



CHARTERHOUSE
ALMATY

Set the standard.

The Charterhouse Almaty
Scholarship Programme



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PERSEVERANCE
CHARTERHOUSE
RESPONSIBILITY
MORAL COURAGE
OPEN-MINDEDNESS
KINDNESS

Why a Charterhouse Scholarship?

Purpose

Scholars at Charterhouse Almaty will set the pace. They will raise expectations in our classrooms and societies, model curiosity and kindness, and help shape the academic reputation of Charterhouse Almaty as the leading school of its type in Central Asia, from its first cohorts onward.

Performance

Our scholarship awards will be reviewed annually. Continuation will depend upon sustained academic excellence and a visible contribution to the wider life of the school, upheld by the Charterhouse Code of Conduct.

Prestige

A Charterhouse scholarship is not just a fee reduction, but membership of a demanding programme that prizes intellectual ambition, with expectations, responsibilities and annual review. Our scholars will join a lineage of Old Carthusians who have changed the world over the course of four centuries: one that prizes intellectual ambition. The title of Charterhouse scholar is earned and renewed through outstanding performance and conduct.



The Awards



FULL FEE REMISSION

The King's Scholarship

Reserved for the top 1–2% across the scholarship assessments, the King's Scholarship recognises exceptional academic ability allied to leadership promise and exemplary conduct. This honour will echo the royal authority which confirmed the founding of our parent school, Charterhouse, in 1611.



MAJOR REMISSION

The Sutton Scholarship

Awarded to candidates in roughly the top 10% of shortlisted applicants, the Sutton Scholarship celebrates outstanding academic trajectory and initiative, in the spirit of Thomas Sutton, whose endowment established Charterhouse.



PARTIAL REMISSION

The Carthusian Scholarship

Conferred on strong performers with clear upward momentum and positive influence, this award draws its name from the Carthusian heritage – the historic identity of the Charterhouse community.

Programme Benefits

The Charterhouse Almaty Academic Scholarship Programme is shaped by three core principles: Challenge, Personalisation and Accountability. Scholars are encouraged to go beyond the curriculum, pursue their individual academic interests and take responsibility for making the most of the opportunities available to them.



Academic Enrichment

Scholars are given opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom and engage with ideas at a deeper level.

- Dedicated Scholars' sessions focused on intellectual exploration, discussion and critical thinking.
- Access to the Sutton Lecture Series, introducing Scholars to ideas and perspectives beyond their everyday studies.
- Lectures, masterclasses and enrichment opportunities across a range of academic disciplines.
- Opportunities to explore individual academic interests and pursue subjects beyond the curriculum.



Competitions & Academic Opportunities

Scholars are encouraged to test themselves beyond the classroom and represent Charterhouse Almaty in wider academic settings.

- Priority access to national and international academic competitions.
- Opportunities across Mathematics, Science, essay writing, debating and Model United Nations (MUN).
- Dedicated preparation and coaching for selected competitions and academic opportunities.
- Opportunities to develop research, communication, presentation and critical-thinking skills.



Personalised Academic & University Guidance

Each Scholar receives individual support designed around their strengths, interests and future aspirations.

- Regular individual academic mentoring and guidance.
- Support in identifying and developing areas of particular academic interest.
- Guidance on super-curricular learning and academic enrichment pathways.
- Bespoke university preparation, including university pathways, personal statements, interviews and admissions preparation where relevant.
- Guidance for pupils considering highly selective universities in the UK, US, Europe and internationally.



Progress & Responsibility

Being a Charterhouse Almaty Scholar carries both recognition and responsibility. Scholars are expected to maintain ambitious standards and contribute positively to the intellectual life of the School.

- Regular monitoring of academic progress and engagement.
- Individual feedback and guidance to recognise strengths and identify areas for further development.
- Regular communication with families regarding each Scholar's progress.
- Clear expectations for Scholars to demonstrate commitment, intellectual curiosity, independence and positive contribution to the Charterhouse community.





Who Should Apply?

Profile of a Charterhouse Scholar

We are looking for intellectually curious and ambitious young people who aim high and have the determination to follow through. Strong Scholars combine academic ability with the discipline to sustain it, demonstrate kindness, responsibility and moral courage, and contribute positively to the wider life of their school and community.

Eligibility and Entry

For entry in September 2027, Academic Scholarships are available at two key stages:

- Year 10 Scholarship (Ages 13-14): candidates must have a date of birth between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013.
- Year 12 A Level Scholarship (Ages 15-16): candidates must have a date of birth between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011.

