



# The Abbey School

## ICT Scholarships (for entry to Years 7, 8 or 9)

These awards will be made to candidates demonstrating a high capability in a range of ICT software which demonstrates the use of ICT as a tool for the production of documents for print, web, and presentation onscreen. The award of the scholarship is not linked to expertise in a particular piece of software or range of hardware. For a candidate to be successful the combination of portfolio, presentation and conversation performance needs to demonstrate competence in the production and management of ICT assets in the digital, print and web environments that form the basis for our work at home, school and in Business. Candidates may wish to select from some but not necessarily all of the following ICT areas to showcase their enthusiasm and capability in the use of ICT as a tool:

Data, Graphics, Desk Top Publishing, Website creation, Animation, Movie, Presentation

ICT Scholarships are awarded in the Spring Term prior to entry the following September. The structure of the assessment is as follows:

- **ICT Portfolio**

This should be submitted by the candidate to the School by 4pm on the first day of the Spring Term (Thursday 7 January) if at all possible. (Since the Scholarship leaflet specifies that candidates should bring this with them to the assessment, this will be acceptable if necessary.)

The portfolio submitted should be appropriate to the area(s) of ICT presented. Digital presentation in a website, documents from the Microsoft Office 97 to 2007 or Adobe Creative Suite Master Collection CS4 are easily opened by the School. The computers the School will use to look at the work are running Windows Operating Systems - XP and Vista. If there is a particular format other than those mentioned in which the candidate would like to present the School can discuss the options available. If this is the case please contact Mrs Macaulay, Director of ICT and Data Systems by emailing [macaulayka@theabbey.co.uk](mailto:macaulayka@theabbey.co.uk). The portfolio will be assessed by Mrs Macaulay in liaison with ICT department staff.

- **Presentation**

The candidate needs to prepare an onscreen presentation which runs independently. The presentation should not require the candidate to support it verbally but the candidate will be required to discuss the creation of the presentation with a member of the ICT staff. The duration of the presentation should be no more than 10 minutes and can be supported with a printed explanatory handout if desired. The presentation should run on a PC, on screen through a browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox, through PowerPoint, Acrobat or a standard media player. The context of the presentation for 2010 award is "How ICT Has Changed Our Lives".

- **Conversation.**

Candidates will be invited to join in conversation with members of the ICT department to discuss the way in which they have used ICT and to demonstrate their understanding of the development of ICT as an essential tool and commodity in our global society. The duration of the conversation will be approximately 25 minutes. It is expected that the member of staff will lead the conversation with a

request for the candidate to talk about how they have used ICT followed by a range of questions intended to explore the candidates knowledge, skills and understanding of ICT in a wider context.