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Secondary School Transfer  
2023 - 2024

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Dear Parents,

Within this booklet, you will find information provided for us by some of the local senior schools, along with contact details for others. Although we have made every effort to ensure that the information we have published is accurate, we strongly advise that you consult the admissions sections of the schools' websites. You will also find an overview of the preparation timetables for senior school entry, along with sample interview questions, school reference pro formas and transfer document examples.

Over the course of the next few months, and depending on your child's age, we will be contacting you to discuss your thoughts about your child's next school. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any further advice.

It is ultimately the responsibility of parents to select and apply for suitable senior schools for their children, but we want to help and advise wherever possible to make the transition as seamless as possible.

We hope that you find the Secondary Schools Transfer Evening useful; please do let us have your feedback.

With best wishes

Guy Barrett  
Headmaster

# SENIOR SCHOOL ENTRY TIMETABLES

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRY

Autumn Term (Year 3)	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning lessons begin
Autumn Term (Year 5)	Meet with Headmaster and Director of Teaching and Learning to discuss possible options Begin attending open days and arranging visits to senior schools
Autumn Term (Year 5)	11+ curriculum is followed to ensure curriculum coverage Consider specific NVR/VR tutoring
Spring Term (Year 5)	Meet with the Tutor or Director of Teaching and Learning to discuss progress
Summer Term (Year 5)	Register for the exams Continue preparation work over the summer holiday
Autumn Term (Year 6)	Exams take place early in September If unsuccessful possibly apply for Y7 state school entry
Spring Term (Year 6)	If unsuccessful possibly take Y7 independent school exams

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ENTRY

Autumn Term (Year 3)	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning lessons begin
Autumn Term (Year 5)	Meet with Headmaster or Director of Teaching and Learning to discuss possible options Begin attending open days and arranging visits to senior schools
Autumn Term (Year 5)	11+ curriculum is followed to ensure coverage before the January entrance examinations
Spring Term (Year 5)	Meet with the Tutor or Head of Subject to discuss future places and possible scholarship applications.
Autumn Term (Year 6)	Mock interviews conducted by a member of the Wishford Advisory Board and Headmaster. Feedback provided to pupils. Apply for state school places
Autumn Term (Year 6)	Scholarships for Sports and Drama take place in December in some schools
Spring Term (Year 6)	Independent school exams in January Confirmation of places by end of February.

## STATE SCHOOL ENTRY

Autumn Term (Year 3)	Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning lessons begin
Autumn Term (Year 5)	Meet with Headmaster or Director of Teaching and Learning to discuss possible options Begin attending open days and arranging visits to senior schools
Autumn Term (Year 5)	11+ curriculum is followed
Spring Term (Year 5)	Meet with the Headmaster or Director of Teaching and Learning to discuss future schools
Autumn Term (Year 6)	Closing date for state maintained secondary schools

# Abingdon School

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys aged 11 – 18

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Abingdon School  
Park Road  
Abingdon  
Oxon  
OX14 1DE

[www.abingdon.org.uk](http://www.abingdon.org.uk)

Tel: 01235 848042

Email: [admissions@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:admissions@abingdon.org.uk)

Registration deadline: October 2024

Open day: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Exam date: For entry at 11+ for September 2025 the pre-test takes place on 11 January 2025

Interview dates: For 2025 entry, week beginning 20 January 2025

Current Yr 7 fees: £7,825 per term (day fees)  
£13,030 per term (Weekly boarding)  
£15,960 per term (full boarding)

## **Application:**

Boys in the First Year are usually aged 11 on 1 September of their year of entry. First Year entry is intended for boys who would normally transfer from their primary school (or equivalent) on completion of Year 6 (UK national curriculum). For this entry point, we recommend that prospective pupils are **registered** before October in the academic year prior to joining.

## **Entrance Test Procedure:**

The offer of a place in the First Year is made on the basis of a candidate's performance in the entrance test, a confidential report from his current school and an interview. Details of the arrangements for the entry test are sent to the parents of all registered candidates in the previous October (or on registration for those registering later than this). The School does not send out copies of past examination papers, but does send sample questions.

