



11+ Sports Scholarships

APPLICATION PACK
FOR
SEPTEMBER 2017 ENTRY



An Introduction to Moreton Hall Preparatory School

Moreton Hall Preparatory School is a co-educational day and boarding preparatory school for pupils aged from 4 to 13 years. Mr Chris Moxon, the Headmaster, has been in position since September 2016. Years 7 and 8 are a very special time for pupils in the school, where children can take on leadership opportunities and more demanding sports and academic programmes, while giving them space to enjoy their childhood within the supportive and caring atmosphere of the prep school.

The school has excellent facilities: notably the excellent teaching areas for science, design technology, information technology, music and drama. There is a welcoming and spacious library; a specialist music school, the Chapel for school assemblies and Mass, theatre productions and musical performances, a sports hall and swimming pool; a newly refurbished playground and extensive sports fields for rugby, cricket, football and athletics, a sports pavilion, plus netball and tennis courts. In addition, the school makes full use neighbouring facilities, including astro pitches for hockey, squash courts, additional sports pitches and indoor pool.

Currently the Prep School has approximately 100 students on roll. Provision exists for the accommodation of up to 35 boarders (aged 7 – 13) under the care of qualified and experienced staff in the caring, family environment of the Boarding House. Class sizes are small enabling teachers to focus on the individual child to ensure they fulfil their potential academically, on the sports field, or musically and in the performing arts.

The Curriculum of the Preparatory School is overseen by the Deputy Head, Mr Charlie Thompson, who works closely with his counterparts in the Pre-Prep to ensure continuity. In years 3 and 4 pupils are taught primarily by class teachers and thereafter increasingly by subject specialists. The usual range of subjects is taught with French from year 4 and Latin from Year 5. The Learning Support Department is able to provide help for pupils who are bright but who have learning difficulties and provision is also made to challenge the most able who are prepared for their chosen senior school scholarship exams.

The pastoral care of the pupils is seen as a high priority throughout the school and their wellbeing and happiness is paramount. The Headmaster and Deputy Head work with form teachers to ensure that all the children are known as individuals; that they have access to caring and sympathetic staff and that they are encouraged to set themselves targets and to play an active role in the wider life of the school. Moreton Hall is a Catholic school. Whilst Catholicism forms the central reference point from which we draw all of our values, those values of spirituality, forgiveness and service are universal ones. A defined religious ethos offers a benefit for all our children to grow within.

Parents are most welcome to discuss any concerns with staff and the Headmaster is always willing to be approached on more sensitive matters. The school values its partnership with parents and actively seeks to build on this relationship.



Moreton Hall Preparatory School 11+ Sports Scholarships

What are 11+ Sports Scholarships?

Sports Scholarships recognise *outstanding* sporting ability and potential.

They are awarded to pupils in Year 6 (under 11 at the 1st September) for entry into Year 7 at Moreton Hall Preparatory School. Scholarships are awarded for the whole of the child's school career from Year 7, subject to suitable progress, through to the end of Year 8 at Moreton Hall Preparatory School. We enjoy an excellent relationship with our local state schools who are delighted to welcome our pupils two years later than might otherwise have been the case had they perhaps left us or their local primary schools to join at 11+. Equally, if you are seeking an independent education for your child at 13+, our record of Scholarship success to schools such as Culford, Framlingham, Oundle, Uppingham, The Leys and The Perse in Cambridge is simply unrivalled.

As well as the prestige attached to winning an award, scholars have the opportunity to participate in a wide programme of activities designed to ensure they are supported and encouraged to continue to achieve their full potential.

Scholarships also carry a fee discount. Typically fee discounts of 30% will be awarded to major scholarships and 15% to minor scholarships, although in exceptional circumstances and for exceptional ability higher awards may be offered at the Headmaster's discretion. Means-tested bursaries are also available for pupils whose parents would not be able to afford school fees even with a scholarship fee discount. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to apply for a bursary and an application form and further information can be provided. Pupils in receipt of other fee concessions (e.g. sibling discount) or who apply for and attain more than one scholarship only receive the higher of the discounts, they do not aggregate.

Scholarships are offered each year following assessment in early March of Year 6. In the region of 10-12 awards of differing values may be announced shortly after the various assessments.

External candidates and pupils already at Moreton Hall Preparatory School are assessed in the same way.



Procedures and Key Dates

The Head Teacher of the candidate's present school should be advised of the application. When the application has been received, the candidate's present Head Teacher will be approached for a confidential report. For internal candidates, the relevant staff will be advised of the application and approached for a confidential report.

