

Cowdrey Scholarship
Guide & Application Form



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COWDREY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026

Colin Cowdrey (Lord Cowdrey of Tonbridge), 1932-2000, was one of the great sportsmen of the 20th century. In memory of this distinguished Tonbridgian, and to promote and recognise the qualities that he embodied, we have established the Cowdrey Scholarships.

Three or more Scholarships will be offered for award each year, for entry to the school at age 13, to boys of character and integrity who display both sporting excellence and sportsmanship in at least one of the main school team games: rugby, cricket, hockey and football.

The awards will be determined by recommendation and assessment. Candidates must be proposed and recommended by the Head of their current school (i.e. parents cannot make independent application), by printing and completing the application form at the end of this document. This form may be accompanied by a more detailed letter of recommendation from the Head of their current school and/or testimonials from others.

Assessments will be held at Tonbridge at the same time as the assessments or auditions for all other categories of non-academic scholarship awards (Music, Art, Design, Technology and Engineering, Drama).

For the 2026 awards these assessments and interviews will be held during the week beginning 19 January. Candidates will be asked to come to Tonbridge for a day and will take part in both individual and team sports, as well as fitness and leadership events organised by sports staff. There will also be a short interview with senior staff members.

Remission Amount

Cowdrey scholars will be awarded a prize of £2,000, which will be deducted from the first term's fees.

Age Limit

Candidates for Cowdrey Awards must be under 14.0 on 1 September 2026.

Multiple Awards

A Cowdrey Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship awards at Tonbridge.

Key Dates

- The application form of an intending candidate must reach the Admissions Office by 1 December 2025.
- Examinations will take place in the week beginning 19 January.

Contacting the Sport Department

The Director of Sport, Chris Morgan will be glad to give further information or advice to the parents of any prospective candidate, and can be contacted at:

christopher.morgan@tonbridge-school.org
+44 (0) 7738479637

Next steps

To apply for a Tonbridge School Cowdrey Scholarship for 2026 the candidate's school should print and complete the application form at the end of this document. Please sign and return it, by 1 December 2025 to:

The Admissions Office, Tonbridge School,
Tonbridge, TN9 1JP.

For more information, please contact:
admissions@tonbridge-school.org
+44 (0) 1732 900400

APPLICATION FORM

Tonbridge School Cowdrey Scholarships 2026

The candidate's school should print and complete this form, sign and return it to The Admissions Office, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, TN9 1JP.



1. Candidate Details

Full Name:
(block letters, with surname underlined)

Age on 1st September 2026: Years Months Date of Birth:

2. Parent or Guardian Details

Name:

Address:

Post code: Tel:

Email:

3. Details of current Head

Name:

Address:

Post code: Tel:

Email:

4. Director of Sport or Head of games to complete the following table:

SPORT	GRADE (please circle)		
Cricket	1	2	3
Football	1	2	3
Hockey	1	2	3
Rugby	1	2	3
Athleticism	1	2	3
Fitness	1	2	3
Rackets (Tennis/Squash)	1	2	3
Athleticism	1	2	3

1 = Outstanding
2 = Very Good
3 = Good

The grade should be assessed by comparison to the other schools on your circuit. For example, 'Outstanding' would mean that a boy is not just outstanding when compared to boys at his own school, but outstanding when compared to all boys that you come across on your circuit.

5. Medical Conditions

Please let us know of any medical conditions of which we should be aware:

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6. Sports Teams

Please provide a chronological record of the candidate's representative performance in sports, including school teams and any representation at county or other level.

School Teams:

Other Representative Teams: (please state National / Regional / County / Club)

7. Please write in support of the candidate's character, integrity and sportsmanship in the space below.

Signature of Head:

Date:

Signature of Head of Sport:

Date:

(For office administrative use. Please leave blank)

Entry Form received:

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