## **The Tests:**

Candidates sit an entrance test in early January with papers in English, Mathematics and Reasoning. These papers are designed to be appropriate for candidates from primary schools as well as independent schools.

There are two English papers. The first paper (45 mins) tests boys' reading skills by asking them to respond to two prose passages via multiple choice questions. This paper also tests

grammar, spelling, proof reading, punctuation and word manipulation (e.g. recalling words with particular letter formations and turning noun forms into verbs).

The second paper asks for a piece of descriptive writing (30 minutes) based on a choice of pictures. Candidates will be given an additional 10 minutes for thinking and planning before they can begin writing their piece. The most important thing about this element of the exams is that boys remember to show their skills in crafting their language to have a strong and vivid effect on the reader. Part of 'crafting' involves accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar. Experience also tells us that overly short pieces are self-limiting, in that the candidates won't have given themselves the opportunity to show what they can do. As a very rough guide, they might expect to be producing between 300 and 400 words in 30 minutes.

The mathematics paper (50 mins) contains questions on topics such as fractions, decimals, averages, percentages, coordinates, sequences, perimeters, areas, nets, currency and ratios. Metric units will be used throughout and calculators are not allowed.

The reasoning test covers the typical areas of verbal, numerical and pattern skills.

Candidates are not required to wear school uniform. Lunch and snacks are provided.

#### **Interviews:**

Candidates are selected for interview at the School following the written papers. The interview is a friendly affair, providing the School with an opportunity to assess a candidate's personality and interests outside the classroom. Candidates may like to bring something with them, such as an object of interest or an example of their work, to provide talking points. Under certain circumstances some candidates may be asked to attend a second interview.

#### **Awards:**

A number of academically related **awards** together with **music exhibitions** are offered at this entry point.

#### **Financial Assistance:**

**Bursaries** are available and can be up to 100% of the fees. All bursaries are means-tested.

#### **Results:**

Offers of places are usually sent out about three weeks after the written examination. Parents will be asked to give a firm acceptance of the place and to pay an acceptance fee which will be credited to the parents' final account when their son leaves the School.

#### **Other information:**

- Abingdon comprises both day Houses and three Boarding Houses with day boys as an integral part of them.
- Boys join – both full and weekly boarding – at 11 and remain attached to the House and their tutors throughout their time at the school.
- The Boarding Houses comprise a House Master and his family, a matron and a team of tutors including at least one resident. All tutors live close by and get to know the boys socially through evening and weekend duties as well as having an academic role for a specific year group.

# Cheltenham College Prep

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 11 – 13

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Cheltenham College

Bath Road

Cheltenham

Gloucester

GL53 7LD

[www.cheltenhamcollege.org](http://www.cheltenhamcollege.org)

Tel: 01242 265600

Email: [admissions@cheltenhamcollege.org](mailto:admissions@cheltenhamcollege.org)

Current Yr 7 fees per term: £7,050 (day)  
£9,130(boarding)

Open days: Saturday 7 October 2023 (College: small group visit)

Saturday 14 October 2023 (Prep School)

To arrange a visit [prepadmissions@cheltenhamcollege.org](mailto:prepadmissions@cheltenhamcollege.org)

General entry requirements:

- Cheltenham College Prep requires 11+ entry candidates to take verbal and non verbal reasoning assessments to enable them to understand the child as a learner. These are taken on the Entrance @11 Assessment Day in November.

Admissions procedure:

- External candidates in Year 6 join up with the Prep Year 6 cohort for an Entrance@11 Experience Day. The following day, external candidates take part in as Entrance@11 Assessment Day.
- For entrance into Year 7 there is an Entrance@11 weekend during the November prior to the pupil joining.
- The typical admissions procedure for an 11+ pupil includes the following steps:
  - Visit Prep either at an open morning or personal visit
  - Registration – the deadline for registration for Entrance @11 is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021
  - Main sessions take place in November but parents are welcome to apply for Year 7 entry at any time in the year as the experience and assessment days can be organised on a case by case basis.

