

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports awards can be offered for pupils joining Dunottar in Year 7 and new and current pupils starting in Year 12. Candidates will be actively involved in sports at their current school and/or in clubs outside school. They should be able to demonstrate a commitment to sport, health and wellbeing as well as showing talent, skill and technique in their chosen sports. They should have the potential to be role models to their peers and an understanding of the wider benefits of teamwork and leadership which sports offer, with the potential to develop in this field.

Sports scholars should be willing to make an excellent contribution to school life, to show commitment to all aspects of sports at school, participating fully in co-curricular activities, teams and competitive fixtures and leading by example. Sports Scholars are reviewed annually by the Director of Sport to ensure the pupils are fulfilling their role appropriately.

Sports Scholars will work collaboratively with their fellow pupils and the staff at Dunottar School. All Sports Scholars will have access to strength and conditioning programmes, a range of lectures from experts in the fields of Nutrition, Psychology, Well-Being, specific Sports Scholar trips and much more to help them develop as people and as athletes.

GUIDELINES FOR SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

Candidates should offer at least two sports, both sports offered must be one of Dunottar's main sports: Netball, Football, and Cricket for girls, Rugby, Football and Cricket for boys. A high level of performance within Swimming and/or Athletics can support a pupil's application. For the Year 7 award we would expect candidates to be playing competitively at A team level at their current school and to be playing a high level of sport outside school. Pupils should already be on, or aspiring to be involved in, county age group pathways.

For the Year 12 award we would expect candidates to be highly active in their school's sports teams, with an excellent track record of training and commitment, and to be competing at county or regional level in their main sport. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a high level of personal fitness and, during the assessment process, the Director of Sport will be looking for candidates who show an awareness of tactical play and a positive attitude, in addition to their sporting talent and skills. We expect all of our Sports Scholars to get involved in coaching and leading within the school sport programme throughout their time at Dunottar, to develop their leadership skills.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit the completed application form by the deadline given. With this application form the candidate should include a covering letter telling us why they believe they would be a successful sports scholar. In this letter you should tell us about any teams that they have been a member of over the last academic year in your present school and give details of any sporting activities that you pursue outside of school (including any relevant levels achieved). You should summarise the contribution you make to the sporting life of your school and/or local clubs currently and include any other supporting documentation that you feel will help demonstrate your sporting ability. Please also include a reference(s) or letter(s) of support from a P.E. teacher and/or any relevant coaches. The Director of Sport will review all applications and candidates shortlisted for assessment will be notified in writing. *Please note that not all applicants are guaranteed an assessment.* The assessment will involve the following elements:

- 1. A series of fitness tests.**
- 2. Competitive drills/matches in rugby & football for boys, netball & football for girls and cricket for both if you have selected cricket as one of your main sports.**
- 3. A group interview over lunch.**



Please ensure that you have read the accompanying guidance notes regarding criteria and supporting evidence to be submitted with this form.

Year group in
September 2026

Year 7 ☐

Year 12 ☐

Name	
Date of birth	
Current school	

Please state two sports which you consider your strongest; at least one of these must be one of Dunottar's main sports listed below (please tick).

Cricket (co-ed)	
Football (co-ed)	
Netball (girls)	
Rugby (boys)	
Athletics (co-ed) Please provide personal bests for chosen events for the most recent season. Preferably via a www.thepowerof10.info athletes account.	
Swimming (co-ed) Please provide personal best swim times, strokes and distances within the current season	
Please list any other sports played:	

Please state which level you are currently competing at in your main sports:

School A team ☐ Club level ☐ County Development Squad ☐ County level ☐

I have enclosed my covering letter ☐ I have enclosed my supporting reference(s) ☐

Scholarship applications should be posted to:

Admissions
Dunottar School
High Trees Road
Reigate
RH2 7EL

This completed application must be submitted, with the required supporting evidence and references, to the Admissions Office by:

Year 7 – by 9 am on Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Any other questions:

If you require any further information about the scholarship application process, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@dunottarschool.com or on 01737 761 945.