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Scholarships & Awards

2025/26

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All external candidates will be invited to spend the whole day at Saint Felix and arrangements can be made for candidates who would like to stay overnight to do so.

Teaching staff from the relevant departments will be pleased to talk informally to parents, prior to the submission of a formal application for a scholarship or award.

All scholarships and awards can potentially be supplemented with a bursary based on means testing which is carried out by an external agency.

Whilst dates have been organised for scholarship and award entry at all year groups in the Senior Department, we are very happy to arrange alternative dates by appointment.

Please note that any scholarship or award can only be applied to tuition fees and not boarding fees or the catering and subsistence charge.

Any questions about scholarship and awards should be made in the first instance to the Head of Admissions, Miss J Burch, on 01502 727048 or by email at: admissions@stfelix.co.uk

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Scholarship and Award Dates

Tuesday 20th January 2026
Award/Examination
Academic

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st January 2026
Award/Examination
Drama
Music
Performing Arts
Sport (including Swimming)
Visual Arts: Art

Sixth Form: Tuesday 25th November 2025 or by Arrangement
Award/Examination
Academic
Sport, Drama, Music & Performing Arts
Art, Photography & Textile Design



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Academic Scholarships **(Available from 11+ onwards)**

Scholarships will be awarded, for entry in September 2026, to outstanding candidates who demonstrate flair and the potential to excel in their academic studies. All applicants will be expected to sit competitive academic examination papers. The school is seeking high calibre candidates, who will contribute very positively and proactively to the life of the school community. The maximum award offered to scholars will be 50% of the tuition fees.

Academic Awards **(Available from 11+ onwards)**

An award is given for candidates who show promise but do not quite attain the exacting standards demanded of scholars. All applicants will be expected to sit competitive academic examination papers. All Academic Award holders will be expected to set themselves very high standards of work and to contribute positively to the life of the school. The maximum award is 25% of the tuition fees.

Academic Examination Papers **(Available from 11+ onwards)**

At 11+ candidates will be asked to take examinations in English and Mathematics.

At 13+ and 14+ candidates will be required to take examinations in English, Mathematics and an optional subject of their choice. Subject papers will be closely linked to the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

Academic Examination Papers **(Available from 16+)**

All candidates will be asked to sit a written scholarship paper in two subjects of their choice. These papers will be based on topics covered during the GCSE course of that subject. Candidates should indicate their current GCSE specifications and topics covered to date. They will also have a formal interview with the Head to discuss subjects they intend to study at A Level.

Assessments for Sixth Form awards in Sport, Drama, Performing Arts, Music and the Visual Arts will generally be undertaken in November but can be made available at alternative times in the academic year.



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Drama Scholarships and Awards **(Available from I I+ onwards)**

Candidates will be invited to attend an audition where they can perform their chosen piece. In addition there will be a short interview where candidates will be asked about their previous and prior experience in Drama.

Candidates interested in stage management, lighting and sound will also be considered.

Successful candidates will be expected to study Drama at GCSE or A Level (as applicable) and support the Drama Department positively and participate in all appropriate productions.

The maximum award given will be 50% of the tuition fees.

Members of the Drama Department would be happy to discuss the Scholarship and Award process at any time. Further contact details can be obtained by contacting the Head of Admissions.

Performing Arts Scholarships and Awards **(Available from I I+ onwards)**

These awards are open to candidates who excel in at least two of the following disciplines:

- **Drama**
- **Dance**
- **Music (including singing)**

Candidates will be invited to attend an audition at which they will be required to perform two pieces of prepared material in their two chosen disciplines. In addition there will be a short interview where candidates will be asked about their previous and prior experience in the Performing Arts.

Successful candidates will be expected to support the Performing Arts department throughout their time at Saint Felix and participate in all appropriate productions and activities.

The maximum award given will be 50% of the tuition fees.

Members of the Performing Arts Department would be happy to discuss the Scholarship and Award process at any time. Further contact details can be obtained by contacting the Head of Admissions.



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Music Scholarships and Awards **(Available from 11+ onwards)**

These will be awarded on the basis of an audition and interview with the Head of Music and relevant members of the music staff.

Candidates at 11+ will be asked to offer one instrument (including voice) and show willingness to take up a further instrument.

Candidates at 13+ and 14+ will ideally be asked to offer two instruments (including voice).

- 11+ candidates should ideally be offering pieces of at least Grade 3 standard.
- 13+ candidates should ideally be offering pieces of at least Grade 4 standard.
- 14+ candidates should ideally be offering pieces of at least Grade 5 standard.

(Please note that formal exams need not have been taken)

All candidates from 11+, 13+ and 14+ should all have a standard of music theory appropriate to their practical grade. At the audition they will be required to perform on their chosen instrument(s) and discuss their performance.

Candidates at 16+ will ideally be asked to offer two instruments. At this level candidates are expected to be playing at Grade 6 or above on at least one instrument or voice, and have an appropriate level of theory knowledge.

A balanced programme of at least two pieces including music from two different musical eras or genres is expected, and candidates should be prepared to talk about the pieces they perform.