Bursaries

- At Cheltenham College Prep, we are committed to widening access by providing bursaries and Armed Forces discounts for pupils who, without such help, might not otherwise be able to attend. We have a significant number of pupils on bursary support, attending both our Prep, Unlike some schools, bursaries at Cheltenham College Prep are not dependent on performance or merit, they are available to any pupil who is able to meet our baseline entrance requirements, and who we feel will strongly benefit from the education that Cheltenham College Prep is able to offer. All bursaries are means tested. They are based on careful and sympathetic scrutiny of individual family circumstance and no rule of thumb generalisation of income levels is possible. Bursaries vary in size and in exceptional circumstances fee support of up to 100% of the fees can be available. In all cases, scholarships and exhibitions may be further enhanced via means-tested bursary support, based on individual family needs.

# Clifton College

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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Clifton College  
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Clifton  
Bristol  
BS8 3EZ

[www.cliftoncollege.com](http://www.cliftoncollege.com)

Tel: 0117 3157 000

Email: [info@cliftoncollege.com](mailto:info@cliftoncollege.com)

Current Yr 7 fees: Day pupils £7,105  
Boarder £11,825

Open days: Saturday 30 September 2023

General entry requirements:

- An average of 50% pass rate across all subjects.

Test details:

- 11+ - informal computer-based quizzes covering English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning.

Admissions procedure at 11+:

- Parents are invited to visit Clifton, either on a personal visit or by attending one of our Open Days where they will have a tour of the school and meet with the Headmaster.
- Following this visit, if parents wish to proceed with the Admissions process, we will ask them to register their child. A taster day for the child may be offered at this point.
- The next step will be to arrange an informal assessment consisting of computer-based quizzes covering English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning. We will also ask for a reference from a previous school. Successful completion of the entry tests will be followed by an offer of a place at Clifton.

Scholarships at 11+:

- **Scholarships at 11+**

	<i>Assessment date</i>
Sport	January/February 2025
Academic	January/February 2025
Music	January/February 2025

Bursaries

- Bursaries are means-tested and made at the school's discretion. They are given in addition to a Scholarship or Award. Bursaries may, in exceptional circumstances, be awarded up to 100% of the fees.
- The Trustees of the Polack's House Scholarships Fund are also able to award a number of means-tested Polack Bursaries for Jewish children who would not otherwise be able to attend the School.
- We also offer a HM Forces Bursary and sibling discount.



# Dauntsey's

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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Dauntsey's  
West Lavington  
Devizes  
SN10 4HE

[www.dauntseys.org](http://www.dauntseys.org)

Tel: 01380 814500  
Admissions: 01380 814504  
Admissions 11+: 01380 314506

Email: [admissions@dauntseys.org](mailto:admissions@dauntseys.org)  
Head of Admissions: [H.Sullivan@dauntseys.org](mailto:H.Sullivan@dauntseys.org)

Current Yr 7 fees: Day pupils £22,800 (£7,600 per term)  
Boarding pupils £37,740 (£12,580 per term)

Open days: 30 September 2023  
11 May 2024  
Individual visits – on request

## Admissions procedure:

- Registration deadline usually mid October (11+ Entry 2024 deadline is 16 October 2023)
- At 11+ - for candidates wishing to enter into the First Form/Year 7, examinations and interviews take place in mid-January of the year of entry.
- Candidates sit papers in English (comprehension and composition) and Maths and take a Verbal Reasoning (multiple choice) test.
- All prospective pupils are interviewed in the same week as the examination.

