



Alleyne's School

Admissions Information
2019 Entry

Welcome

Alleyn's welcomes applications from boys and girls from all social or cultural backgrounds who will benefit from an academic education and who will engage fully and enthusiastically with the ethos and wider life of the School. During our admissions process we look for candidates who will respond to the School's care, opportunities and values, and who will, in return, contribute to the School with their talents and energy.

Alleyn's formal entry points are 11+ entry to Year 7, 13+ entry to Year 9 and 16+ entry to Year 12.

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Open Days

Prospective parents and pupils are very welcome to attend any of our open day sessions. These events provide families with the opportunity to hear from the Headmaster and the Heads of Lower, Middle or Upper Schools; to take a tour with one of our current pupils and to talk to our Heads of Department and other senior members of staff. There is no need to book for our main open day sessions but we do ask you to arrive promptly for the Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon sessions.

In addition to our whole school open day sessions we hold a number of more focused open events, for which reservations are necessary. The Experience Alleyn's Taster Afternoon provides Year 6 pupils with an opportunity to experience an afternoon of lessons. The Music Department Open Day for potential music scholars is intended for those Year 6 and Year 8 boys and girls who are considering applying for a music scholarship, to give them an opportunity to spend some time in the Music Department with current music scholars and members of staff.

11+ and 13+ Open Days

Wednesday 12 September at 2.00 pm
Saturday 29 September from 9.30 am until midday
Wednesday 7 November at 2.00 pm

Experience Alleyn's Taster Afternoon for Year 6 boys and girls

Friday 28 September – reservations necessary, please visit the School website

Music Department Open Day for Potential 11+ and 13+ Music Scholars

Wednesday 17 October – reservations necessary, please visit the School website

16+ Open Days

Tuesday 11 September at 2.30 pm
Saturday 29 September from 9.30 am until midday

11+ Entry to Year 7 in September 2019

Year 7 is the biggest entry point to Alleyn's and our aim is to fill around 138 places at 11+ each September. Alleyn's Junior School pupils have automatic entry to the Senior School but they still sit the entrance examination with all other candidates; they are expected to make up about one-third of the Year 7 intake. The other two-thirds will be children joining from a wide spread of state primary schools and independent junior schools.

Candidates should normally be under 12 on 1 September in the proposed year of entry and must be in a Year 6 class, or its equivalent, at the time of the examination.

Applications for places at 11+ are accepted between 1 September and midday on 16 November 2018. There is a non-refundable registration fee and candidates should be registered via the School website during the registration period.

The 11+ Selection Process

We ask for a school report from each candidate's current Headteacher and all candidates are invited to sit our entrance examinations which normally take place in early January. The entrance examinations themselves consist of papers in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Reasoning: Verbal / Non-verbal / Spatial

We take into account the examination performance and the report from the candidate's current school before selecting candidates to participate in the next stage of the selection process.

11+ Small Group Session & Interview

Candidates who fare well in the entrance examinations are invited to return to Alleyn's to participate in a small group activity and to have a one-to-one interview with one of our teachers.

The small group activity is intended to put candidates at ease in advance of their interview and consists of them spending 45 minutes working in a group on a non-curriculum based activity.

When awarding fee-paying places, scholarships and bursaries, we take into account the examination result, the school report, small group activity and interview.

Alleyn's at Home

Before making a final decision about accepting their place, offer holders and their parents are invited to visit us again; whilst boys and girls experience life in the classroom, their parents chat with the Headmaster and senior members of staff and take a tour of the School.

11+ Scholarships

On sitting our 11+ entrance examinations, all candidates are automatically considered for an academic scholarship. Academic scholarship candidates are invited to attend a special academic scholarship interview and the very best are awarded Saddlers' Scholarships, supported by the Worshipful Company of Saddlers.

In addition to the academic scholarships, at 11+ we award scholarships for excellence in art, music and sports. Candidates who wish to apply for any of these scholarships must submit the relevant, completed scholarship application form at the same time as their registration form. Potential music scholars must also submit a written recommendation from their instrumental teacher and from their school's Head of Music.

The maximum scholarship awarded to any one student is normally £4,000 per year. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of a pupil's attendance at Alleyn's. They are not means-tested and are awarded strictly on merit.

11+ Art Scholarships

Art scholars are expected to show strong skills, creativity and imagination.

