Scholarships and Exhibitions: Statement of Wadham College policy

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of tutors' nominations in recognition of continuous work of a first-class standard, and for distinguished performance in the First Public Examination.

Any student achieving first-class or distinction marks in a public examination will be elected to a Scholarship in the following year (but not necessarily thereafter), unless there are disciplinary or other grounds for not doing so.¹

Exhibitions

Students will be elected to Exhibitions, on tutors' nomination and for a period of one year, on the basis of tutors' discernment of performance at an appropriately high level. This is defined as follows:

i) work that is rated on the basis of tutorial performance and/or collections and/or public examinations as being at least in the top third of the II.1 class;

AND requires

ii) evidence of sustained effort; or marked improvement over time; or successful overcoming of difficulties (whether financial, personal, or medical); or excellence within the range eligible for Exhibitions

General

Scholarships awarded on the basis of Firsts or Distinctions in First Public Examinations need no further justification, but recommendations for Scholarships or Exhibitions based on tutorial work should be accompanied by comment, with the aim of ensuring a comparable standard across subjects.

Neither Scholarships nor Exhibitions can be held while students are on a year abroad or away from study. The work of some students in the year prior to a year abroad or away may merit recognition in the form of Scholarships or Exhibitions. On the basis of that work, tutors can nominate such students for Scholarships or Exhibitions to be held in the year following their return to College.

Scholars and Exhibitioners will be entitled to attend any annual dinner held for Scholars and Exhibitioners.

Scholarships and Exhibitions are each held for one year only. Fresh nominations and elections are made each year; there is no presumption that a Scholarship or Exhibition held previously will be renewed.

All nominations are received prior to the 2nd week Michaelmas Term meeting of Governing Body, at which elections are made

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¹ For a student in a joint school or in a two-part school it is not enough simply to produce first class work in one part. An overall average first class standard is required, taking both parts into account.