

2017-2018 edition



Bradford
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School

Supplementary School information

Interim edition - Spring 2017

This publication contains
all the relevant information,
registration forms and
procedural details for pupils
applying to join Bradford
Grammar School.

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Registration form

A non-refundable registration fee of £30 must accompany this registration.

Cheques should be made payable to Bradford Grammar School. Please do not send cash. Additional forms can be obtained from the Registrar.

Please return this form and your registration fee to the Registrar, Mrs Karen Hewitt, Bradford Grammar School, Keighley Road, Bradford BD9 4JP. This registration can also be completed at www.bradfordgrammar.com where you can submit an online payment for the fee.

Pupil's forename	Pupil's middle name(s)
.....
Pupil's surname	Date of birth
.....
Correspondence address 1	
.....	
.....	
	Postcode

Correspondence address 2 (if different from above)	
.....	
.....	
	Postcode

Proposed month and year of entry	Male/Female
.....
Name of current school	
.....	
Address	
.....	
Name of Mother/Guardian	Name of Father/Guardian
.....
Home phone	Home phone
.....
Mobile	Mobile
.....
Work phone	Work phone
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e-mail	e-mail
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Occupation	Occupation
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Governors, Senior Leadership and Staff

Governors

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Ex-officio

The Dean of Bradford

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*C M Wontner-Smith BA, FCA

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Representing Leeds University

Representing Chamber of Commerce

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Deputy Headmaster

L G d'Arcy MChem

Bursar & Clerk to the Governors

I Findlay BA, ACA

Assistant Head Pastoral

M J Chapman MA

Assistant Head Development

P Merckx BSc

Assistant Head Curriculum

G P Woods MA

Junior School Head of Junior School

KL Howes BSc, MSc

Director of Marketing

M R Silverside BSc

Governors, Senior Leadership and Staff

Teaching Staff

The School employs 116 teachers throughout the School.

Head of Department – HOD

Art

J Barraclough BA (HOD)
S B Robinson BA
S E Horsfield BA
W J Norman BA
H R Thornton BA

Biology

P M A Dunn BSc (HOD)
S R Hoath BSc, MEd
S Thomas BSc
D J Chalashika BSc
(Head of Personal Development)
Z J Smeaton BSc
K M Smith BSc

Business Studies

D A Pullen BSc (HOD)
S L Croudson BA

Chemistry

D G Proctor BSc, MSc, PhD (HOD)
A B R Macnab BSc
S J Flaherty MA
(Head of HE and Careers)
G M Heywood BSc
D J Mouat BSc, PhD
N S Nicholas BSc

Classics

K Meakin BA, PhD (HOD)
TC Bateson MA
M J Chapman MA
(Assistant Head Pastoral)

Computer Science

C M Harvey BA, MA (HOD)
T N Birkenshaw BSc
M A Cottrell BA

Design and Technology

S G Taylor BSc (HOD)
D Leake BEd MA
J I Richards BA

Economics

R D Schofield BA (HOD)
M McCartney BSc, MA

English and Drama

L W Hanson BEd, MA (HOD)
G d'Arcy BA, MA
A N Mudd BA
S J Ball BA
R Thompson MA (Head of Year 12)
C S Bruce BA, MA (Head of Drama)
E K Trafford BA, MA

Geography

F R Handbury BA (HOD)
S Hinchliffe BA, MEd, PhD, FRSA
(Headmaster)
A G Smith BSc
D G Alcock BA, MA, CGeog
H R Wong BA
A C Hicks BA (Head of Years 8 and 9)
E E Milford BSc
B J Massey BA, MA

History

H J Baines BA (HOD)
J Reed-Purvis BA, MA (Head of Year 13) E
A Greaves BA
T M Jones BA
K E Wilde BA (Head of Years 8 and 9)

Learning Support

S E Palmer BEd, MA (HOD)
S L Croudson BA

Mathematics

S M Harris MMath, PhD (HOD)
C G Finch BSc
S Nazli BSc
V A Reynolds BSc
P Watson BSc, PhD
A Crabtree BSc
P Merckx BSc
(Assistant Head Development)
R I Page BA, MSc
(Snr Teacher & Data Manager)
M A Thompson BSc
(Head of Years 10 and 11)
L G d'Arcy MChem (Deputy Headmaster)

