



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

SPORTS AWARDS

INFORMATION FOR 16+ CANDIDATES

For September 2025 start

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR 16+ CANDIDATES

1. A Winchester College Sports Award is a tremendous opportunity for pupils to develop both their sporting and academic potential. Previous award recipients have been members of County Cricket Academies, Regional Hockey Performance Centre squads, County Football squads and gained athletic scholarships at a US University. Holders benefit from 1-1 technical and tactical training, specific S&C sessions, mental skills workshops, mentorship and logistical support to access representative training and matches.
2. Sports Awards (Scholarships or Exhibitions) are available for entry at 13 and 16+.
3. Parents of candidates for Sports Awards should also read the information regarding admission to the school on the school website. Candidates for Sports Awards must have completed the relevant 16+ registration and met the Entrance Examination admission requirements.
4. Notable ability in either of the major sports of **football** and/or **cricket** is highly desirable, although talent in other sports such as but not exclusive to those listed below will also be considered.

Golf	Tennis	Squash/Rackets	Rowing	Hockey	Swimming	Athletics/Cross Country
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If parents are unsure whether their child's sporting profile would make them a worthwhile candidate for a Sports Award at Winchester College, please contact the Director of Sport Mark Burley (msb@wincoll.ac.uk) to discuss. The school reserves the right to reject an application without assessment, based on information supplied by parents and teachers.

5. In making awards we look at a candidate's sporting potential and commitment as much as their achievement. However, by rule of thumb, successful candidates should be of county, academy or regional standard in their preferred sport(s). In deciding whether to make a sports award we will consider:
 - the talent of the candidate in their preferred sport(s)
 - the demand for talent in a candidate's preferred sport(s)
 - the ability of the candidate to contribute to the sports programme at the school.
6. Candidates for 16+ entry must be under seventeen years of age on 31 August following the assessment. They will need to be at Winchester College for a sport assessment which will be held in November of their year 11. The dates of the assessment will be published on the school website and are included below.
7. The successful candidates will normally enter the school in the September after completing their GCSE examinations. The Headmaster reserves the right to allocate

holders of Sports Awards to any boarding house in the school, but will of course take parental preference into account.

8. Successful candidates, on entering the school, will be given the opportunity to pursue sport to such an extent as the headmaster (in consultation with the Director of Sport) may think desirable, and they will be expected to play a full and positive part in the sporting life of the school. The continuation of awards is subject to satisfactory progress and commitment. Parents and successful candidates will be required to sign an agreement which commits Sports Award holders to fulfilling their obligations.
9. Application forms of entry may be obtained from the Sports Administrator (sportsadmin@wincoll.ac.uk) and should be returned, accompanied by references and a photocopy of the candidate's birth certificate, by the closing date given on the school website.

THE ASSESSMENT

The assessment process for 16+ candidates will focus on their major sport and will be primarily based on their achievements and successes so far. This should be consolidated by references and may very well include some formal assessment in their major sport on their formal examination day at Winchester College. The assessment process will also include an interview with the Director of Sport.

If it is helpful to the school, and to potential candidates, contact may be made with the Director of Sport during the months preceding application (for 16+ entry). Advice can be given and a pupil's progress can be assessed at an informal assessment. However, parents of potential candidates should not feel that such contact is essential.

CONDITIONS OF SPORTS AWARDS

In addition to the general terms and conditions applicable to all pupils set out in the Parent Contract, all Sports Award holders are required to:

- involve themselves fully in the sporting life of the school, prioritising their sporting commitments ahead of other extra-curricular activities. Award holders in sixth form should aim to represent the school in their main sport as well as at least one other during their two years at school.
- set an example to others through their positive intent, commitment and demeanour both on and off the sports field. Award holders will be expected to promote the highest level of sportsmanship amongst their peers and fellow Wykehamists, upholding the standards of fair play and respect.
- apply the life-skills and attributes learnt as a Sports Scholar to maximise their potential both on and off the sports field.
- use their experience and knowledge to support and encourage others.
- set and achieve the agreed physical, technical, tactical and mental targets.
- understand that their award will be subject to annual review.

The school will provide all award holders with:

- specialist coaching sessions, paid for by the college, focusing on the award holder and their core sport(s)
- a regularly assessed strength and conditioning programme.
a selection of lectures, workshops and presentations based on various aspects of sport (e.g. nutrition, sports injury, rehabilitation, sports psychology etc.)
- a mentor from the Sports Department to help an award holder achieve their sporting goals while maintaining a sensible and sustainable routine in the school.
- permission to attend external county level (or equivalent) training sessions, with the proviso that these do not have a detrimental effect upon their academic studies or overall contribution to the sports programme.
- bursarial support in line with current school policy. Sports Awards do not themselves result in any fee remission.

BURSARIES

Consistent with the school's commitment to the proper use of its charitable funds, sports awards carry no automatic remission of school fees. However, in case of financial need, eligible parents may apply for means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees in the form of bursaries. Please see page 6 of this document for further details.

Bursaries are available on entry to the school and can be for up to 100% of the fees. The full boarding fee for the year can be found on the school website. Fees are payable in advance of each term.

Parents/guardians of Sports Award holders who will need bursary assistance with fees must submit a Bursary Application Form at the same time as the Sports Award Entry Form, the closing date for which can be found on the school website. The school will adhere strictly to this closing date.

The Bursar will notify parents/guardians of the value of any award well in advance. This enables parents to assess their financial means well in advance of the assessment.

More information and guidance about bursaries can be found on the School's website at: <http://www.winchestercollege.org/bursaries>.

Details of the Bursary Scheme and application forms can be obtained from:

Mrs W A Neville

Tel: 01962 621271

Email: bursaries@wincoll.ac.uk

HOW TO APPLY

Completed **16+** application forms including references must be received by the Sports Department before **Friday 11th October 2024**.

Successful candidates will be notified on **Friday 11th October 2024** that they will be invited to the Assessment Day.

The Assessment Days will be held on **Monday 11th November 2024**.

Offers of Sports Awards will be sent out after **Monday 2nd December 2024**.

Offers must be accepted in writing within three days of the award being made.

Enquires about Sports Awards

Director of Sport:

Mr Mark Burley

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Application Form requests

Sports Administrator:

Mrs Sam Drinkwater

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Enquires about Bursaries

The Bursar's Secretary:

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