Successful candidates will be expected to support the life of the Music Department whole-heartedly, promoting the department within the school, and the school within the wider community. Participation in the school choir and musical showcases is mandatory for music scholars from 11+.

The maximum award given will be 50% of the tuition fees.

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Sport Scholarships and Awards **(Available from 11+ onwards)**

Candidates at all levels should offer a range of sporting talents. These can include Athletics, Cricket, Cross-Country, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby or Tennis. Talents in any other sport will also be considered. Candidates of all age groups should be able to provide evidence of success in competitions and events.

Candidates at 11+ should be playing at club level in at least one sport and show a committed attitude to further participation outside the minimum 'A' team school-level sport.

Candidates at 13+ and 14+ are expected to have been selected for county or regional level sport, if appropriate, and be playing at club level in at least one school sport.

Candidates at 16+ may either offer a specific sport such as Athletics, Cross-Country, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby or Tennis or a range of sporting talents. At this level, candidates are expected to have represented their county in at least one sport in the current academic year.

Candidates will be asked to attend an assessment at which they will be required to perform a number of practical tests in their chosen sports and to undergo a fitness assessment.

Successful candidates will be expected to represent the school in teams, when selected, and to enthusiastically support the sporting life of the school.

The maximum award given will be 50% of the tuition fees.

Members of the Sport Department would be happy to discuss the Scholarship and Award process at any time. Further contact details can be obtained by contacting the Head of Admissions.



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Sport: Swimming Scholarships and Awards **(Available from I I+ onwards)**

Swimming Scholarships and Awards are awarded to pupils who can evidence that they have achieved the outlined criteria and meet the academic standards of entry. Times are used from the ASA and British Swimming Rankings website (within the last twelve months). Scholarships and awards are generally awarded in June of each year, once the British and Summer National Qualifiers have been published.

Currently the awards are as follows:

20% Award:	Awarded for achieving the minimum of eight ASA Suffolk County Qualifying Times
30% Scholarship:	Awarded for achieving the minimum of five ASA East Region Summer Qualifying Times
40% Scholarship:	Awarded for qualifying for the ASA Summer National Championships
50% Scholarship:	Awarded for qualifying for the British Swimming National Championships or having been selected to represent their Country at a FINA World Event.

All pupils receiving a Swimming Scholarship will be expected to participate fully in the Elite Training Programme provided in partnership with Team Waveney Swimming Club, and support both school and club activities.

The maximum award given will be 50% of the tuition fees.

Members of the Swimming Department would be happy to discuss the Scholarship and Award process at any time. Further contact details can be obtained by contacting the Head of Admissions.



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Visual Arts Scholarships and Awards **(Art available from 11+ onwards)** **(Photography and Textile Design available from 16+)**

All candidates will be invited to attend an interview with the Head of Department and the subject leader.

11+, 13+, 14+ and 16+ Art candidates should bring with them:

- A portfolio of a minimum of six pieces of work completed within the last twelve months.
- A sketchbook, giving a clear indication of the development of ideas and work from primary sources.
- An example of an artist's work that interests them or has inspired their own work and be prepared to talk about them.

The interview procedure will include a one-hour observation drawing exercise which will be sat in school prior to the interview.

16+ Photography candidates should bring with them:

- A portfolio of colour and black & white prints (a minimum of six images covering different subject matter and formats)
- If the subject has been studied at GCSE Level, evidence of a completed project.
- An example of a photographer's work that interests them or who has inspired their own work.

Candidates will also be required to complete a set task, to be undertaken prior to the interview.

16+ Textile Design candidates should bring with them:

- A portfolio of work that may include examples of functional textile design (such as print, fashion, interior design, constructed textiles or textile art)
- If the subject has been studied at GCSE level, evidence of a completed project. Projects should include independent research, gallery, museum or research visits, drawing skills and an ability to experiment with a good range of textile materials and techniques.
- An example of Art or Design work that interests them or that has inspired their own work. Students will be asked to talk about this at their interview.

The maximum award given will be 50% of the tuition fees.

Members of the Visual Arts Department would be happy to discuss the Scholarship and Award process at any time. Further contact details can be obtained by contacting the Head of Admissions.



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Conditions for those who accept awards at Saint Felix School

- i. All scholarships and awards are made between the School and the parent/s concerned and as such are confidential to these two parties. No details of this scholarship or award should be disclosed to a third party. If the details become public knowledge, the School reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship or award.
- ii. All those in receipt of scholarships and awards will be expected to play a full part in the life of the school and to work to the best of their ability.
- iii. Anyone who fails to maintain the standards expected of a scholar or award-holder may, after due warning and having been given time to improve performance, have his/her scholarship or award withdrawn.
- iv. Those offered scholarships or awards will retain them until the end of their GCSE course, subject to points ii. and iii. above. These can be continued into the Sixth Form on the basis that the required standards have been continually met.
- v. Sixth Form scholarships and awards extend throughout the two-year Sixth Form course subject to points ii. and iii. above.

The number of scholarships and awards given at each age group will reflect the calibre of the candidates who sit the examinations, auditions and assessments.