Modern Languages

S L Haslam BA, MA
(Head of German) (HOD)
M B Cuesta González BA
(Head of Spanish)
E J Kingsley BA, MSc (Head of French)
E Tomlinson BA (Head of Year 7)
G P Woods MA
(Assistant Head Curriculum)
A M Corrigan BA
S B Davis MA, LTCL, MCIL
(Head of Russian)
V Martí Fernández BA
K E Whyte BA
L C Gibbons MA
K Murach MA
S Woodhead BA

Music

E M White BA (HOD)
D G Roberts LRAM, LGSM
C J Brook BA
R McOwen BSc

PE and Games

C A Taylor BA (Director of Sport)
A J Galley BEd (Asst. Director of Sport)
S A Kellett (Cricket & Rugby Coach)
J G Oakes BA
M A Wilde BA
M E Harling BSc, MA
C E Linfield BA
C R Priestley LLB
S Darnbrough (Rowing Coach)
G K Jones BEd
J Markham (Asst. Rowing Coach)
B Townsend (Swimming Coach)
GC Wilkinson MSc

Physics

J D Boardman BSc (HOD)
L C Leach BA
R S Bocking MSc
V M F Powne BSc
T M Flynn BSc, PhD
O W J Theaker MSc

Politics

M P J Simpson MA, DipSp (HOD)
A L McOwen BA
(Head of Sixth Form Enrichment)

Psychology

C J White BSc (HOD)
S E Palmer BEd, MA

Religious Studies

R E Skelton BA (HOD)
M E Watkins MA, MPhil
J J Lowe BA
M E Harling BSc, MA
T H Malik BA
B R Reeves BA

Junior School Teaching Staff

Acting Head

K L Howes BSc, MSc
L L Alderson BA
A Buckley BA
L N Marsden BA
C E Orviss LLB
(Director of Teaching & Learning)
P Smales BEd, BA
P J Tatham BEd
J S Allen BSc
E J Green BA
C P Newsome BA (Director of Sport)
G P Smith BEd
N J Watson BA
C J Brook BA
L A Hepworth-Wood BA
E D Rawlinson BA
H E Smith BA
A J Watts BA

Visiting Music Teachers

J Bryan GMus, CT, ABRSM, LRSM
(Flute and Theory)
A C Cook GLCM (Guitar)
S Davis MA, LTCL (Recorder)
C Francis GMus, LTCL (Violin and Viola)
A F Hamilton BMus (Saxophone)
J Harrison GRNCM (Singing)
E Kenwood-Herriott LTCL, GRSM, LRAM
(Double-reed instruments)
S H Laverick BA (Cello and Double Bass)
M McGuffie BMus (Clarinet)
D G Roberts LRAM, LGSM (Brass)
B G Stevens BA (Percussion)
A J Sherlock BA, ALCM
(Piano and Keyboard)

The School Day General Information

Before and After School Care

The School day starts at 8.45am and ends at 3.20pm for Junior pupils and at 4pm for Senior pupils. Pupils can be dropped off at school from 7.30am. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Dining Room from 8am with a wide choice of hot and cold options. The Junior School playground is supervised from 7.45am and not before. After school, Junior School children can go to After Care which is held in the Junior School. After Care is charged separately and is invoiced termly in arrears. Details are available from the Registrar or the Finance department.

Senior School pupils who need to stay after school are expected to go to the Library until 5pm and will then be supervised in a classroom until 6pm. It is expected that pupils will be collected by 6pm.

Transport

The School is situated a short walk from Frizinghall Railway Station, which is on the Airedale and Wharfedale lines. Pupils travelling on the Calder Valley, Huddersfield and Halifax lines would need to alight at Bradford Interchange and travel to School by public bus from the Interchange. Northern Rail currently offers bespoke BGS annual rail passes for pupils using these lines, with term time travel at discounted rates. The School organises private coach transport for pupils travelling between BGS and Batley, Halifax, Huddersfield, Brighouse, Leeds, Otley and Oxenhope. Payment is invoiced termly by the School. A detailed timetable with costs is available from the Registrar and on the website. The School bus service is offered on a full fare pass (travel both ways) or half fare pass (one way only).

Many Junior School pupils use the School buses. The School buses drop off and collect pupils within the School grounds. A member of staff takes Junior School pupils to the buses in the evening and a register of pupils using the buses is kept.

Co-curricular Activities

The School strongly believes that pupils of all ages gain long-term benefits from taking part in activities outside the academic curriculum. Senior School pupils are offered an extensive range of co-curricular activities to participate in. There are a variety of clubs and societies which run at lunchtimes and after school. Pupils in the Senior School currently have a choice of over 50 clubs and societies covering a wide range of sports, drama, music and other areas of interest. Pupils can take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the Combined Cadet Force (both RAF and Army) and World Challenge expeditions.