Talented artists who wish to be considered for an art scholarship will be invited to submit a portfolio of their work. Selected candidates will then be invited to visit the Art Department, to meet the Head of Art and participate in an observational drawing session.

11+ Music Scholarships & Exhibitions

Potential music scholars should show evidence of real musical ability and offer 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.

At audition, candidates will be asked to play both of their instruments, to complete sight reading and aural tests and to discuss their music interests. Please be aware that not all candidates who apply for a music scholarship will be called for audition.

11+ Sports Scholarships & Exhibitions

Hopeful sports scholars should show evidence of exceptional all-round ability or particular talent in one sport. All sports scholarship candidates are invited to our sports scholarship assessment day, where they will be assessed.

Boys and girls who demonstrate strong sporting ability will be invited to return to Alleyn's to find out more about our programme of sports and to participate in a final round of sports assessments.

11+ Scholarship Summary

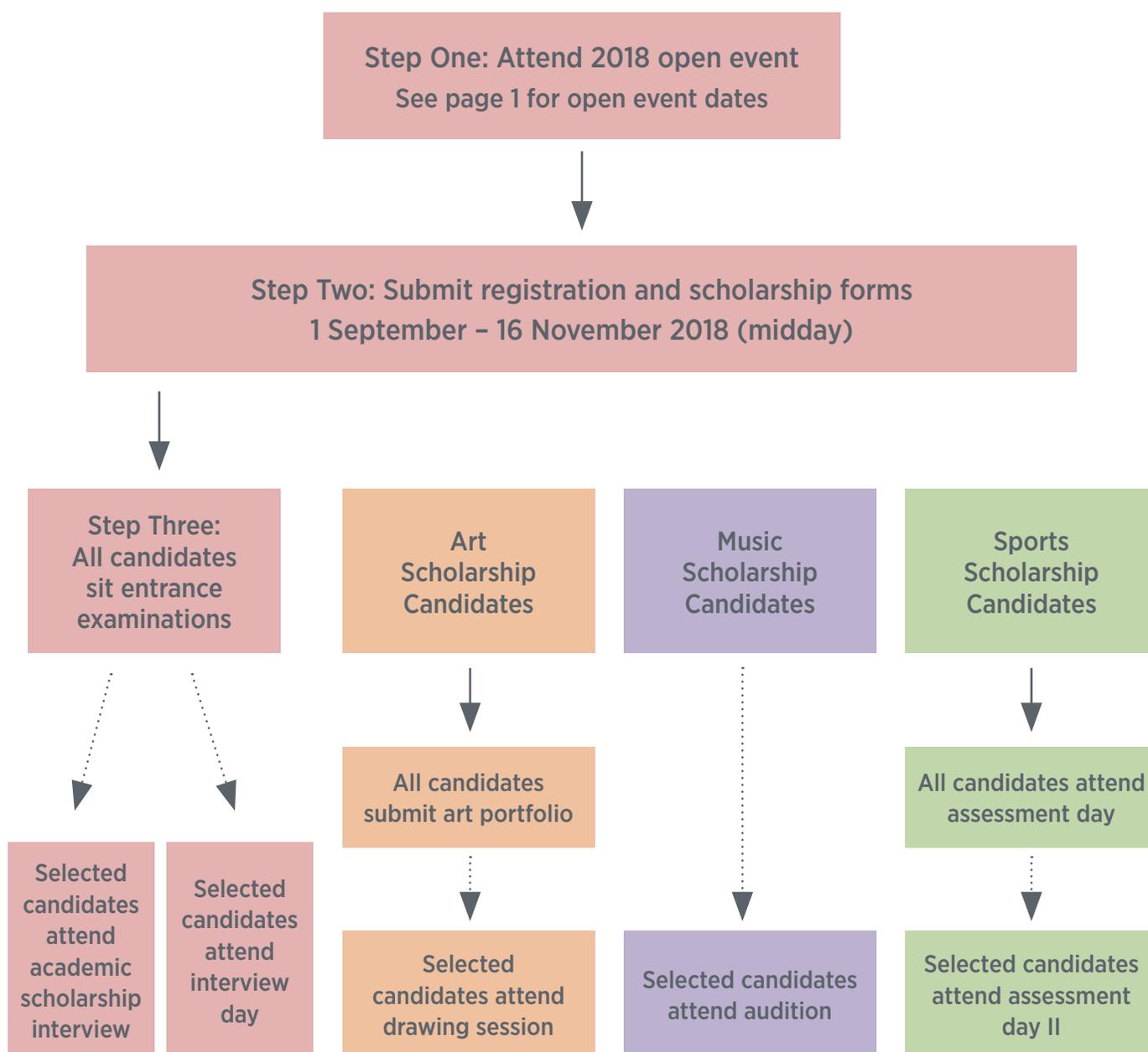
| Scholarships at 11+ | Value per year |
|----------------------|---|
| Academic Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year |
| Art Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year |
| Music Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year plus free tuition on principal instrument |
| Music Exhibition | Free tuition on principal instrument each year |
| Sports Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year |
| Sports Exhibition | £250 per year |

