



21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Dear Year 5 Parents

## Sport and Headmaster's Scholarships

Last term we staged competitions for the academic and music scholarships that recognise exceptional talent in these areas and challenge children to extend themselves further prior to applying for their chosen senior school at 13+. This leaves the two sports scholarships and the Headmaster's Scholarship to be awarded, applications for which are now welcome.

To qualify to apply for the sports scholarship, Year 5 pupils must have represented the A team this year in two of the three major sports (hockey, netball and rounders for girls and rugby, hockey and cricket for boys) and must, in the opinion of the sports teachers, have shown an exemplary attitude to training and high levels of sportsmanship throughout the year. The deadline for applying will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to give children a chance to know which team they have made this term.

For those children who apply and qualify, a report on their progress and ability will be obtained from their teachers/coaches in all three sports. In addition, a report on their attitude to learning in sport will be written by the relevant Head of Games and they will undertake a physical assessment on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. All of this information will then be used to decide the two winners. Should two or more candidates be very close in ability, the awards will be shared equally between them.

The sports awards are intended to recognise talent purely in the team sports played at Town Close. Children who may have outstanding ability in another sport should apply for the Headmaster's Award, which is intended to recognise exceptional talent in any area not covered by the academic, music and sports awards. This could be anything from computer programming to dance and can include activities undertaken outside school. For these applicants a report will be sought from relevant teachers or coaches, depending on their area of talent. The closing date for applications for the Headmaster's Scholarship is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May with the interview to assess this award taking place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

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.

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.

Application forms for the Sports and Headmaster's Scholarships can be obtained from my PA, Mrs Sara Hill ([headsec@townclose.com](mailto:headsec@townclose.com)).

Yours sincerely

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