The criteria and procedures for each Award are set out below.

Closing date for entries will be Monday 27th February 2017.

The 11+ Sports Scholarship Assessments will take place on **Friday 10th** and **Saturday 11th March 2017**.

We recommend that families considering Moreton Hall Prep School visit us prior to the scholarship assessments. If you can't attend one of our Open Mornings (**the next open morning is 28th January 2017**), please contact Sophie Hunt in the Admissions Department on 01284 753532 or email shunt@moretonhallprep.org, who would be delighted to arrange an alternative date. The visit will include a friendly chat with the Headmaster followed by a tour of the School. You will have the opportunity to see the children at work and play and to meet other staff. If you are considering boarding, we would, of course, arrange for you to meet our boarding housemistress, Mrs Alison Moxon and our matrons and to look around the boarding house.

We would also suggest that your son or daughter spends a 'Taster Day' with us prior to taking part in the assessments. This can be booked anytime via Sophie Hunt as above.

Parents will be informed of the results of the scholarship assessments soon after they are taken.



Sports Scholarships and Awards

At Moreton Hall Preparatory School, we have a distinguished record in team and individual sports, led by our Director of Sport, Mr Brad James, and a strong team of sporting teachers and coaches (please see our sports staff biographies on page 8). We currently have many boys and girls in the school who regularly compete at county, national or international level. A broad range of sports is offered with teams competing in Rugby, Hockey, Football, Cricket (both boys and girls), Tennis, Rounders, Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Additionally, sporting clubs bound, such as Squash and Table Tennis. Older year groups have the opportunity to participate in sports tours within the UK and additional coaching is offered to our elite and development teams, for example winter cricket nets, fitness and speed training & pre-season coaching sessions. Moreton Hall Preparatory School strives to provide a full and demanding set of fixtures for pupils of all abilities, as we see this as a way of developing team spirit, leadership, resourcefulness and diligence.

Scholarship Information

Scholarships are made to candidates of outstanding ability or potential in the field of Sports from within or outside the School, either as day or boarding pupils. They presuppose a high degree of motivation and commitment on the part of the candidate. Part of the assessment will include a short interview where the candidate will be asked to demonstrate keenness and interest. He or she should submit with their application any appropriate records of success and/or references from school, club or county coaches, if applicable.

A kit list will be provided closer to the time.

The assessment may include the following:

Athletics

- Endurance run – 5 minutes

SAQ (Speed, Agility, Quickness) Testing

- Hand eye co-ordination test
- Agility Run
- Speed Run
- Speed/Coordination Test (speed bounce)
- Power (standing long jump)

Specific Game Skills

- Rugby, Hockey, Football, Cricket, Netball, Rounders and Tennis
- Pupils will be asked to show basic skills in some of the above sports. It is understood that some pupils may have had little experience of some of these sports

Swimming

- Assessed if pupil opts for swimming

Interview

- Candidates have a short interview to discuss their sporting interests

The Director of Sports, Mr Brad James (bjames@moretonhallprep.org), would be pleased to answer any questions from potential scholars prior to the assessment day.



Next Steps

Parents interested in applying for an 11+ award for their son/daughter are invited to complete the attached Application Form and return it to Sophie Hunt, Admissions Department, shunt@moretonhallprep.org or to the address below. Please include a copy of your child's sporting achievements in the form of a CV. We will acknowledge receipt of your form and advise you of the next steps. Please indicate with your application whether or not you wish to receive Bursary Application Forms, unless you have already asked for those separately. Bursaries can be discussed confidentially with the Headmaster on your visit to the school prior to the Assessment.

Following the assessments, individual letters will be written to parents of all pupils assessed indicating the outcome.

Contact details

Sophie Hunt
Admissions Department
Moreton Hall Preparatory School
Mount Road
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP32 7BJ

Tel: 01284 753532

E-mail: shunt@moretonhallprep.org

Alternatively, should you wish to communicate directly with the Headmaster, email headmaster@moretonhallprep.org or write to Mr Chris Moxon at the address above.



CONDITIONS OF THE AWARDS

All Awards are made at the Headmaster's discretion and are valid for the whole of the pupil's school career, subject to the following conditions:

Award holders will contribute wholeheartedly to the sporting life of the school through participation in representative sports, although the award itself will not guarantee the holder a place in a team. Once an award has been made, the crucial factor for its continuance will be commitment rather than performance.