Key dates for 11+ entry to Year 7 in September 2019

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| Registration period opens | Saturday 1 September 2018 |
| Registration period closes | Friday 16 November 2018 at midday |
| 11+ Girls' Sports Scholarship Assessment Day I | Tuesday 4 December 2018 |
| 11+ Boys' Sports Scholarship Assessment Day I | Wednesday 5 December 2018 |
| 11+ Art Scholarship Portfolio submission | Monday 7 January 2019 |
| 11+ Entrance Examination | Tuesday 8 January 2019 |
| 11+ Music Scholarship Auditions | Wednesday 9, Thursday 10, Friday 11 January 2019 |
| 11+ Sports Scholarship Assessment Day II | Friday 25 January 2019 |
| 11+ Interview Day | Saturday 26 January 2019 |
| 11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews | Tuesday 29, Thursday 31 January 2019 |
| 11+ Art Scholarship Drawing Session | Wednesday 30 January 2019 |
| Results letters posted by first class mail | Thursday 14 February 2019 |

Overview of Admissions Process

11+ Entry to Year 7 in 2019



13+ Entry to Year 9 in September 2019

There are normally between 10 and 20 places available each year for candidates applying for entry at 13+ into Year 9.

Candidates should normally be under 14 on 1 September in the proposed year of entry and must be in a Year 8 class, or its equivalent, at the time of the examination.

Applications for places at 13+ are accepted between 1 September and midday on 16 November 2018. There is a non-refundable registration fee and candidates should be registered via the School website during the registration period.

The 13+ Selection Process

We ask for a school report from each candidate's current Headteacher and all candidates are invited to sit our entrance examinations which normally take place in early January. The entrance examinations themselves consist of papers in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Reasoning – the online CEM test

We take into account the examination performance and the report from the candidate's current school before selecting candidates to attend a small group session and individual interview.

13+ Small Group Session & Interview

Candidates who fare well in the entrance examinations are invited to attend our small group session and interview day. This day consists of candidates participating in a series of individual and small group activities – which are not based on the curriculum and for which no preparation is expected – and having a one-to-one interview with one of our teachers.

When awarding fee-paying places, scholarships and bursaries we take into account the examination result, the school report, individual and small group activities and interview.

13+ Scholarships

All 13+ candidates are automatically considered for an academic scholarship. We also offer music and sports scholarships at this entry point. The appropriate scholarship application must be submitted with the registration form.

13+ Music Scholarships & Exhibitions

Potential music scholars should show evidence of real musical ability and offer 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 VI.

At audition, candidates will be asked to play both of their instruments, to complete sight reading and aural tests and to discuss their music interests.

13+ Sports Scholarships & Exhibitions

Hopeful sports scholars should show evidence of exceptional all-round ability or particular talent in one sport. All sports scholarship candidates are invited to our sports scholarship assessment day, where they will be assessed.