Junior School pupils are able to choose from over 20 clubs ranging from rock band and poetry to sport, music, dance and craft club. Most Junior School clubs take place during lunch breaks and vary year by year.

School Trips and Residential Visits

All pupils from the age of 6 to 18 years have the opportunity to take part in School trips that vary year by year. In the Junior School there have been visits for Year 2 to the Science Museum, East Riddlesden Hall and a weekend residential in the Lake District. Year 3 have had a history visit to Murton Park and a residential weekend at Ingleborough Hall. Year 4 have also visited Murton Park and had a trip to a scrap yard to help with their science project on the environment. Year 5 have had a residential weekend in the Lake District and Year 6 have studied geography at Malham, history at Murton Park and taken part in a sports tour or special workshop. In addition, there are visits to enhance the subject topics that the pupils are studying.

In the Senior School there are numerous trips and residential visits throughout the School year. Some trips, such as Geography fieldwork, form part of the curriculum and are therefore covered by the fees. Other trips such as the Classics trip to Italy or the History trip to Berlin, whilst they enhance pupils' learning, are not compulsory for the curriculum and are therefore charged for separately by the trip organiser. All trips abroad are run with the approval of the Headmaster and Chairman of Governors. Pupils who receive bursaries receive assistance with the cost of School trips.

For more examples of trips and residential visits, please see over page.

Meals

Pupils are able to buy breakfast from 8am to 8.40am on School days. A choice of hot or cold lunch is available to all pupils and pupils may also choose to have a packed lunch. Lunch is paid for termly in arrears and pupils are asked to swipe their ID card to register that they have had lunch. Junior School pupils are taken to lunch by their form teachers and have an earlier sitting than the Senior School pupils. Senior School pupils are able to purchase home-made snacks and drinks from the Dining Room at break time. A sample menu is available on request and every week's menu is available on our website.

School Uniform

School uniform is worn by all pupils in the Junior and Senior School and Sixth Form. There is also a list of sports kit that pupils are required to have.

All items of the School uniform and sports kit can be viewed online and must be ordered from the official School suppliers:

Uniform: www.perryuniform.co.uk

Sports kit: www.tacklebag.co.uk

Dress codes for Junior School, Senior School and the Sixth Form may be requested from the School.

Further Information

The following information is available to parents and this may be found on the School website and/or copies of this information may be requested from the School.

- Academic results from the School year
- Curriculum Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Special Education Needs & Disability Policy
- Educational Visits Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Safeguarding (Child-Protection) Policy
- Behaviour Policy (which includes the rewards, sanctions and exclusions policy)
- Complaints Procedure

Special Needs

Bradford Grammar School is a high-achieving academic school, which currently has a number of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). Most of these pupils have dyslexia but there are a number of pupils with dyspraxia, Asperger's, mild autism and specific physical needs.

Information is passed to the Head of Learning Strategies prior to the entrance exam. During their first year pupils are assessed for reading and spelling levels. This data is used, along with cognitive ability tests, to find any discrepancies between ability and performance levels which may indicate a SEND. Any unusual profiles are reviewed by the Learning Support Department after seeking parental involvement and subject teacher feedback.

Pupils can also be referred to the Learning Support Department by subject teachers, parents or outside agencies.

If a child has a Special Education need or disability, a Learning Support Plan (LSP) is written and circulated to all subject teachers. The Learning Support department offers catch up sessions, small group work for literacy and numeracy, structured revision sessions and one to one sessions. All pupils receive Study Skills sessions to promote accelerated learning as part of the School's Personal Development programme.

Subject teachers adapt teaching styles to suit their classes and are aware of different pupils' needs. Pupils are encouraged to be open about any SEND issues and develop a mature attitude to their work and any extra help they feel they need.

Pupils are offered appropriate Access Arrangements if necessary when sitting external examinations. At present, we have pupils who are entitled to Access Arrangements, including extra time, use of a computer, separate invigilation and rest breaks.

Please contact Suzy Palmer, Head of Learning Strategies at SEP@bradfordgrammar.com for further information and to discuss support requirements.

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School Trips

BGS offers a wide range of School trips and residential visits. These give pupils opportunities to see new places, experience different cultures, enhance educational understanding and build confidence.