Candidates must be applying to Charterhouse Almaty as new pupils for September 2027 entry and meet the published eligibility requirements for their respective Year Group.

What Strong Candidates Typically Show

Strong candidates will typically demonstrate:

- A consistently strong academic record and the ability to perform at a high level.
- Intellectual curiosity and a willingness to engage with ideas beyond the classroom.
- Evidence of academic interests and achievements beyond the curriculum, which may include Olympiads, competitions, research, writing, projects or other recognised work.
- Positive feedback from teachers demonstrating academic commitment, character and approach to learning.
- Evidence of initiative, leadership, service or meaningful contribution to their school or wider community.

Key Dates

9 October - 9 November 2026	Applications
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14 November 2026	Round 1
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28 November 2026	Round 2
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Further information regarding the final round and interview process will be shared directly with shortlisted candidates following the successful completion of the first two rounds.



The Scholarship Selection Process

The Scholarship Competition is designed to identify pupils who demonstrate strong academic ability, intellectual curiosity and the potential to thrive at Charterhouse Almaty.

ROUND 1

Academic Assessment

Candidates complete the first stage of academic assessment, designed to evaluate their core academic skills and overall level of preparation.

ROUND 2

Further Assessment

Successful candidates progress to the second stage, which provides a broader assessment of academic ability, reasoning and intellectual potential.

FINAL ROUND

Interview

Shortlisted candidates are invited to an interview with representatives of Charterhouse Almaty. The interview provides an opportunity to explore each candidate's academic interests, aspirations, approach to learning and readiness to contribute to the intellectual life of the School.

Awarding Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded following a careful review of each candidate's academic record, performance across all stages of the selection process and overall academic potential. Final decisions are made in accordance with Charterhouse Almaty's Scholarship criteria and School policies.

The Scholarships Panel



Mr Michael Seaton

Founding Head, Charterhouse Almaty

As the Founding Head of Charterhouse Almaty, Mr Seaton brings two decades of leadership experience in some of the world's most respected British independent and international schools. Earlier in his career, he was recognised in the United Kingdom with an Independent Schools Association (ISA) Award for Excellence, highlighting his impact on raising standards and innovation in British education.



Mr Andrew Turner

Former Head, Charterhouse, UK, and Advisory Board Member

Educated at Oxford University, Mr Turner has served as both Senior Deputy Head and Head of Charterhouse, UK. He brings first-hand knowledge of the Charterhouse tradition and its expectations of scholars, providing a direct line of continuity between Almaty and one of the world's leading schools.



Mr Ilyas Zhangaskin

Co-founder, Charterhouse Almaty

As Co-founder of Charterhouse Almaty, Mr Zhangaskin helps to ensure that Charterhouse scholars embody both international standards and national ambitions, and that the programme serves the long-term development of the school and its community. A highly successful entrepreneur, Mr Zhangaskin was schooled in the United Kingdom before becoming the first Kazakh ever to attend Oxford University.



Ms Karen Davies

Director of International Education, Charterhouse, UK,
and Advisory Board Member, Charterhouse Almaty

Ms Davies is a senior leader at Charterhouse, UK, with extensive experience in curriculum design, assessment and pastoral care. Educated at Oxford University, she served as the first female Deputy Head in the 400-year history of Charterhouse when it became a co-educational school for the first time and has worked closely with high-achieving students and scholarship programmes throughout her career.

Frequently Asked Questions



Is a scholarship just a discount?

No. It is an honour recognising academic excellence, with responsibilities and annual review.



Are there sports and arts scholarships?

Although Charterhouse Almaty scholarships will recognise academic excellence, exceptional co-curricular distinction will strengthen applications.



What if English is not my first language?

Our scholarship assessments will be both rigorous and broad-ranging. First-rate Academic English support at Charterhouse Almaty will ensure that our scholars thrive.



Will my child's award level ever change?

Possibly, as all scholarship awards are performance based. They may be increased, maintained, placed on probation with targets, or withdrawn at review.

A young boy with short brown hair and round gold-rimmed glasses is smiling at the camera. He is wearing a grey school blazer with pink piping on the lapels and a pink crest on the left breast. Underneath, he has a light blue collared shirt and a black tie with blue diagonal stripes. He is holding a white folder or book in front of him. The background is a library with wooden bookshelves filled with books. The lighting is warm and soft.

A Charterhouse scholarship is the beginning of a demanding, rewarding journey. If you aim high, think deeply, and lead with character, we invite you to compete - and to set the standard.



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