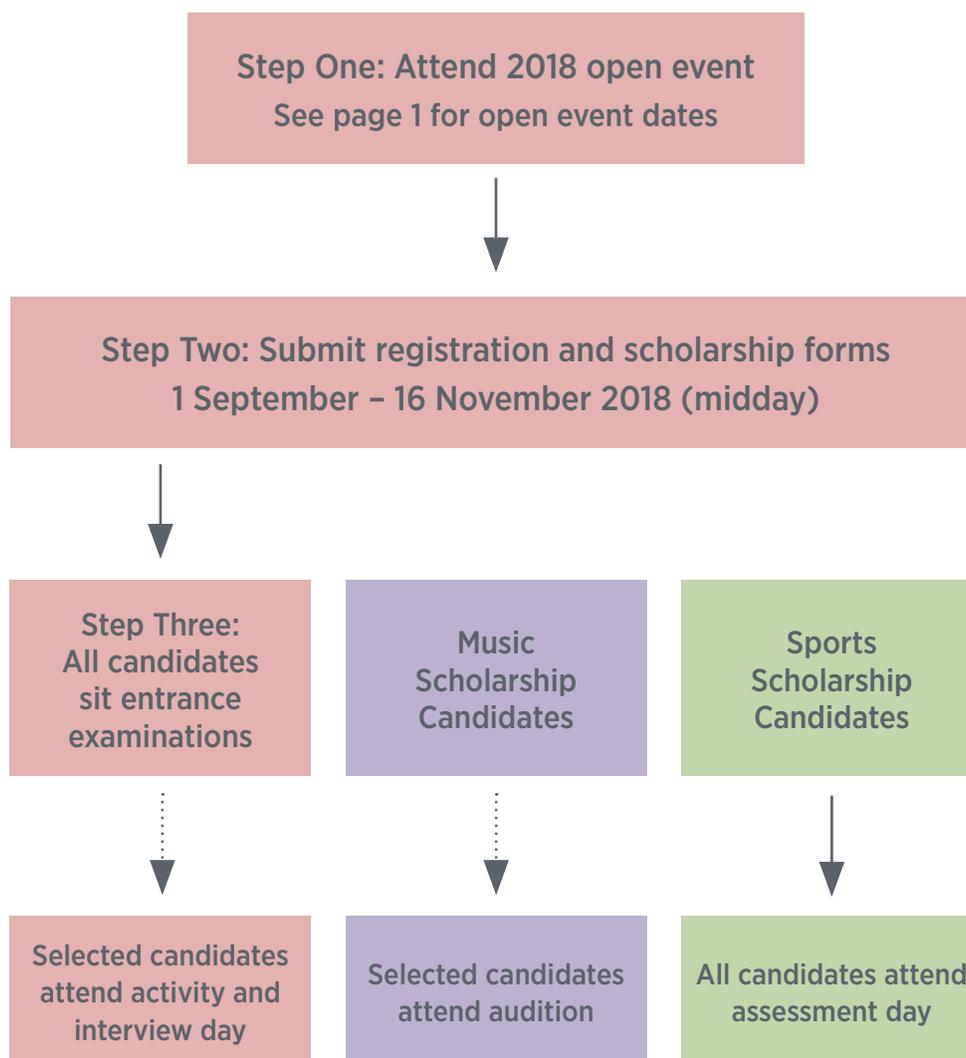
On being offered a sports scholarship, candidates will be invited to visit us again to learn more about the exciting sports opportunities available at Alleyn's.

| Scholarships at 13+ | Value per year |
|----------------------|---|
| Academic Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year |
| Music Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year plus free tuition on principal instrument |
| Music Exhibition | Tuition on principal instrument each year |
| Sports Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year |
| Sports Exhibition | £250 per year |

Key dates for 13+ entry to Year 9 in September 2019

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| Registration period opens | Saturday 1 September 2018 |
| Registration period closes | Friday 16 November 2018, midday |
| 13+ Boys' and Girls' Sports Scholarship Assessment Day | Monday 3 December 2018 |
| 13+ Music Scholarship Auditions | Wednesday 9, Thursday 10, Friday 11 January 2019 |
| 13+ Entrance Examination | Saturday 12 January 2019 |
| 13+ Interview Day | Saturday 2 February 2019 |
| Results letters posted by first class mail | Thursday 14 February 2019 |

Overview of Admissions Process 13+ Entry to Year 9 in 2019



16+ Entry to Year 12 in September 2019

We offer a number of places in our Sixth Form to external applicants and whilst competition is strong, we do take students with interests across a broad range of disciplines.

Candidates should normally be under 17 on 1 September in the proposed year of entry and must be in a Year 11 class, or its equivalent, at the time of the examination.

Applications for places at 16+ are accepted between 1 September and midday on 19 October 2018. There is a non-refundable registration fee and candidates should be registered via the School website during the registration period.

The 16+ Selection Process

The assessments for entry to the Upper School take place at Alleyn's on 10 November 2018. All candidates sit general papers that test their skills in Comprehension, Data Interpretation, Quantitative Reasoning and Critical Writing regardless of their A level choices. All candidates are considered for an academic scholarship.