United Kingdom

01 England, Scotland and Wales

Borrowdale - Year 2
British Schools Orienteering Championships - Years 7, 8 and 13
Careers Trip to London - Year 12
Chester Zoo - Year 12
Classics Trip to London - Years 12 and 13
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Gold Expeditions - Years 10-13
Florence Nightingale Experience - Year 2
Hadrian's Wall - Year 9
Hepworth Gallery - Years 12 and 13
Art students
Ingleborough Hall - Year 3
Junior Hockey Tour Newcastle and Blackpool - Year 7-10
Lancaster - Year 13 Geographers
Leeds Geography Trip - Year 8
Littondale - Year 7
Manchester Methodist Church - Year 12
Oakwell Hall - Year 2
Preston Infantry Barracks - Year 9
Quarry Bank Mill - Year 8
Religious Ethics Conference - Year 12
Sponsored Walk to Ilkley - Year 7
Whitby Religious Studies Retreat - Year 11
York Minster - Year 12

Europe

02 France

Exchange - Years 9 and 10
Normandy Chateau - Years 7-8 and 12-13
Paris Art - Year 10
Skiing - Years 3-6 and Years 11-13
WWI battlefields - Year 11

03 Germany

Exchange - Years 9-13
Rhineland - Years 7 and 8

04 Greece

Classics - Years 8-13

05 Holland

Amsterdam Art - Year 10
Boat Club Training Camp and International Race - Years 10-13
Senior Hockey Tour - Years 11-13

06 Iceland

Geography Trip - Years 8-11

07 Italy

Classics - Years 8-13
Florence Art - Year 10
Skiing - Years 3-6 and Years 11-13

08 Poland

Krakow and Auschwitz - Years 12-13

09 Spain

Barcelona Art - Year 10
Madrid - Years 10-13

10 Romania

Rugby Tour - Years 11-13



Americas

- 11 Bolivia**
World Challenge Expedition - Year 12
- 12 Caribbean**
Senior Cricket Tours - Years 10-13
- 13 Costa Rica**
Outlook Expedition - Year 12
- 14 Las Vegas**
Geography Trip - Years 8-11
- 15 Washington, DC**
Economics and Politics Trip - Year 13

Asia

- 16 Borneo**
Outlook Expedition - Year 12
- 17 China**
World Challenge Expedition - Years 12-13
- 18 Himalayas**
Far Frontiers Expedition - Year 12
- 19 India**
Outlook Expeditions - Year 12

Australasia

- 20 Australia**
Netball Tours - Years 11-13

The Curriculum and Results

The Curriculum

Introduction

Bradford Grammar School provides a broad and intellectually stimulating learning environment and a curriculum that offers pupils numerous opportunities to achieve excellence. We work hard to:

- challenge all of our pupils and help them to fulfil their potential;
- provide a coherent course of stimulating study;
- prepare pupils for entry to university and the workplace.

Senior School

Years 7 and 8

In Years 7 and 8 all pupils study English, Mathematics, French, German, Latin, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, History, Art, Music, Design & Technology (DT), Religious Studies (RS), Personal Development, PE and Games. In Year 7 (but not Year 8) pupils also study Digital Learning.

Year 9

Pupils follow a common core of English, Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, History, RS, Personal Development, PE and Games, choose one core Modern Language from a choice of French, German or Spanish and choose three optional subjects from a choice of Art, Computer Science, DT, German, Greek, Latin, Music, Russian and Spanish.

Years 10 and 11

Pupils follow ten (I)GCSE courses. All pupils follow a common core of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, PE and Games, choose a core Modern Language from French, German or Spanish, and choose three optional subjects from: Art, Computer Science, DT, Geography, German, Greek, History, Latin, Music, RS, Russian and Spanish.

Year 12 (Lower Sixth Form)

As pupils enter the Sixth Form, they move on to AS levels usually studying four subjects. Subjects are chosen from Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Computer Science, DT, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, German, Greek, History, Latin, Mathematics, Music, Music Technology, Physics, Politics, Psychology, RS, Russian, Spanish and Theatre Studies. In addition, they also take two eleven-week Enrichment courses from a wide range of non-examined options, or Japanese, AS Further Mathematics or the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Year 13 (Upper Sixth Form)

Pupils continue their A Level courses in three subjects, although a significant number opt to carry on with four. It is possible to replace the fourth subject with another AS course. Pupils may follow a non-examinable Enrichment course if they wish.

For further details, please see the booklets *A Guide to GCSE Courses* and *A Guide to Sixth Form Courses* both of which are available from the Registrar or can be downloaded from our website.

Examination Results

Bradford Grammar School consistently exceeds national and local averages for its examination results allowing pupils to secure courses at their university of choice.