## Scholarships at 11+:

- All candidates are considered for an academic scholarship on the basis of the entrance examination and interview.
- Candidates can apply for a Music or Sport Award and will be invited for an audition/assessment.
- Head Master's Awards – these are discretionary and are offered on the basis of the entrance examination and interview.
- Scholarships and Awards carry a fee remission of a maximum of 10% of the School Fees; Scholarship Supplements are available to provide further financial supplements.  
Head Master's Award: Design Technology/Art

## Bursaries:

- Bursaries are available, both through our 100% bursary scheme or through a scholarship supplement, for those offered a scholarship.
- All details can be found on the school website [www.dauntseys.org](http://www.dauntseys.org)

# Dean Close School

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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Dean Close School

Shelburne Road

Cheltenham

GL51 6HE

[www.deanclose.org.uk](http://www.deanclose.org.uk)

Tel: 01242 258044 (Admissions enquiries for Senior School)

Email: [registrar@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:registrar@deanclose.org.uk)

Exam date: Main 11+ Assessments in January

11+ Sports assessment: preliminary assessment held in November followed by main assessments in January

Interview dates: Usually tied in with assessment days if possible

Current Yr 7 fees: Day £7220

Day Boarding £8,015

Boarding £10,195

Open days: Virtual tours – see the website

General Requirements for Entry: Own entrance papers and/or Common Entrance

Admissions procedure:

- 11+ Entrance papers in Maths, English and Verbal Reasoning or Common Entrance

Interview procedure:

- Interviews for 11+ entry with the Headmaster and appropriate Academic staff

Scholarships:

- Scholarships at 11+: Academic, Creative Arts, Performing Arts and Sport

Bursaries:

- Possible to apply for separately to Scholarships or usual applications

# Farmor's School

Secondary school with Academy status for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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Farmor's School  
The Park  
Fairford  
Glos  
GL7 4JQ

[www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)

Tel: 01285 712302  
Email: [admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk)  
[kbrathwaite@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kbrathwaite@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk) (Admissions)

Exam date: N/A  
Current fees: N/A

General Requirements for Entry:

- Non - selective

Admissions procedure:

- Entry at Year 7 is via the County Council admissions process and forms and have to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- Entry for other year groups is via consultation with Admissions Registrar Karen Brathwaite. An In-Year application form should be sent to Ms Brathwaite along with proof of date of birth and address.

Interview procedure:

- N/A

# King Edward's School, Bath

Secondary school for boys and girls aged 11 - 18

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North Road  
Bath  
BA2 6HU

[www.kesbath.com](http://www.kesbath.com)

Tel: 01225 464313

Email: [reception@kesbath.com](mailto:reception@kesbath.com)

Exam date: January 2025

Current fees: £5,650 per term

Open day: Saturday 14 October 2023

Registration deadline: November 2025

Interviews: January 2025

General Requirements for Entry:

- The examination includes papers in Maths, English and Verbal reasoning

Interview procedure:

- Interviews take place Two weeks before the entrance exams

# Kingshill School Cirencester

Secondary school for boys and girls aged 11 - 18

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Kingshill School  
Kingshill Lane  
Cirencester  
GL7 1HS

[www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Tel: 01285 651511

Email: [office@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Exam date: N/A

Current fees: N/A

General Requirements for Entry:

- Non – selective

Admissions procedure:

- Entry at Year 7 is via the County Council admissions process and forms and have to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Interview procedure:

- N/A

# Kingswood School, Bath

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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Kingswood School  
Lansdown  
Bath  
BA1 5RG

[www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk](http://www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk)

Tel: 01225 734220 (Main Reception)  
01225 734210 (Admissions)  
Email: [schoolsecretary@kingswood.bath.sch.uk](mailto:schoolsecretary@kingswood.bath.sch.uk) (Main Reception)  
[admissions@kingswood.bath.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@kingswood.bath.sch.uk) (Admissions)

Exam date: Academic, John Wesley and Year 7 written assessments are held in January  
Current Yr 7 fees: Day pupils £6,146 (+£348 lunch and tea compulsory)

Open days: 23 September 2023

General Requirements for Entry:

11+ entry

- Written papers in English, Maths, NVR for 2018 entry tests held in January
- Interview date tbc

Admissions procedure:

- Main entry points is Year 7. Pupils applying for a place in Year 7 will complete papers in English, Maths and Non-Verbal Reasoning, as well as a group interview with a member of the Senior Management Team.
- Sample papers are available for Year 7

Scholarships and Bursaries:

- Scholarships are awarded in recognition of excellence in Art, Drama, Music, Sport, Design & Technology and academic ability.
- A John Wesley Scholarship, to recognise the potential in all round contribution to school life is available to boarding pupils.
- All scholarships are open to joining pupils in Years 7, 9 or 12. They are awarded with the offer of a place: in January for Year 7

<https://www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk/userfiles/kingswoodv2mvc/Documents/admissions/Scholarships%20%26%20Bursaries/scholarships-and-bursaries-2024-web.pdf>

# Magdalen College School

Independent Day School for boys aged 7 to 18 and sixth form girls

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Magdalen College School

Cowley Place

Oxford

OX4 1DZ

[www.mcsoxford.org](http://www.mcsoxford.org)

Tel: 01865 242191

Email: [registrar@mcsoxford.org](mailto:registrar@mcsoxford.org)

Application deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> October

Exam date: Pre-test for 11+ entry is January 2025

Interview dates: January 2025

,Current Yr 7 fees: £7,259 per term

Open days: 16 September 2023

General Requirements for Entry:

- School's own tests in English, Maths and VR – sample papers are available on the school website

Admissions procedure:

- At 11+ - candidates are invited back for interview on the basis of their performance in the entry tests. Further details are available on the school website.
- 11+ and pre-test entry at 13 are the same and are taken on the same day (when boys are in Year 6); offers for entry at 11+ are then conditional on exam results.

Interview procedure:

- Candidates will be asked to read and comment on a short passage and to bring an object to talk about. The interview lasts about 30 minutes.

Scholarships at 11+:

- Scholarships (£300) and Exhibitions (£200) and All Rounder Awards (£300) based on the results of the 11+ tests.

Bursaries:

- Awards of up to 100% discount on the tuition fees are available but are subject to testing of parental means.

# Marling School

Grammar School for boys aged 11 – 18

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Marling School  
Cainscross Road  
Stroud  
Gloucs  
GL5 4HE

[www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk)

Tel: 01453 762251

Email: [admissions@marling.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@marling.gloucs.sch.uk)

Exam date: Saturday in September of Year 6 (Registration in June of Year 5)

Current fees: N/A

General Requirements for Entry:

- Entrance test using the Durham University CEM test

Admissions procedure:

- At 11+ - using the normal primary to secondary route

Interview procedure:

- N/A

Other information:

- There is a bus service from Cricklade [www.igobus.co.uk](http://www.igobus.co.uk)



# Prior Park College

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 11 - 18

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Prior Park College  
Ralph Allen Drive  
Bath  
BA2 5AH

[www.priorparkcollege.com](http://www.priorparkcollege.com)

Tel: 01225 831000  
Email: [admissions@priorparkschools.com](mailto:admissions@priorparkschools.com)

Exam date: Assessments December 2025  
Entrance exam January 2025

Current Yr 7 fees: Day £5,874 per term  
Boarding £12, 878 per term

Open days: 30 September 2023

## General Requirements for Entry:

- Academic ability based on written and on-line test, other talents and interests taken into account.

## Admissions procedure:

- Visit either on an Open Day or individual appointment, pupils invited to a taster day in October of the year before entry, complete registration form by 1<sup>st</sup> December. Registered candidates attend interview during Autumn term and sit the exams in January. Offers made 2 weeks after entrance exams.
- At 11+ - written English and Maths, on-line CEM assessments, interview with Headmaster, school report and reference

## Interview procedure:

- Interviews take place with the Headmaster between September and December 2021 at a mutually convenient time

## Scholarships at 11+:

- Academic awards are based on the entrance exams so no separate application required as all candidates will be considered. Practical Scholarship awards offered in the areas of Creative Design, Drama, Music and Sport. Application forms can be downloaded from the website or requested from the Registrar. Practical assessments take place in early December.

## Bursaries:

- Yes, means tested bursaries are offered. Request made via the Registrar and an application will be emailed out by the Financial Controller.