The assessment acts as a screening process to suggest those who might have the potential to cope with the academic education Alleyn's has to offer. It is intended that our entrance assessments will enable candidates from all educational backgrounds to demonstrate their innate skills; no particular preparation is necessary. The papers will not be syllabus-dependent and should be accessible to all, although candidates should expect them to be challenging.

The 16+ Interviews

Candidates reaching a satisfactory standard in the assessments will be invited for interviews on 24 November which will consist of one Panel Interview with members of the Upper School team and three subject interviews in three of the candidate's A level subject choices. Interviews always take place at Alleyn's, including for international students.

Offers will be made to students before the Christmas holidays.



16+ Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

All candidates are considered for an academic scholarship and several Academic Entrance Scholarships are available at 16+, the value of which will vary according to the merits of the candidate.

The maximum scholarship awarded to any one student is normally £4,000 per year. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of the student's attendance at Alleyn's. They are not means-tested and are awarded strictly on merit.

Music Scholarship

The Music Scholarship is worth up to £4,000 per year. To be eligible, candidates must reach a satisfactory standard in the entrance assessments. Applicants are then asked to attend a 30-minute audition to play two instruments (usually to at least Grade VII standard on their principal instrument).

| Scholarships at 16+ | Value per year |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Academic Entrance Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year |
| Music Scholarship | Up to £4,000 per year plus free tuition on principal instrument |

16+ Academic Curriculum

The step up into the Sixth Form is a big one for any student. The whole process of change is closely managed and monitored at Alleyn's. This is reflected in the way we set up the curriculum, the small sizes of the new tutor groups and academic classes, and in the increasing opportunities for students to take a leading role in activities and the general running of the School.

We offer 3 main pathways* for Upper School students:

Pathway 1: 4 A Level subjects

Most suited to those who are unsure on their future direction and would value the option of dropping a subject at the end of Year 12.

Pathway 2: 3 A Level subjects + AS Mathematics, Photography or English Language, or a Language qualification (eg DELE/DELF/ZDaF) or Informatics

Universities usually make offers based on 3 A Level subjects and for some, the option to study a course that will give them useful transferable skills, maintain breadth but gain a qualification without having to commit to 4 full A levels, will be more attractive.

Pathway 3: 3 A Level subjects + EPQ

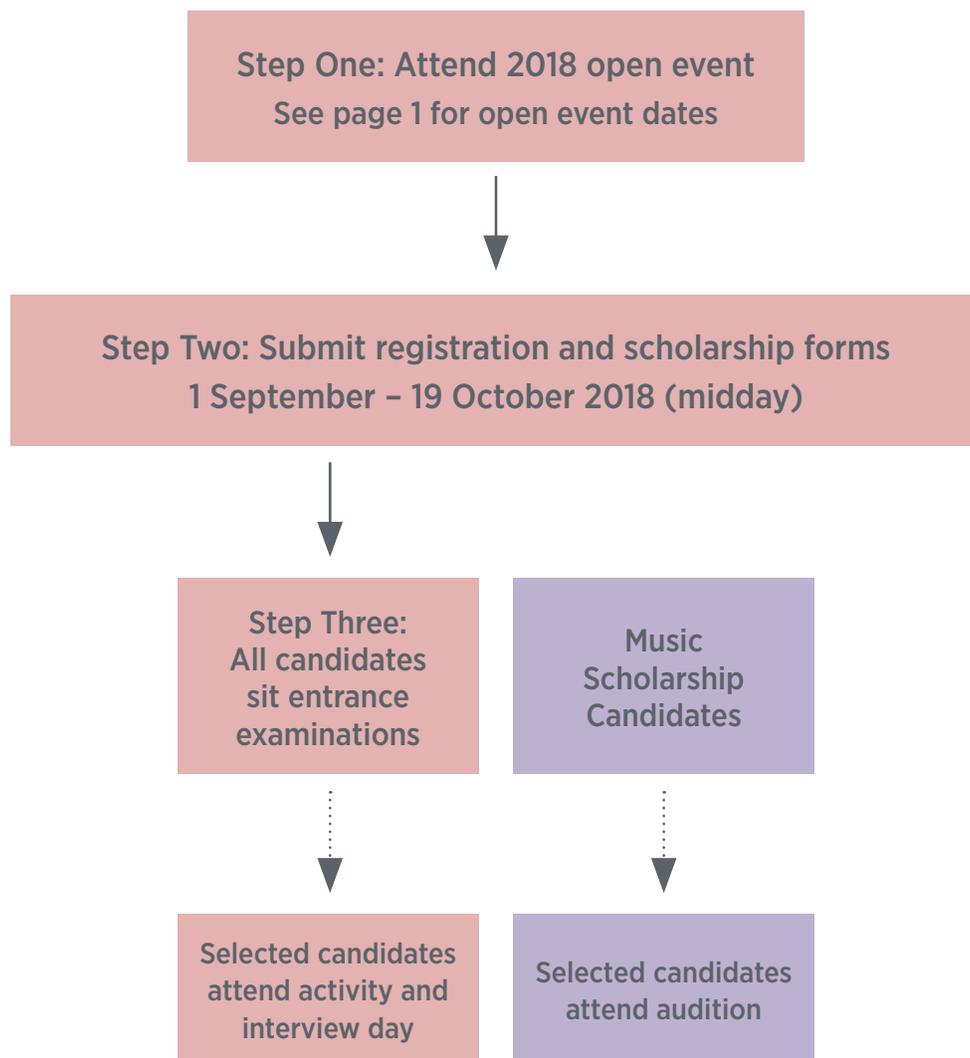
The Extended Project Qualification suits students who are willing to commit to an extended research project that will give useful skills that universities value, are able to work independently without constant supervision, and who have a particular interest that they wish to pursue. The EPQ starts in October of Year 12 and finishes in September of Year 13.

