



ETON  
COLLEGE

KING'S  
SCHOLARSHIP  
PROSPECTUS  
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## ETON COLLEGE KING'S SCHOLARSHIP 2025

The **2025** King's Scholarship Examination will take place on **Friday 25 April, Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April**.

The purpose of the examination is to select the King's Scholars, housed in College under the care of the Master-in-College. The number of vacancies in College varies from year to year, but averages fourteen. An Election Roll is published at Eton after the examination. The Roll includes all those who have qualified for King's Scholarships, plus the Annah Shaw and Martineau awards.

A boy with a conditional place at Eton who does not achieve a King's Scholarship may be considered for one of the following awards:

One Annah Shaw Scholarship is awarded to a boy who excels in the Classics and does not enter College. This is only for boys who offer both Latin and Greek. A financial award of up to £1,500 per annum will be made to a boy whose parents already have financial assistance arranged. Otherwise an honorary award may be given instead.

One Martineau Exhibition (up to a maximum of £3,000 per annum) is awarded to a boy with a bursary in place who does well in the examination, narrowly missing a King's Scholarship, with consideration being given to his general record and his parents' financial circumstances. Boys shortlisted for this award will be interviewed and his parents will already have financial assistance arranged. Awards are normally tenable for five years.

### MEANS TESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

King's Scholars receive no automatic remission of fees (fees in 2024/25 are £17,583 per term, £52,749 per year). However, applicants may apply for means-tested financial assistance, described as a bursary. Details on the criteria for applying for a bursary can be found in the Bursary Information Sheet – [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/).

Applications for such bursaries should be made by completing the Bursary Application Form. Access to this form is provided by the Bursary team once sufficient contact details have been provided. For further information, parents should contact the Fees and Bursaries Team on **01753 370 581 / 554** or via email to **Bursaries@etoncollege.org.uk**. Parents who apply for the 2025 King's Scholarship, with an application deadline of **Monday 6 January 2025**, must complete the Bursary Application Form by the deadline of **Friday 28th February 2025** and preferably considerably earlier.

1. If a candidate is applying for a Music Scholarship as well as a King's Scholarship, the Bursary Application Form must be completed by **Friday 31 October 2024**.
2. If a potential King's Scholarship candidate already has a bursary in place via the registration process in year 6, parents will be asked by the Bursaries Team to provide a financial update.
3. Where a candidate holds a conditional offer or waiting list place, it is the School's expectation that parents who did not apply for a bursary at the time of their initial application will not require financial support throughout the time the boy attends the School. Due to funding constraints the School will not entertain subsequent bursary applications from parents except in the most exceptional and wholly unforeseeable circumstances. Please contact the Bursaries Team to discuss this further if required.

Parents will be informed by the **end of April** whether they are likely to be awarded a bursary in the event of their son being awarded a King's Scholarship. This enables parents to make an informed decision about whether their son should sit the King's Scholarship examinations.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA *(Please read carefully)*

1. Candidates must either be aged 13 on Monday 1 September 2025 or have turned 14 during August 2025 where Eton has previously agreed that the boy may defer his entry by a year due to an August birthday. Candidates born in August 2011 must be in school year 8 when they sit these exams. A candidate may sit the King's Scholarship exams once only.
2. We require all candidates from UK schools to have taken the Eton List Test (or we will accept a recent UKiset test if overseas, with subsequent remote Eton assessment and interview if the UKiset results are strong enough). A very good performance will be required here.
3. Boys who have not already taken the test at age 11 may still apply and will be required to take the Eton List Test, or the UKiset test if overseas (with subsequent assessment if the UKiset results are strong enough), and all such candidates will be interviewed by the Director of Admissions or his deputy. For such boys the following applies:
  - a. For those who are required to take the Eton List Test, the dates will be **Tuesday 21 January 2025 or Thursday 23 January 2025**. Such candidates who have also applied for a Music Award may be required to sit the Eton List Test on a different day during the Music Award auditions week of **Monday 27 January 2025**. Those who perform sufficiently well will then be entered for the King's Scholarship examination.
  - b. Candidates attending schools outside the UK may choose to sit the UKiset test (for details please visit <https://www.ukiset.com/>) as an alternative to the Eton List Test. The UKiset test may avoid unnecessary travel to the UK as many overseas candidates can sit the test locally. UKiset must provide the complete set of results to [admissions@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@etoncollege.org.uk) by **Monday 6 January 2025**. If the UKiset results are strong enough, a subsequent interview and assessment with the Director of Admissions or his deputy will be arranged and a decision will then be made as to whether a candidate is eligible to sit the King's Scholarship examinations. Admissions prefer that the test is taken in the autumn term of year 8 but would consider tests taken earlier. Those considering this option should contact UKiset by e-mail at [enquiries@ukiset.com](mailto:enquiries@ukiset.com).
4. No boy who is already in the school may compete.
5. If a candidate is found to have been offered a Scholarship or similar academic award at another school and has not declined it by the first day of the King's Scholarship exams, Eton College reserves the right to withdraw the candidate's application. If Eton College is not informed of such a situation before he has completed the examination and been awarded a King's Scholarship place, his name shall not appear on or shall be removed from the Election Roll.

## BOYS CHOOSING TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN COLLEGE

Boys who do not already have a conditional place and who are not successful in gaining a King's Scholarship will not be offered a place in the school.

