

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

Examination: 30th April – 2nd May 2012

Closing date for entry: 5th March 2012

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THE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP Examination will be held at Tonbridge on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 30th April to 2nd May 2012.

Up to TWENTY-ONE Awards will be offered in competition as follows:-

ONE AINSLIE SCHOLARSHIP worth up to 50% of fees. This Scholarship, made possible by a bequest from an Old Tonbridgian, Mr W M L Ainslie, will be awarded only to an outstanding candidate.

Up to TWENTY SCHOLARSHIPS up to a maximum of 10% of fees. Of these Scholarships, up to THREE may be KNIGHTLEY Scholarships. Knightley Scholarships, which can be held only by boys whose parents were both born British subjects and whose home is in the British Isles, are the result of a benefaction of an Old Tonbridgian, who wishes to encourage parents to have their children taught foreign languages in early childhood. Knightley Scholarships are given in the same way as other Awards, but a condition of their award is some fluency in speaking a foreign language. Candidates wishing to be considered for a Knightley Scholarship must therefore take French II or Spanish, or any other European language if notice is given. (Requests for a paper in any other language must be made and approved at least **six months** before the examination).

The value of any Award may be increased, by any amount up to the full school fee, if assessment of the parents' means indicates a need.

The parents of a Scholar, if not in need of the emoluments of the Award, are invited to resign the whole or part of them. In such a case the boy will retain the style and status of a Scholar, and the emoluments given up will be paid into a fund for making grants towards the education at Tonbridge of boys who need financial assistance.

The Entry Form of an intending candidate must reach the Admissions Secretary by **5th March 2012**. For overseas candidates the actual examination dates will be advanced to permit scripts to reach England by 2nd May 2012.

Age Limit: Candidates for the above Awards must be under 14.0 on 1st September 2012.

Boys are given accommodation, if parents desire it, over the examination period at the School. Boys staying at the School will be expected to arrive on Sunday evening, 29th April 2012. Boys who come daily will be provided with lunch. A detailed note about arrangements will be sent to preparatory school Heads and parents.

The following papers are compulsory:

English I and II
Mathematics I
Science I and II
History
Geography
French I
Latin I (*boys who know no Latin are encouraged to offer three optional papers*)

The following papers/subjects are optional:

Mathematics II	Music
French II	Art
Latin II	Another language, if requested and approved at least six months before the examination.
Divinity	
Greek	
Spanish	

In all papers grades will be awarded as follows:

A - Award standard
B - Near Award standard
C - Good, but below Award standard
D - Common Entrance standard

Candidates should take at least two optional papers; the majority take two or three. They are advised not to take more than three unless their preparatory school Head considers it appropriate. It should be noted that Scholarships are not awarded merely on aggregate marks; it is in the interest of candidates to attempt only those optional papers in which they are likely to be graded A or B.

To gain an Award, a candidate must show competence in all compulsory papers and particular merit in the compulsory or optional papers of at least one subject and preferably more. Scholarship projects are not required.

All candidates will have an informal interview. Boys who show promise in Music or Art may ask to be examined on a practical and oral basis in the relevant subject during the Examination, and this will be fitted into the programme at an appropriate time. Existing holders of Music or Art awards (taken in February 2012) should not offer the subject as one of their options.

The age of candidates is taken into careful consideration.

SUBJECT PAPERS WILL BE SET AS FOLLOWS:

English: Paper I will consist of a prose passage for comprehension followed by a poem for comprehension. Questions will vary from close language analysis to more extensive thematic discussion, and the paper will last for one and a half hours. Paper II will require candidates to choose from a range of creative or argumentative tasks and write one piece over the period of an hour.

Mathematics: Paper I aims to discover scholarship ability, whereas Paper II is set with the strong mathematical candidate in mind. In both papers, candidates will be asked to answer as many questions as they can, but they should be encouraged to aim for complete solutions rather than a series of fragments. Calculators may be used freely. In neither paper will any question presume formal teaching beyond the syllabus for Level 3 of Common Entrance Mathematics at 13+.

Science: There will be two papers which will test knowledge and understanding of the Common Entrance 11+ and 13+ syllabus at Level 2. No specific knowledge beyond the Common Entrance Syllabus is required, but candidates will be presented with questions which expect them to apply the science they do know in novel and unfamiliar contexts. Paper I will consist of questions on areas of experimental design, data handling and problem solving including the manipulation of simple formulae. Questions could be set in scientific contexts relating to any of the three separate sciences, with the emphasis on skills rather than recall. Paper II will have sections for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics with a greater emphasis on recall and application of knowledge.

