



SIXTH FORM ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Being a Scholar is a position of honour at College. Those who earn the title will play a key role in the life of College and will enjoy a world of opportunities from which they can enrich and expand their talent and level of performance.

Being named an Academic Scholar at College is a mark of distinction that recognises not only outstanding academic ability but also a deep commitment to curiosity, critical thinking, and the life of the mind. Our Scholars are at the heart of intellectual life at College. They are leaders of thought, contributors to lively debate, and drivers of progress. They shape our culture as much as they are shaped by it.

At College, we are deeply invested in the Academic Scholarship Programme and continue to evolve it to reflect the fast-moving world of ideas. We want every Scholar to unlock their full potential, not only in their subjects but as thinkers, innovators, and global citizens.

THE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Our programme is designed to stretch, challenge and inspire. Scholars are given access to a rich landscape of opportunities designed to cultivate intellectual risk-taking, resilience, and independent thought.

In the classroom, teachers are encouraged to tailor their teaching to stretch our most able pupils. Departments provide unique opportunities to explore beyond the curriculum, and Scholars are recognised for their ability to question, debate, and expand the learning of those around them.

Beyond the classroom, Scholars engage in a vibrant programme of enrichment activities under the banner of **Forum42**. Weekly TED-style talks given by pupils spark discussion and debate on topics ranging from “*Should the UK still have an army?*” to “*Can science disprove free will?*” Our much-loved *Three Humans on a Sofa* event sees staff debating provocative questions—recent examples include “*Can science ever be separate from politics or economics?*” and “*Do prisons work?*”

Scholars also attend masterclasses led by young academics, with recent themes including “*Who owns health?*” and “*How fiction shapes real life.*” Inspirational guest speakers, artists, scientists, activists, and entrepreneurs, join us regularly, with pupils invited to host them for supper. Recent talks have included “*Art Behind Bars,*” “*Tracking Gorillas,*” and “*Adding Colour: Diversity in British Cinema.*”

Opportunities also include national essay competitions, MOOCs, and podcasts, alongside a bespoke six-week academic mentoring project. Past mentees have explored how to code a Mars lander's descent or written policy recommendations to improve the law for children in care. Most importantly, Scholars are encouraged to reflect on their journey, build confidence in their voice, and contribute to the intellectual life of the College community.

Please note: Academic Scholarships are honorary and do not carry any fee remission.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We are looking for intellectually curious, self-motivated young people who thrive on challenge and want to be part of a community that values learning for its own sake. Our Scholars are expected to demonstrate:

- A passion for academic discovery
- Intellectual curiosity
- Creativity
- Courage
- Evidence of high achievement or potential in one or more subjects
- Commitment to their studies and the wider life of the school
- A willingness to lead, inspire, and contribute to the thinking of others

If you are excited by ideas, energised by discussion, and keen to play a leading role in our academic community, we encourage you to apply.

HOW TO APPLY & ASSESSMENT

- To apply, you will need to complete the **Academic Scholarship Application Form** below. This, alongside references and additional information from your school, will be used to decide who is invited to the **Academic Scholarship Assessment Day**.

Late applications will not be considered.

Assessment Day: Tuesday 4th November 2025 (shortlisted candidates)

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to College to:

- Complete **two subject-based written papers**
- Sit an **adaptive online Verbal Reasoning test**
- Take either a **Science/Maths** or **Humanities pathway paper**
- Take part in **group discussions and activities**
- Meet key academic staff and Heads of Departments

This is a chance for us to get to know you, and for you to get a feel for the energy and ethos of the thriving academic life at College.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Please email the completed application form and **two academic references** (not sporting references) to: SFadmissions@chettladiescollege.org by **1st October 2025**.



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College will process this form in accordance with our Privacy Notice:

www.cheltladiescollege.org/privacy

Applicant's Full Name:

Current school:

Please answer the following questions using the spaces below. The answers may be typed or handwritten:

Why you would like to study at CLC?

How you would contribute to the academic life of the school? *Please include details of any academic projects and challenges that you have already undertaken as well as your aspirations for the future & write no more than 250 words:*

Two Academic Referees (please do not include sporting ones)