*All options are subject to numbers, staffing and timetable constraints.

Key dates for 16+ entry in September 2019

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| Registration period opens | Saturday 1 September 2018 |
| Registration period closes | Friday 19 October 2018, midday |
| 16+ Entrance Examination | Saturday 10 November 2018 |
| 16+ Interview and Music Auditions | Saturday 24 November 2018 |

Overview of admissions process 16+ Entry to Year 12 in 2019



Financial Assistance

Means-tested academic bursary places are available for able candidates whose families' financial circumstances mean they could not afford the school fees. Academic bursaries can cover up to 100% of the school fees, and, in some cases, coach travel, uniform and free school meals. Academic bursaries are awarded on the basis of family need, personal potential and academic ability. Priority is given to able candidates needing very significant financial help. Account is taken of capital assets and the family's overall financial position.

In addition, the WJ Smith Trust offers means-tested bursary assistance (up to 100% of the school fees) to candidates who demonstrate exceptional musical promise at the music scholarship audition.

Parents indicating on their registration form that they wish to apply for a bursary will be sent an additional form to complete.

Special Examination Arrangements

Reasonable adjustments will be made to our entrance examinations to allow candidates with specific learning differences, disabilities and long-term medical conditions, or for whom English is an Additional Language, to access the examination/written assessment and show what they know and can do.

Applications for examination concessions/access arrangements must be submitted with the candidate's registration form and must be supported by the written recommendations of an appropriately-qualified physician or other medical professional.

Any examination concessions will be offered in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications guidelines.

Registration Fee

A registration fee must be paid on submission of the registration form. This fee is waived for candidates who qualify for the Pupil Premium.

The 11+ and 13+ registration fee is £100.

The 16+ registration fee is £50.

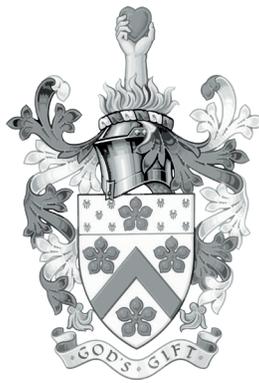
The registration fee for overseas candidates is £200.

Please contact the Registrar for further information or guidance.

2018 Public Examination Results

| A Level | GCSE |
|---|--|
| Students in the year: 146 | Students in the year: 145 |
| 36% A* grades | 73% A*, 9 or 8 grades |
| 74% A* and A grades | 92% A*, A, 9, 8 or 7 grades |
| 91% A*, A and B grades | 99% A*, A, B, 9, 8, 7 or 6 grades |
| 25 individual students gained 3 A* grades or better | 75 students gained 9 or more A*, 9 or 8 grades |
| 83 students achieved at least 3 A*/A grades | 97 students gained all A*, A, 9, 8 or 7 grades |

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