

How To Be A Scholar

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## Chapter 18 – Day to day image of a scholar.

In order to pass the test as an official scholar, there are certain ways you must act when conducting your day to day life to live up to the name of this prestigious title. Firstly, your appearance must consist of smart shoes, a suit, a long black winter coat and hat (worn everyday to work regardless of the weather) and parted hair, styled flat with water and wax. A cane and gloves should only be worn if you are a scholar over the age of thirty-five and fashion a large moustache or/and beard. Concerning moustaches, one may be added but needs to fit the face, though, most importantly, if you do choose to fashion a moustache, be sure that it is well-groomed without any signs of breakfast wedged into any hairs. The last thing a respectable scholar needs is egg on his face.

A scholar needs to maintain a strong family life. He needs to say farewell to his wife at the front door every morning before work by giving her an affectionate yet professional kiss and confirm to her, 'I'll be home at six', (or whatever time you have previously announced). If all is going according to

plan, she should respond with, 'have a good day,' 'dinner will be ready at seven' or 'I'll be waiting here when you come back.' If none of these responses occur, nor anything similar, refer back to chapter nine of this book: *keeping a scholar's wife happy*. If applicable, your child/ren should be present at the door to wave you off. Simply a wave back or small pat on the head will suffice. By performing this easy task every morning, it will only reinforce the image that you are a scholar with high standards and a happy marriage. It will also ensure a stable, happy and loving family life. It is important to mention at this point that, for the life of a scholar, in order for a successful marriage to work, there must be no adulterous behaviour. If this is too difficult for a scholar (which it should not be as a scholar is the cream of society and sets a standard) he should appear to not be having illicit relations with other women. If the scholar still persists to have a mistress, at least let her be of a certain class and not of the working class, i.e, washerwomen, barmaids and whores.