



ST LAWRENCE
COLLEGE

Hong Kong Football Club Scholarship

St Lawrence College fundamentally believes in a holistic education and aims to develop well-rounded young adults who are resilient, empathetic, solution-focussed and determined team players. These attributes are fostered and developed through its outstanding sports coaching and facilities.

The Sports Excellence Programme (or Junior Development Programme) offers bespoke mentoring which nurtures our elite athletes through to National and International success. Additionally, Full Boarding maximises your child's access to our specialist coaching and training, helping them to achieve their sporting goals.

1. Objective

St Lawrence College has a long history of educating pupils from Hong Kong as well as an excellent sporting reputation. It values initiative, perseverance, team spirit, self-esteem and leadership and it is recognised that these values are also instilled into the players at HKFC. The new Head at St Lawrence College (Barney Durrant) has coached at the Hong Kong Football Club for the last 8 years and all three of his children have played for the Club.

To continue to foster relationships between the Hong Kong Football Club and St Lawrence College, a new HKFC Scholarship is being introduced. There will be one merit-based award of up to 25% of annual School fees.

2. Eligibility

The HKFC Scholarship is designed for pupils who demonstrate Outstanding Talent within the major team sports played at St Lawrence; rugby, hockey, netball or cricket (though exceptional talent in other sports will be considered, on application).

Scholarship applications will be accepted for pupils entering any Year group within the School.

It is expected that this award will be granted to the child of a member of the HKFC, though non-members will also be considered if they have shown considerable commitment in playing for the HKFC over a number of years.

3. Assessment Procedure & Criteria

All applicants for the HKFC scholarship must meet the criteria for entry into the School and will consequently undertake an SLC-written and marked Maths and English paper, in addition to CEM tests to predict GCSE and A-Level baseline ability. Additionally, all applicants will need to provide a full report from the pupil's school, signed by their Head teacher.

To support their application, all candidates must submit a Sports CV, showing clear evidence of their sporting achievements, alongside two references from people who have coached them.

The candidates' Sports CV should include the following:

- The level at which their sport is being played (Club and Representative honours)
- Details of achievements, honours, captaincy, tours undertaken etc.
- A statement on their sporting aspirations and why they feel they should be awarded a Sports Scholarship at St Lawrence College

Once all applications have been received a selection committee, which may include members of the HKFC and members of St Lawrence College, will produce a shortlist of candidates.

Shortlisted candidates will also have an interview with a member of the Sports Department or other representative of the College.

During the interview, and as part of the references, the College will be looking for exceptional talent, leadership potential, ability to work with others, proven commitment to their chosen sports, willingness to learn and a positive attitude.

4. Annual Review

All scholarships are tenable throughout the holder's career at St Lawrence College, subject to the Head's satisfaction with the holder's industry, performance and behaviour both on and off the sports field.

5. Application Process and Selection Procedure

Applications should be made directly to the Admissions Office at St Lawrence College, via email: admissions@slcuk.com and addressed to Mrs Sue Mahoney. The application form can be found at the base of this document.

Once all of the applications have been received, a selection panel from St Lawrence College will create a shortlist of applicants who will progress to the next round. This will include academic testing on SLC-written papers and possibly also baseline testing and an interview with a member of the PE Department or other College representative.

At this point the shortlisted candidates will be shared with a sub-committee of the General Committee of the HKFC for any comment, before the final selection takes place.

The deadline for applications would ordinarily be 1st January of the preceding year of entry i.e. 1st January 2021 for September 2021 entry. However, in the inaugural year of application for September 2020 entry, applications will be considered on a rolling basis as they are received. However, no decisions will be made until at least 15th March 2020, to allow adequate time for applicants to apply and still be able to give a term's notice at their current school.