A candidate holding a conditional place in UK state education who wishes to sit the King's Scholarship examinations must first sit the Eton Entrance exam in **late February 2025** to confirm his place. For any such boy a decision will be made as to whether he is eligible to sit the King's Scholarship examination on the basis of his performance in the Eton Entrance exam.

Eton reserves the right to require a candidate with a conditional place, who has not performed well in the examination, to take additional papers, such as Common Entrance, before he may enter the school. Candidates who perform poorly in individual subjects may also be required to take additional papers in those subjects to assist in placing them in the correct set.

## BOYS CHOOSING NOT TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN COLLEGE

A boy with a conditional place at Eton may sit the examination but opt not to compete for a King's Scholarship, preferring his place in an Oppidan house. These boys are known as *honoris causa* candidates.

## ADVICE ON WHETHER TO SIT THE KING'S SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

When choosing whether to sit the King's Scholarship examination or Common Entrance, candidates should be aware that a strong performance in Common Entrance will usually be rewarded with places in higher sets at Eton than a mediocre performance in the King's Scholarship examination.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT COLLEGE

Prospective candidates interested in becoming a King's Scholar will be offered the opportunity to visit College on a variety of dates in the autumn and spring terms, either after confirming their intended exam route of entry (via an enquiry sent to boys with conditional places in July/August 2024), or on receipt of an application form (for boys without a conditional place). For overseas candidates, there will be a virtual visit date available. Please be aware that places for these visits are limited.

## APPLICATIONS

All applications to take the King's Scholarship examination must be sent to Admissions by **Monday 6 January 2025**. King's Scholarship applications received after this date will not be processed. The School section of the application relating to the optional papers and hosting the exams must be returned no later than **Friday 31 January 2025**.

Parents of boys with a conditional place will be sent a link to an online application form in early October 2024.

Candidates who do not already hold a conditional place at Eton will use the application form on the website at [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/). The 2025 entry application will be available from early October 2024 until **Monday 6 January 2025**.

Having submitted the application form, if parents wish to make any changes, particularly concerning the candidate's status (*honoris causa* or College candidate) and the chosen optional papers, they must confirm this both by e-mail to [admissions@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@etoncollege.org.uk) and by phone to Admissions on **01753 370 611**.

## THE EXAMINATION

All candidates are required to sit the following compulsory papers:

**ENGLISH A \*    ENGLISH B \*    MATHEMATICS A    SCIENCE    GENERAL I**

They must also offer at least THREE of the following six optional papers:

MATHEMATICS B                      GENERAL II                      HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & DIVINITY

FRENCH\*\*                              LATIN                              GREEK

\* *English A and English B in 2024 replaced English and Creative Writing from previous years.*

\*\* *Please note there is no oral component to the French exam.*

All candidates are assessed on their performances in the compulsory papers plus their best three optional papers.

Candidates for College will have a short individual interview with the Master-in-College and these will take place remotely in March 2025. An individual timetable will be sent to the exam venue for each candidate, with his examination number, in the week preceding the examinations week.

## **LOCATION OF EXAMINATIONS**

All candidates applying to sit the 2025 King's Scholarship examinations will be required to sit the examinations either at their school or an alternate venue. Specifically, we ask schools to host their own candidates for the sitting of the exams where possible. If a candidate's school is unable to host the examinations, the candidate will need to sit the examinations at another school or test centre. In this case, we will endeavour to find an alternative examination venue. However, we cannot guarantee that it will be near to the candidate's home or school. Also, be aware that hosts do not provide overnight accommodation. We are of course very grateful to all schools who run the examinations.

The examinations for UK candidates will take place on **Friday 25 April, Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April**. Boys at schools overseas in time zones more than two hours ahead of the UK will sit the examinations within the following 24 hours, at the equivalent UK times. Details will be sent to both parents and schools.

## **SETTING in YEAR 9 AT ETON**

One purpose of the King's Scholarship examinations is to allow for accurate setting of boys in Year 9 at Eton.

If a candidate does not sit an optional subject, we may contact schools to provide information to help with setting. This is more likely for Latin and modern languages, compulsory subjects in Year 9 at Eton.

## **SYLLABUSES**

Apart from the General Papers, most papers are based on the current appropriate Common Entrance syllabus. However, questions which invite a more advanced response than is usually expected at Common Entrance are frequently set. Specific syllabus and calculator requirements are given in the attachment and may be found on the webpage [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/).

## **PAST PAPERS**

Recent past papers up to 2023 may be downloaded from the Eton College website [www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/](http://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/).

The most recent set of papers (2023) are kept for schools to use for mock exams. We strongly advise boys to look at the past papers early in the school year, particularly if parents have some doubts as to whether their sons should be sitting the scholarship exams.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Any questions about the information in this booklet should be directed to the College Examination Secretary c/o the Admissions Office, via [admissions@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@etoncollege.org.uk) or telephone 01753 370611.

**DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE KING'S SCHOLARSHIP WEBPAGE :**

<https://www.etoncollege.com/admissions/scholarships-and-awards/kings-scholarships/>

King's Scholarship application – timed availability for the next year of entry.

King's Scholarship Prospectus

MS KS Bursary Information Sheet

King's Scholarship Syllabus supplementary details

Election Roll for the most recent exams

Previous King's Scholarship papers are available to download