



## SIXTH FORM SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

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For entry in September 2024

Being a Scholar is a position of honour at CLC. Those who earn the title will play a key role in the life of College and will enjoy a world of opportunities from which they can enrich and expand their talent and level of performance.

We place great value on our Sport Scholars and are continuously enhancing the Scholarship Programme to ensure pupils develop and fulfil their potential during their time with us. Our focus is on supporting the Scholars as 'student-athletes' and on achieving success in the long-term.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We know that the view of talent in any given sport is an ever-changing landscape. National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) are consistently evolving their talent pathways and programmes. What counts as 'talent' one year may differ to the next. Equally, the majority of sporting disciplines have athlete development models that explicitly require young athletes to specialise later, making sport specific talent harder to discern effectively, especially at the younger age groups. There is a wide range of factors that influences the rates at which young people develop sporting talent, for example physical maturity within a single year cohort based on date of birth (relative-age effect). It is a complex picture and not as simple as who is stronger, faster and 'better'.

At CLC, our view is that all pupils have potential. We are committed to supporting all pupils to explore and fulfill this potential, with lifelong engagement in activity at the heart of this. We will support all pupils through this journey whether they go on to become a functionally motivated gym user, a fitness class fanatic, a committed club competitor or an Olympic/Paralympic champion. Our approach to fulfilling potential, starts with all pupils, then becomes more specialised and specific as they mature and as their sport specific talent develops. Those gaining a scholarship for entry to Sixth Form would need to demonstrate not only potential but also *significant* sport specific ability.

We would expect girls looking for a Sports Scholarship for entry to Sixth Form to be a county level performer in one sport but we know that representational level differs greatly between sports. Therefore, this expectation should be considered as a guide and not a fixed requirement.

While CLC delivers a wide range of sports and activities, we would normally expect a scholar's sporting ability to be in one of our most widely represented sports. This helps us ensure that we can offer the on-going support that scholars require. These sports include hockey, lacrosse, netball, tennis, athletics, and swimming. However, as we are continually evolving our sporting offer, there is no fixed list of sports for scholarship consideration. A key factor for us is whether we can support a girl in fulfilling her potential in her chosen sport/s and each case will be considered on its individual merits.

If you have questions regarding specific sports, please contact the Sports Scholar Lead, Miss Kate Nimmo:  
[nimmok@cheltladiescollege.org](mailto:nimmok@cheltladiescollege.org)

## EXPECTATIONS OF SPORT SCHOLARS

Scholars will have the opportunity to play sport regularly both as team members and as individuals. Specialist coaches are available for a range of different sports and a comprehensive programme of activities and events, that enhances the sporting life of College, is planned each year. Scholars will receive additional support, which includes individual mentoring and strength and conditioning sessions. Award holders are expected to maintain a high standard of personal fitness, participate in appropriate teams and attend all practice sessions across all three terms.

Scholars will promote their sport by participating in College and House matches and by becoming involved with the coaching of younger players. Their conduct in sport, in competition and in training must be of the highest order. They should lead by example by being ambassadors for College to guests, opponents and peers. It is important that Sport Scholars have the leadership skills, motivation, temperament, character, and growth mind-set to cope with, and excel, in this high profile role.

We set out with an expectation that successful candidates will retain the Sports Scholarship throughout their time at CLC. This reflects our position that a journey in sport has its 'ups and downs' and we are not predisposed to judge periods of negative sporting performance. This reflects back to our central premise of supporting both ability and potential.

However, we reserve the right to remove the scholar designation and the award will be reviewed annually, based on a Sports Scholar fulfilling the above responsibilities and satisfactorily meeting the criteria below:

- Achieving the mutually agreed targets set out at termly mentoring sessions;
- Continuing to uphold College's sporting ethos and values;
- Continuing to represent College in the sport(s) that the Scholarship was awarded for throughout the academic year (this includes pre-season and study leave periods).

## APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

The following application form needs to be completed as fully as possible. This document, alongside further diligence from us, allows us to determine who we will invite to an Assessment Day. The Assessment Day is the second part of our decision making process and will enable us to examine the candidates' sport specific ability as well as their wider physical and mental attributes. They will have opportunities to demonstrate physical competency and fundamental movement skills, strength and flexibility, attitude, motivations, ability to respond to feedback ('coachability') and self-reflection.

Applications should be submitted to the Admissions Department ([entrance@cheltladiescollege.org](mailto:entrance@cheltladiescollege.org)) by **1st October 2023**.

The Assessment Day will take place during the week commencing 6th November 2023 and invitations will be sent out in good time to allow for travel plans. Please note that candidates accepting an invitation to attend the Sports Scholarship assessment, do so on the understanding that they must be successful in the written academic entrance examinations to be able to take up any sports award offered. The results of the written examinations and the Sports Scholarship process are released on 1st December 2023.



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## SIXTH FORM SPORT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

For entry to College in Sixth Form in **September 2024**

College will process this form in accordance with our Privacy Notice: [www.cheltladiescollege.org/privacy](http://www.cheltladiescollege.org/privacy)

Applicant's First Name

Surname

Current school

### SPORTING BACKGROUND

#### MAIN SPORT:

Playing Level  School  County  Regional  National  International  
 Other, please state:

Length of time played

Name of teams / clubs

Please list the hours of training undertaken per week in this sport

Playing position / ranking / rating / stroke / times / distance etc. (where appropriate)

Representative honours and / or notable achievements

Details of any other sporting experiences in this sport

What do you want to achieve in this sport?

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**SECOND SPORT:**

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Playing Level     School     County     Regional     National     International  
 Other, please state:

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Length of time played

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Name of teams / clubs

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Please list the hours of training undertaken per week in this sport

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Playing position / ranking / rating / stroke / times / distance etc. (where appropriate)

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Representative honours and / or notable achievements

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Details of any other sporting experiences in this sport

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What do you want to achieve in this sport?

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Are there any other sports in which you have trained and play regularly?

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Do you have any sporting qualifications eg. Junior Sports Leaders Awards, Level 1 Umpire or Coach?

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Please summarise, in no more than 500 words, your performance targets future. We will expect to see: the 2024/25 academic year, a five-year view *and* a lifetime ambition.

What do you believe you would offer to CLC as a Sport Scholar?

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent

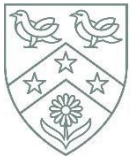
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## WHAT TO DO NOW

Please send the completed application form and two Teacher references, via email, to: [entrance@cheltladiescollege.org](mailto:entrance@cheltladiescollege.org)

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sports Scholar Lead, Miss Kate Nimmo ([nimmok@cheltladiescollege.org](mailto:nimmok@cheltladiescollege.org))

The closing date is 1st October 2023.



## SIXTH FORM SPORT SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM – CONFIDENTIAL

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**To whom it may concern:**

One of our Sport Scholarship applicants has named you as a referee. In order to progress their submission, we would be grateful if you could complete the questions below and include anything else which you feel might be of importance. Thank you for your time.

Applicant's name

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Name of referee

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Position

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Name of School or Club

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Email address

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### INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATE

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How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

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What is their current playing standard in their main sport(s)?

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How often is the applicant involved in these activities each week?

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Please comment on the candidate's sporting ability and achievements. Include any observations about their input and enthusiasm and any other areas that might be relevant to her suitability for a Sport Scholarship at CLC.....

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## YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THEIR SPORTING POTENTIAL

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Does the applicant have the ability and temperament to develop further? To what extent do you see this happening?

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Please include here any further information that you feel is relevant to their application.

Please return this form, via email, to [entrance@cheltladiescollege.org](mailto:entrance@cheltladiescollege.org) by the closing date of **1st October 2023**.

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