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARS

Every year Moreton Hall Prep School provides financial support for pupils with special sporting gifts. This support recognises their outstanding ability, but also confers certain responsibilities to the School community on the individual.

For Sports Scholars:

- We expect a clean bill of health. Any chronic illness or injury must be notified to the School in writing in advance of any offer being made.
- Scholars must represent the school in any sports for which they are selected.
- Scholars must set the highest standards of dress, behaviour and sportsmanship whenever representing any team, whether at School or elsewhere.
- Scholars must accept this position as role models within the wider School context.
- Scholars should display exemplary commitment to the School, both as an athlete and as a member of the School body.

Communication and Monitoring:

- A meeting will be held at the beginning of each academic year for scholars so these expectations can be explained and reinforced. Termly review meetings will be held to discuss the scholars' progress.
- Pupils who consistently do not perform to the standards laid down here will have their scholarship reduced or, in extremis, terminated.

It is the School Governors' Policy that scholarships and family discounts do not aggregate. Only the largest will apply at any one time.

Any scholar who does not meet our expectations may have the Award decreased or terminated. Please see Expectations of Scholars.



SPORTS STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Rugby

Chris Moxon, our Headmaster, is well known throughout the Prep School world for unearthing and developing schoolboy Rugby talent to international level. Originally from a Rugby League background, Chris has helped to launch the careers of England World Cup winners Ben Kay and Iain Balshaw, together with Scotland players Henry Pyrgos and Joe Ansbro to name but a few. Chris was also for many years manager of Rugbyclass Ltd based at Harlequins and also Professional Rugby Camps Ltd based in Gloucester, organising annual residential Rugby Courses for schoolboys at leading public schools such as Millfield and Wellington College.

Brad James, our Director of Sport, hails from South Africa and played for Leicester Tigers alongside a young Manu Tuilagi and Billy Twelvetrees. He also played 5 seasons at Bury St Edmunds RFC, winning the league with them in 2005, and Old Albanians RFC in National 2 South. Brad holds a National Diploma in Sports Management together with Level 2 status in Rugby, Football and Cricket. He oversees our Sports Development Programme throughout the school.

Hockey

Juliet (Jet) Konrath, our Head of Hockey, plays for Bury St Edmunds Hockey Club 1st team, the East of England and the England Masters Hockey Team. Jet, who holds a B Ed. (Honours) degree in PE, is also a member of the County Hockey Coaching Team and the Junior Coach Co-ordinator at Bury St Edmunds Hockey Club. She also plays Netball for Cockfield in Division One of the Summer League.

Netball

Paula Fenner, our Head of Netball, represented England in Netball both in the full and Under 21 teams. She has coached to County level with Gloucestershire and Suffolk and currently has 21 County players in Suffolk across three age groups, including Under 12's. She has been Chair of West Suffolk Netball for 19 years, the same length of time she has coached at Moreton Hall!

Tennis

Josh Bolt, our Head of Tennis, represented Suffolk and competed in tournaments all around Great Britain as a schoolboy. At the age of 19, he played in the British High Performance Academy. Josh has taken tennis at Moreton Hall to the dizzy heights of winning an LTA club competition in 2015 and plans to take 7 of our top players to La Manga Club in Spain, the best tennis centre in Europe, for a week of training next summer.

Football

Ian Miller bases his 442 Football Academy at Moreton Hall Prep School. After starting his career in non-League football with Bury Town, Ian moved into the Football League with Ipswich Town. As captain of Cambridge United he led the team to a second-place finish and FA Trophy glory at Wembley. During the play-off final he received a broken leg in the final minutes of the game, but despite this he still lifted the trophy - whilst in a wheelchair - as Cambridge won 2-1, sending the club into the Football League. After his time as captain at Cambridge United, Ian became the club's Community Football Manager.

Cricket

Charlie Thompson, the Deputy Head, has over 20 years' experience of teaching in senior and prep schools and is passionate about school team and individual sports, particularly Cricket. He is an ex- county swimmer and has coached some outstanding individuals in Rugby, Football and Cricket who have gone on to represent senior school first teams and county squads.



Swimming

Emily Ackroyd-Cooper taught as a primary school form teacher and supply teacher for 10 years before focusing on swimming, a lifelong passion, gaining a Level 2 STA qualification in swimming teaching in 2012. She loves to see how learning to swim and improving swimming techniques can give confidence and inspiration to young children.