

ECS Cricket Academy

Q: Is being on the Cricket Academy at ECS like having an ECS scholarship?

A: Yes, and from a prestige point of view being an ECS Cricket Academy Scholar has the same merit as being awarded any other Ewell Castle School Scholarship. Members of the ECS Cricket Academy are ECS Cricket Scholars and treated as such at Ewell Castle School. Pupils who are awarded a place on the ECS Cricket Academy receive money off their school fees in the same way as other sports scholars.

Q: If a child is admitted to the ECS Cricket Academy, do they receive money off/remission off the School fees?

A: Yes – The % is determined by the Principal and Governors.

Q: If a child is applying for the ECS Cricket Academy can they also apply for one of the other scholarships available at Ewell Castle School?

A: Yes, prospective applicants can also apply for one of the following scholarships in addition to applying to be an ECS Cricket Scholar: Art, Photography (Sixth Form only) DT, Drama, Music, Academic (Years 7, 9 and 13 only). However, the general Sports Scholarship **is not available** to those on, or applying to join the ECS Cricket Academy. If a Cricket Scholarship is selected/applied for, then they cannot additionally apply for another Sports Scholarship. At Ewell Castle School, a pupil must select just one sport to be a scholar in.

Q: How do I find out about Scholarships and Bursaries?

A: Details to both can be found within the Admissions tab of the Ewell Castle School website.

Q: What age can pupils join the ECS Cricket Academy?

A: The ECS Cricket Academy is for boys and girls in Years 7 to 13.

Q: How many ECS Cricket Academy Scholars do you take each year?

A: There are a small number of places available each year. Demand currently exceeds places available.

Q: My child enjoys cricket and has weekly cricket lessons outside of school. Can they apply to join the ECS Cricket Academy?

A: The ECS Cricket Academy is for boys and girls in Years 7-13 who are of county age group standard or above. On some occasions we give places to pupil's who we believe have the potential to reach this standard and have yet to be invited to trial by their club or Surrey CCC.

Q: My child is already an existing Year 8 to Year 11 pupil of Ewell Castle School and their cricket potential has only recently come to light. Can they apply to join the ECS Cricket Academy?

A: Yes, if your child is an existing Year 8 to Year 11 Ewell Castle School pupil they should speak to Mr Turk, Head of ECS Cricket Academy in the first instance. Pupils can then submit an application form to be assessed at the annual sports scholarship assessment day, currently held in November each year.

Q: Who coaches the ECS Cricket Academy?

A: Neil Turk was a former Sussex County Cricket player. He graduated through the Youth System at Sussex and was a professional cricketer before joining Ewell Castle School. Neil has extensive knowledge of the game and has worked with international coaches and players throughout his career.

Q: Where does ECS Cricket Academy coaching take place? A:

Coaching takes place at Ewell Castle School.

Q: How many hours training do members of the ECS Cricket Academy receive each week?

A: Members of the ECS Cricket Academy have a weekly individual one on one cricket coaching session throughout the school year as part of a pupil's school timetable. Outside of this there are summer group sessions and team training also takes place.

Q: Do ECS Cricket Academy Scholars receive any complementary kit or equipment?

A: All members of ECS Cricket Academy receive a branded training shirt, branded hoodie, branded tracksuit trousers and a pair of branded shorts each academic year.

Q: What is the entry process for applying to join the ECS Cricket Academy?

A: The prospective candidate will be asked to pay the Ewell Castle School registration fee, submit a completed Ewell Castle School application form and submit a completed Cricket Academy Scholarship application form. They will then be invited in for a cricket assessment along with other pupils who have applied for cricket or other sports scholarships.

Q: Does a prospective candidate need to pass both the ECS Cricket Academy assessment and the Ewell Castle School entrance assessment before being accepted into the ECS Cricket Academy? A: Yes, prospective candidates need to have passed both to join the ECS Cricket Academy.

Q: Can a pupil apply and/or join ECS Cricket Academy at any time during the academic year?

A: No, assessments currently take place in November each year and the process takes place on an annual basis.

Q: What are the expectations of being an ECS Cricket Academy Scholar?

A: ECS Cricket Academy Scholars are expected to maintain training discipline and show respect for their coaches and mentors. They are expected to compete regularly outside school, on weekends and during school holidays. They are expected to represent Ewell Castle School and take part in cricket competitions that the School has entered.