

Guidance Notes for Parents, Carers and Guardians

Please read these Guidance Notes before completing the online registration form for 11+ entry to Year 7 in September 2020.

Overview

11+ registration is open to children commencing Year 6 in September 2019, ordinarily with a date of birth falling between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009.

The registration form gathers information about:

- the child
- you, i.e. his or her parents, carers or guardians
- relevant medical conditions, including allergies and special dietary requirements
- specific learning differences, such as dyslexia

The registration form enables you to indicate that you wish to be considered for means tested financial assistance to help with the cost of school fees (i.e. an academic bursary).

The registration form incorporates the scholarship application forms for:

- Art
- Music
- Sport

There is a registration fee of £150 which is waived for children qualifying for the Pupil Premium.

Note that it is not possible to save a partially completed registration form, to return to and complete at a later date. You must be ready to complete your form in one go.

We strongly recommend that you print your completed form before submitting.

- **Information about Parents**

If both parents live together with their child, please provide details of both parents. Note that we shall address email communications to "Parent 1".

If parents are separated, but both have regular contact with the child, please provide details of both parents. We shall then send all communications to both parents.

We do not require the details of a parent who does not have contact with their child.

- **Information about relevant medical conditions / special dietary requirements**

When visiting Alleyn's during the admissions process, we will provide your child with refreshments. It is important for us to be aware of any relevant medical conditions or special dietary requirements, so that we can ensure that your child is well-cared for during his or her time at Alleyn's.

- **Specific Learning Differences**

It is important that you inform us if your child has a specific learning difference, such as dyslexia. We are able to make reasonable adjustments in the entrance assessments (in line with the School's Entrance Examination Concessions Policy) if your child has a specific learning difference **and** has relevant supporting evidence from an appropriately qualified professional prepared within **two years** of the entrance examination. Once you have submitted your application form, you must email a copy of your child's supporting evidence, no later than Friday 8 November, to registrar@alleyns.org.uk We will then liaise with you to confirm any special examination arrangements which we are able to put in place for your child.

- **Scholarships**

All children are automatically considered for an academic scholarship, but you must provide further information for the following scholarships:

- **Art**

Candidates for the 11+ Art Scholarship will be expected to demonstrate strong skills, creativity and imagination. All candidates will be required to submit a portfolio of work for consideration by the Head of Art. The portfolio may contain as many pieces of work as you wish including sketchbooks, but you are asked not to submit work in frames. 3D work should be documented photographically.

Please indicate, when prompted to do so, if you wish your child to be considered for an Art Scholarship. **We do not require supporting references** and there is nothing further you need to do at this stage other than to give some thought to your child's portfolio.

Portfolio submission: Tuesday 7 January 2020
Portfolio collection: Wednesday 8 January 2020

Art Scholarship candidates will be sent further instructions regarding portfolio submission in December.

- **Music**

Candidates for the 11+ Music Scholarship should show evidence of real musical ability and offer at least two instruments, or voice and one instrument. It is not essential for candidates to have taken music examinations but, as a guide, the standard expected on the principal instrument corresponds with Grade V. **Please note that not all candidates who apply will be called for audition.** Auditions for selected candidates will take place on:

Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 or Friday 10 January 2020

At audition, candidates will be asked to play two short, but contrasting, pieces on their principal instrument and to play one other piece on their second instrument. Sight reading tests will be given on the candidate's principal instrument, and ear tests will be given on pitch, rhythm and general aural response. Candidates will be asked to sing a song of their own choice and to talk about their musical and general interests.

Please indicate, when prompted to do so, if you wish your child to be considered for a

Music Scholarship.

There will be an opportunity for you to include some information (up to 350 words) about your child's current musical activities, and we recommend that you prepare this in advance, ready to copy and paste.

We do require supporting documentation and, once you have submitted your application, ask you to email the following to registrar@alleyns.org.uk :

1. a supporting reference from your child's instrumental teacher(s) and, where relevant, their current school's Head of Music, and
2. scanned copies of examination mark sheets.

Those interested in applying for an audition are encouraged to attend a special **Open Morning for Potential Music Scholars** on **Wednesday 16 October 2019**. Numbers are limited and reservations are required for this event via the Admissions pages of the School website.

Music Scholarship candidates will be sent further instructions regarding auditions in December.

- **Sport**

Candidates for the 11+ Sport Scholarship should demonstrate exceptional all-round ability, or, particular talent in one sport. A candidate's underlying fitness levels and functional movement will also be taken into consideration.

Please indicate, when prompted to do so, that you wish your child to be considered for a Sport Scholarship. All candidates are required to attend the Sport Scholarship Assessment Morning on:

Tuesday 3 December for girls, and
Wednesday 4 December for boys.

All candidates must select and participate in two sports from the following list, and specify a first and second choice:

1. Cricket
2. Football
3. Hockey
4. Netball (girls)/Basketball (boys)
5. Swimming/Water Polo (candidates must be able to swim at least 200 metres and use two or more different strokes)

There will be an opportunity for you to include some information (up to 350 words) about your child's current sporting activities, and we recommend that you prepare this in advance, ready to copy and paste.

We do not require supporting references and there is nothing further you need to do at this stage.

Sport Scholarship candidates will be sent further information in November regarding the assessment morning.

- **The Registration Fee and the Pupil Premium**

With the exception of children who qualify for the Pupil Premium at their current school, all candidates must pay a registration fee of £150.

If you are unsure of whether or not your child qualifies for the Pupil Premium, please contact your child's current school and ask it to provide you with confirmation in writing that your child qualifies for the Pupil Premium (an email from the School office, for example, will suffice). It can take schools some time to provide such confirmation, so please do not delay in contacting the school if you think you may be entitled.

You must send written confirmation of your child's entitlement to the Pupil Premium to registrar@alleyns.org.uk