



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the entry requirements?

For Years 7 to 11 all candidates sit our entrance papers in English, Maths plus a non-verbal reasoning test. For Sixth Form we require the candidate to gain 6 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above (Grade C).

What Scholarships do you offer?

Academic, Music, Sport, Science, Drama, Art and All-Round.

What is the difference between a Scholarship and a Bursary?

Scholarships are competed for by the candidates whilst bursaries are applied for on the completion of a means test form.

What is the value of a Scholarship?

Scholarships are worth between 10% - 50% off the fees.

How soon will I know the results from the entrance examinations?

You will receive a letter with the results within 7 days.

Is there Saturday school?

Yes, normal lessons in the classroom take place in the morning with a full games programme in the afternoon. Saturdays usually finish by 4 pm after the fixtures and games.

What time is morning registration and when does the school finish?

Registration takes place at 8.15 am and the school day finishes at 6pm.

Do you offer local daily transport?

Yes – we operate our own minibus service.

I am a member of the Armed Forces do you accept children who are eligible for the Continuing Education Allowance (CEA)?

Yes – all children whose parents are eligible for the CEA pay only 10% of the fees.

How soon should I register my child?

We recommend 18 months prior to entry.

What happens after I register my child?

Once registered you will receive regular updates including details on the entry dates and timetable. You will also receive guidance for preparing your child for entrance test including copies of past papers.

What entrance test will my child have to sit?

For Years 7 to 11 your child will sit examinations in Maths, English plus a non-verbal reasoning test.

My child did not study GCSEs/A Levels can he/she still be considered for a place?

Yes, we will consider equivalent qualifications. However, we may ask you child to sit entrance tests to further assess their ability.

My child has been homeschooled can he/she be considered for a place?

Yes, your child would sit our standard entrance examinations and maybe one or two other papers to gauge their knowledge in certain subjects.



I think my child has learning support needs will you be able to accommodate him/her?

To determine whether we can provide the support needed we will request information from your child's school on the learning support currently provided to him/her. We would also recommend meeting with our Additional Needs Co-ordinator for further assessment before progressing with the entry process.

My son/daughter is apprehensive about boarding, what do you suggest?

We can offer a shadow day and night.

My son/daughter is worried that he/she won't know anyone in her class. What do you suggest?

We have pupils from all corners of the UK and overseas and the majority will not know anyone else in the class. We recommend shadow days where you can meet your classmates for the next year.

I would like to enter my child for a scholarship, what is the process?

You will need to indicate which Scholarship on completion of the Registration Form. Information will then be sent on the criteria for each award and what the assessment or audition will entail. Scholarship assessments are set on pre-advertised dates.

My son/daughter wants to flexi board. Is there a minimum number of nights that he/she can flexi board?

The minimum number of nights for flexi-boarding is 3 nights.

I have paid my acceptance deposit and sent in the required form. What happens next?

On receipt of the Acceptance paperwork and deposit you will be sent a confirmation. Joining instructions and house allocation will be sent in May prior to entry in September.

INTERNATIONAL FAQS

I live overseas can I apply?

Yes – we accept overseas applications from all corners of the world.

How do I apply for a place for my child at your school?

We usually ask for you to email the Admissions Registrar with information on your child indicating name, date of birth and any other information. We also require a school report as an initial introduction.

My child will need a VISA, how do I go about this?

Once your child has been accepted and the deposit has been paid the Admissions Registrar will issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

What is the entry process for my child?

Initially we require a school report. If we are happy to proceed the child will need to be registered after which we issue log in codes for our online testing system. The online tests consist of English and Maths papers.

Do you provide airport transfers?

Yes – we operate a Heathrow bus service at the beginning and end of terms and at half terms.

Does my child have to go home for exeat and half term holidays?

Yes, the school is closed during exeat and half terms. However, we do offer a host family scheme with local families.

I need to arrange a guardian for my child during Exeat Weekends and Half Terms. Can the school help with this?

We offer a host family scheme where your child will be placed with local families.