Recent Examination Results

2016

Advanced Level	17% A*	52% A*A	81% A*AB	94% A*ABC	99%A*ABCD
GCSE	46% A*	71% A* A	91% A*AB	97% A*ABC	99% A*ABCD

2015

Advanced Level	18% A*	50% A*A	78% A*AB	92% A*ABC	98% A*ABCD
GCSE	44% A*	73% A* A	92% A*AB	99% A*ABC	100% A*ABCD

2014

Advanced Level	20% A*	60% A*A	83% A*AB	93% A*ABC	99% A*ABCD
GCSE	39% A*	71% A* A	91% A*AB	99% A*ABC	100% A*ABCD

2013

Advanced Level	18% A*	51% A*A	81% A*AB	95% A*ABC	99% A*ABCD
GCSE	31% A*	62% A* A	88% A*AB	98% A*ABC	99% A*ABCD

2012

Advanced Level	20% A*	54% A*A	84% A*AB	94% A*ABC	98% A*ABCD
GCSE	40% A*	74% A*A	93% A*AB	98% A*ABC	100% A*ABCD

2011

Advanced Level	13% A*	50% A*A	78% A*AB	92% A*ABC	99% A*ABCD
GCSE	35% A*	70% A*A	91% A*AB	98% A*ABC	100% A*ABCD

Junior School

All Junior School pupils study English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Art, Music, Religious Studies, Design Technology (DT), Computing, Modern Foreign Languages, PE, Swimming and Games.

In Years 2 and 3 children are taught the majority of subjects by form teachers and are based in their classrooms, with specialist teaching for Art, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, PE and Games.

In Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils have an increasing input from specialist teachers and have their lessons in a variety of rooms around the School. Full use is made of the Senior School facilities including the science laboratories, sports facilities and art room.

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Contact Details, Fees and Dates

Address & Contact

Bradford Grammar School Keighley Road
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www.bradfordgrammar.com

Registered Charity number: 529113

VAT number: 708463919

Times

Senior School 8.45am to 4pm

Junior School 8.45am to 3.20pm

Fees – 2017/2018

Tuition (under review)	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Junior School	3,215	3,215	3,215
Senior School	4,107	4,107	4,107
External – Sixth Form	4,220	4,220	4,220

Lunch

£2.70 per day (charged termly in arrears)

Music

Instrumental music tuition is invoiced separately by the teacher.

Fees are subject to revision but as far as possible the Governors give a term's notice of any change. Fees, which include books, stationery and pupils' personal accident insurance, are payable before the first day of each term. Interest will be charged on unpaid fees. The School operates a scheme that allows a year's fees to be paid by direct debit in ten monthly instalments between August and May.

Director of Music
Elizabeth White

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Admissions

The Registrar

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Fax: 01274 548129

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Junior School

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Forthcoming Open Events

Senior, Junior and Sixth Form

Saturday 7 October 2017 10am to 2pm

Saturday 6 October 2018 10am to 2pm

Open Mornings

Senior, Junior and Sixth Form Senior School only

Tuesday 7 November 2017 9.15am – 12pm

Senior, Junior and Sixth Form

Wednesday 10 January 2018 9.15am – 12pm

External – Sixth Form

Thursday 26 April 2018 9.15am – 12pm

Information Evening

Sixth Form (Year 12 entry)

Tuesday 2 November 2017

Prospective Sixth Form students and parents are invited to attend talks given to our current Year 11 pupils

Entrance Examination Senior School

For entry into Year 7 September 2018

Week commencing Monday 22 January 2018*

Closing date for applications:

Friday 12 January 2018

Bursary applications including supporting financial documentation to be received by Wednesday 22 November 2017

For entry into Years 8, 9 & 10 September 2018

Monday 15 January 2018

* Supplementary bursary assessments for those children wishing to apply for a Year 7 bursary will take place on Wednesday 6 December or Thursday 7 December. Please refer to the information on our website (www.bradfordgrammar.com) or contact the Admissions Registrar for further details.

