specific style of questioning.

Yours sincerely

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