History: There will be two sections. The first will consist of passages from primary and secondary historical sources for comment; the second will be an essay from a range of historical and contemporary themes arising from the Common Entrance syllabus.

Geography: Candidates will be required to answer questions arising from the Common Entrance syllabus. Section A will require a response to some type of geographical stimulus material such as a map extract, with questions which in places may touch on areas of geography not previously studied by any candidates. Section B will require an essay answer; essay topics will be directly based on the revised Common Entrance syllabus. Consideration will also be given to any coursework submitted.

French: Paper I will consist of a reading comprehension with questions in English and French. There will also be a guided written task (120 – 150 words) taking the form of a letter or account requiring candidates to display a variety of tenses. All candidates will sit an oral examination. Candidates will be asked questions on three different Common Entrance defined topic areas. The oral will last approximately 5 minutes and will test a variety of tenses. There will be no role play or presentation. Paper II will consist of a 'use of French' section testing vocabulary and grammatical knowledge in French. There will also be some short translations from English into French based on Common Entrance-defined topic areas.

Divinity: The paper will contain three sections. The first section will consist of a short passage for comment and evaluation - this may be an excerpt from a newspaper article or a theological text. Section two will require one response on Old Testament or New Testament texts and contemporary issues drawn from the Common Entrance syllabus. The Third section will be an essay chosen from a range of contemporary issues. All sections will be allocated the same marks.

Latin: Paper I will consist of unseen translation, grammatical questions, and *either* comprehension questions based on a passage of Latin, *or* English into Latin sentences. Paper II will consist of more difficult unseen translation and *either* prose composition *or* further translation.

Greek: The paper will consist of translation from Greek to English and of grammatical questions. Further (optional) sections will consist of English sentences to be translated into Greek, and a harder passage from Greek to English. The paper is designed to be accessible to those who have only recently begun Greek, as well as to stretch those who have done more. Vocabulary etc. will be based on John Taylor *Greek to GCSE: Part 1* (BCP): for the compulsory sections it will be drawn from the first four chapters.

Spanish: The paper will consist of two parts: 1. *Reading Comprehension* with questions and answers in Spanish on texts such as public notices, brochures, letters, newspaper articles, etc. Knowledge of present and past tenses will be expected. 2. *Writing* which will comprise (a) a short linguistic gap-filling exercise, (b) a simple message of about 40 words (postcard, telephone message, etc.) requiring set points of information, and (c) 120-150 words of written Spanish in the form of a letter, diary, report, or account. Present tenses may be used but credit will be given for the correct use of other tenses. There will also be a short oral test, which will be a short conversation based on Common Entrance topics.

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The candidate's parent or guardian should complete this form, sign and return it, together with a passport-sized photograph, by **5th March 2012** to The Admissions Secretary, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, TN9 1JP.

1. Candidate's name in full:
(Block letters, with surname underlined)

2. Age on 1st September 2012: Years Months Date of birth

3. Name and postal address of parents or guardian:
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Telephone: Fax:

Email:

4. Name and postal address of present Head:
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Telephone: Fax:

Email:

5. Is the candidate eligible for a Knightley Scholarship?
(Both parents must be British-born subjects and reside in the British Isles) YES / NO *(delete as appropriate)*

6. Please circle the optional subjects that the candidate will offer *(at least two and no more than three)*:

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| French II | Spanish | Divinity |
| Greek | Mathematics II | Music |
| Latin II | Art | |

7. If the candidate will offer Music, please state his principal instrument and grades:
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8. My son is entitled to extra time and/or use of a laptop. YES / NO *(delete as appropriate)*

If yes, I attach an Educational Psychologist report to support this which is less than two years old.

9. Will the candidate require accommodation at the School during the examination?

10. Has any House preference been formally stated? If yes please give name:

Date: Signature of Headmaster:

Date: Signature of parent:

(For use at Tonbridge)
Entry Form received

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TIMETABLE

Monday, 30th April	9.30	-	11.00	English 1
	11.30	-	1.00	Mathematics 1
				L U N C H
	2.15	-	3.00	Science I
	3.30	-	4.30	French I
	4.45	-	5.15	French II
Tuesday, 1st May	9.30	-	10.30	English II
	10.45	-	11.45	Latin I
	12.00	-	1.00	Geography
				L U N C H
	2.00	-	3.00	Divinity
	3.15	-	4.15	Greek or Spanish or another approved language on request
Wednesday, 2nd May	9.30	-	10.45	Science II
	11.00	-	12.15	History
				L U N C H
	2.00	-	3.30	Mathematics II
		3.45	-	4.45

Candidates offering Music or Art as an option will be examined on a practical and oral basis at a time to fit in with their individual timetables.