# Rendcomb College

Independent Day and Boarding School for boys and girls aged 3 – 18

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Rendcomb College

Rendcomb

Cirencester

Gloucestershire

GL7 7HA

[www.rendcombcollege.org.uk](http://www.rendcombcollege.org.uk)

Tel: 01285 832306

Email: [admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk)

Exam date: November 2021

Current Yr 7 fees: £7,100 per term Day

£11,395 per term Boarding

General Requirements for Entry:

- Year 7 Entrance Day examinations, Shadow Day and interview with Head of College
- CEM online test, written paper and outdoor education afternoon for Year 7 entry

Admissions procedure:

- At 11+ - Year 7 Entrance Day examinations, Shadow Day and interview

Interview procedure:

- Meeting with the Head of College with parents/guardians as arranged with Admissions Team

Scholarships at 11+:

- Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport

Bursaries:

- Available following financial assessment

Other information:

- A number of events are held each year for children joining from other schools to ensure that the transition to Rendcomb is positive, memorable and always with the child in mind.
- Rendcomb is a family school where emphasis is on building character and resilience in a positive and rewarding environment

# St Edwards Senior School

Independent Day School for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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St Edward's School  
Senior and Sixth Form  
Cirencester Road  
Charlton Kings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL53 8EY

[www.stedwards.co.uk](http://www.stedwards.co.uk)

Tel: 01242 538600

Email: [senioradmissions@stedwards.co.uk](mailto:senioradmissions@stedwards.co.uk)

Exam date: November 2025

Interview dates: November 2025

Current Yr 7 fees: £5325 per term

General Requirements for Entry:

- Successful completion of Entrance test, satisfactory reference, school report and interview
- Familiarisation test can be found at <http://www.stedwards.co.uk/application-process-senior>

Admissions procedure:

- At 11+ - Entrance test, reference, school report and interview

Interview procedure:

- Informal with the Headmaster

Scholarships at 11+:

- Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport
- Awarded on merit and have no financial benefit

Bursaries:

- A means-tested Academic Bursary-Scholarship (of up to 100%) for exceptionally able Year 7 entrants.

Other information:

- Always happy to do individual tours or taster days

# St Mary's, Calne

Independent Day and Boarding School for girls aged 11 – 18

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St Mary's School  
63 Curzon Street  
Calne  
SN11 0DF

[www.stmaryscalne.org](http://www.stmaryscalne.org)

Tel: 01249 857206

Email: [admissions@stmaryscalne.org](mailto:admissions@stmaryscalne.org)

Exam date: 11+ Common Entrance testing in Maths and English in January in the year of joining.

Open days: 11 November 2023 and 24 February 2024

Current Yr 7 Fees: £11,620 per term Day  
£15,575 per term Boarders

General Requirements for Entry:

- Pre-assessment day in September of Year 6 after which a school report is requested, places are offered and recommendations are made, if appropriate for scholarships.
- Girls are assessed in group lessons in Maths, English, Science and take the CEM (computerised assessment of Verbal/Non Verbal Reasoning).

Admissions procedure at 11+:

- Common Entrance in January

Interview procedure:

- Interviewed on Entrance Day as part of their assessment. Girls have group interviews with the Headmistress; individual chats with a senior member of staff.

Scholarships at 11+:

- Academic, Art, Drama, Sport, Music and Choral

Bursaries:

- Not generally for new starters but to assist pupils already in school

Other information:

- Come and visit!

# Sir Thomas Rich's

Grammar School for boys aged 11 – 16 and mixed sixth form

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Sir Thomas Rich's  
Oakleaze  
Gloucester  
GL2 0LF

[www.strschool.co.uk](http://www.strschool.co.uk)

Tel: 01452 338400

Email: [info@strs.org.uk](mailto:info@strs.org.uk)

Exam date: For Year 7 entry the Grammar School Admission Tests take place on a Saturday morning in September when the child is in Year 6. Registration to sit the test is usually in the June prior to the test when the child is in Year 5.

Current fees: N/A

General Requirements for Entry:

- To meet the required academic standard in the admission tests. If more boys pass than can be accommodated, places are offered in rank order based on the test results.