Entrance Examination Junior School

For entry into Years 5 and 6 September 2018

Week commencing **Monday 5 February 2018**

For entry into Years 3 and 4 September 2018

Week commencing **Monday 29 January 2018**

For entry into Year 2 September 2018

Week commencing **Monday 26 February 2018**

Admission, Entry Procedures and Bursaries

Applying for Admission

If you wish to apply for a place at Bradford Grammar School for your son or daughter these are the steps that you need to take:

- Come and visit the School, perhaps at one of the Open Events, the dates of which are included in this booklet and on our website.
- Complete the Registration Form at the back of this booklet and return it to the Registrar, Mrs Karen Hewitt at Bradford Grammar School. Alternatively you can complete a Registration Form and pay on our website at www.bradfordgrammar.com. A child's name may be registered at birth or at any later time.
- Complete the Entrance Examination and Assessment Application Forms which are automatically sent out to parents of boys and girls who are registered. Forms must be returned by the closing date in the year in which you wish your son or daughter to take the examination.
- If you wish to apply for a bursary, tick the appropriate box on the Entrance Examination Application Form and return by the closing date.
- For admission to the Sixth Form, complete and return the Registration and Sixth Form Application Forms. The closing date for applications will be sent to you when we receive the Registration Form.

Entry Procedures

Boys and girls can join the Junior School at the ages of 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10, and the Senior School at 11, 12, 13, or 16. These ages are calculated as at 31 August in the year of entry.

Candidates for entry into the Junior School, Years 2 to 6, will be invited to spend the day and they will participate in classroom activities, assessments and undertake a variety of tasks.

Admission for all other ages is by examination in Mathematics and English. Some past papers are available on request for Year 5 (9 years old) and above but will be sent out with the Entrance Examination Application Form.

The Head will also lead a session for Year 7 applicants to the Senior School to give them an opportunity to demonstrate their lateral thinking and problem solving skills. The examinations are held in January each year.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students will be invited to the School in January to sit an entrance exam in Maths and English.

Pupils are admitted into the Sixth Form on the basis of their GCSE results, an interview and a satisfactory reference from the candidate's current school.

Entry requirements to the Sixth Form are as follows: applicants must have GCSE grade B or above (or grade 6 or above) in Mathematics and English Language, A or A* GCSE grades (or grade 7, 8 or 9) in the subjects to be studied. Students who wish to study subjects in the Sixth Form that are not normally offered at GCSE (Economics, Business, Politics, Psychology, Classical Civilisation) will be expected to achieve GCSE grades in line with our general entry requirements. GCSE Mathematics at grade A or A* (or grade 7, 8 or 9) is strongly recommended for A Level Economics.

It is possible to study some subjects in the Sixth Form that have not been studied at GCSE, for example History or Religious Studies. In these cases, we would expect GCSE grades in line with our general entry requirements and high GCSE grades in similar subjects (e.g. English).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact us if they narrowly miss these requirements or to discuss our entry criteria further.

The requirement for bursaries is a minimum of GCSE 6 x A* grades (or 6 passes at grade 8 or 9), including all subjects to be taken at A Level.

Any boy or girl who is not successful in obtaining admission may be re-entered in a following year provided that their age still falls within the limits specified above.

Pupils who progress from the Junior School to the Senior School will not be required to sit the 11+ entrance exam.

Bursaries

Our Independent Schools Inspectorate Report 2012 reported *'The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils is excellent'*. We believe that our comprehensive bursary scheme not only provides the opportunity for many varied means to attend the School, but also enhances the social development of the whole School. Since the abolition of the Assisted Places Scheme the School has worked tirelessly to enhance its own Bursary Fund which aims to provide financial assistance to some girls and boys who pass the entrance examination but whose parents are unable to afford the fees. Such bursaries are usually allocated to entrants at the age of 11 and for entry into the Sixth Form. Currently 11% of pupils benefit in some way from the School's own endowments, assistance given by former pupils local and national businesses.

Bursaries are awarded on a means-tested basis; each case being reviewed annually. The award depends on parental circumstances, the amount of capital available at the time of the examination and the academic ability of the candidate. Despite our significant success in raising funds for bursaries our resources are inevitably limited and there will be candidates who will be offered a place on the basis of their exam performance but not awarded a bursary.

If you wish to apply for financial assistance with School fees you should tick the box on the Entrance Examination Application Form. You will be sent a form which should be completed and returned before the date of the Entrance Examination. Details of the amount of any bursary award are sent out with the offer of a place if applicable. As a general rule a bursary could be awarded to those families whose total income is up to £60,000 (earnings include salaries, benefits, profits, investment income etc.). Each family's case is always considered individually.

For those candidates who show exceptional musical ability the School is able to provide scholarship funding. This covers the cost of music tuition and is available for pupils from the age of 8 years. Music scholarships are separate from academic bursaries. Candidates in receipt of a bursary for academic studies will not necessarily receive a music scholarship and vice versa. If you wish to be considered for financial assistance for music, please write to the Director of Music.

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