

Admissions commonly asked questions 2021/22

Q) How many students are in a class and in a year group?

A) Our classes have a maximum of 24 students. We have four form entry into Year 7 and run a waiting list. By the time students choose their subjects for GCSE, A levels or IB diploma, the class size is usually smaller than 24.

Q) Do all girls who sit the entrance exam get offered a place and what happens if there are more applications than places?

A) Not all candidates will be offered a place. The decision is based on the candidate's performance in the exam, report from her current school and having carefully considered if our school is the right fit for the child.

Q) Are students taught in ability groups?

A) The students are 'set' for maths only from Year 7. They are then 'set' in science from Year 9. All other lessons are taught in mixed ability classes.

Q) What is the criteria for bursary applications?

A) Our bursaries are means tested so every family's individual circumstances are taken into account. It is not just based on income. If you want to make an application please request a financial assistance form from the admissions team. Please note financial awards are also given based on the results of the exam with the top performers being awarded.

Q) How much will a bursary or scholarship contribute towards the fees?

A) Academic and sport scholarships can be up to 25% of the fees.
Major Music scholarship can be up to 50% off the fees
Bursaries up to 50% off the fees

We also offer two fully funded places each year these are the Florence Edith Rowbotham and John Whitson awards. Specific information on these awards can be found [here](#).

Q) What is the entry process and what exams do the girls take?

A) In order to register for the exam you will need to fill in a registration form and pay the fee by the deadline date.

Year 7 entry: All candidates sit English and maths papers, which are both 30 minutes long. They also sit verbal and non-verbal reasoning papers which the girls can practice if they wish. These are 50 minutes and 20 minute long respectively. Practice papers can be purchased from reputable booksellers online.

Year 9 entry: All candidates sit the following papers:



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English - 1 hour
Maths - 40 minutes
Science - 40 minutes
Language - 30 or 40 minutes
Combined verbal and non-verbal reasoning paper – 1 hour

As well as sitting the exam all candidates have a short interview with the Head or Deputy Head where they talk about a subject of their choice. We also request a reference from their current school.

You can view further details about the exams [here](#).

Q) What is the pass mark of the exam?

A) It is not all about the exam. We look at each candidate as an individual and take into account the reference from the current school and the interview as well as the exam results. Every year the cohort of girls varies so we do not have a specific pass rate.

Q) What standard do students need to achieve to be considered for a scholarship?

A) All candidates are considered for an academic scholarship. These are awarded to the best exam performances. No additional application is required. To be considered for a music scholarship girls should be performing at Grade III level, but no formal qualifications are necessary. Girls who are successful in achieving a sport scholarship are generally already playing in local clubs and / or at county level. We shortlist for both music and sport from the applications the girls complete and, for sport, we require a reference from their coach.

Q) How many scholarships are awarded each year?

A) We offer a number of scholarships each year for Years 7, 9 and 12 but we do not specify a number as it is very much dependant on the calibre of candidates.



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Q) What are the important dates in the application process?

A)

Year 7 sport scholarship – Wednesday 18 November*
Sport assessment – Saturday 5 December

Exam registration - Friday 11 December
Exam day – Monday 4 January

Music scholarship – Friday 11 December
Music auditions – Friday 15 January

Year 9 sport scholarship – Wednesday 11 November*
Sport assessment – Thursday 19 November

Exam registration - Friday 11 December
Exam day – Monday 4 January

Music scholarship – Friday 11 December
Music auditions – Friday 15 January

Q) When will we be offered a place?

A) Letters will be sent on Friday 29 January which will include any awards your daughter has been given. We then ask you to confirm acceptance of the place by Friday 5 March.

*Candidates must be registered to sit the exam.