Admissions procedure at 11+:

- See test details on website <https://strschool.co.uk/admissions/testingupdate>

Interview procedure:

- N/A

Scholarships at 11+:

- N/A

Scholarships at 13+:

- N/A

Bursaries:

- N/A

# The Deanery Academy

11 – 18 Academy with strong Christian Ethos – opened September 2019

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Peglars Way  
Wichelstowe  
Swindon  
SN1 7DA  
[www.dcea.org.uk](http://www.dcea.org.uk)

Tel: 01793 236611  
Email: [enquiries@dcea.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dcea.org.uk)

Exam date: N/A  
Current fees: N/A

## General Requirements for Entry:

- Non - selective

## Admissions procedure:

- Entry at Year 7 is via the County Council admissions process and forms and have to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Interview procedure:

- N/A

## Catchment Area:

Royal Wootton Bassett/ Lydiard Millicent/ Purton/ Westlea/ Toothill/ Blunsdon/ Upper Stratton/ South Marston/ Wanborough/ Liddington/ Bishopstone/ Wroughton/ Elcombe/Chiseldon and Coate

# The King's School, Gloucester

Independent Day School for girls and boys aged 3 – 18

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The King's School

Gloucester

GL1 2BG

[www.thekingsschool.co.uk](http://www.thekingsschool.co.uk)

Tel: 01452 337337

Email: [registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk](mailto:registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk)

Deadlines: 11+ Academic scholarship examinations – October 2024  
11+ Entrance assessments – October 2024  
11+ Sport, Music, Art and Performing Arts Scholarships – October 2024

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11+ Entrance assessments – November 2024  
11+ Sport, Music, Art and Performing Arts Scholarships – November 2024

Interview dates: As above – interviews take place on the same day as the assessments and examinations.

Current Yr 7 Fees: Year 7 - £6,220

Admissions procedure at 11+:

- Candidates sit either our 11+ Entrance Assessment or the 11+ Academic Scholarship Examination. The 11+ Assessment consists of the following papers: Maths, English and Verbal Reasoning. All candidates are required to bring a piece of current school work with them to the assessment day and will have an interview with a member of staff. A report will also be requested from the candidate's current school. All candidates will be invited to attend a Taster Day in our Senior School.

Scholarships at 11+:

- Academic, Art, Music, Performing Arts, Sports and All-Rounder

Bursaries:

- These are available for entry into Senior School from Year 7 (First Form). Bursaries are means tested and are not dependent on merit but are awarded to pupils who are likely to gain the most from a King's education and who will contribute fully to the life of our School. All applicants are required to disclose, in confidence, their financial details on our Bursary Application Form.

## Westonbirt School

Westonbirt School  
Westonbirt  
Tetbury  
Gloucs  
GL8 8QG

[www.westonbirt.org](http://www.westonbirt.org)

Tel: 01666 881301 (admissions)

Email: [pstevenson@westonbirt.org](mailto:pstevenson@westonbirt.org)  
[admissions@westonbirt.org](mailto:admissions@westonbirt.org)

Exam date: December 2024 for other Wishford Schools but January 2025 for other applicants

Interview dates: At the same time as testing/scholarships

Current Yr 7 fees: Day - £6,135 per term  
Boarders - £10,660 per term

Open days: tbc

**Admissions for parents of children in other Wishford Schools:**

- 2 Academic Scholarships for Y7 joiners worth 50% of out tuition fees for students joining These scholarships are available in addition to our well-established academic, drama, music, sport and other scholarships and are merit-based. To find out more and to apply for a scholarships, please contact our Director of Admissions, Mrs Patricia Stevenson on [patricia.stevenson@westonbirtschool.uk](mailto:patricia.stevenson@westonbirtschool.uk)

**General Requirements for Entry:**

- All candidates must be registered by completing a registration form and paying a registration fee. Entry is then subject to a satisfactory school reference and performance in our own entry tests Each candidate will also attend for interview.

**Test details:**

- 11+ Westonbirt's CAT4 tests.

**Admissions procedure:**

11+

- Registration, testing and interview

**Interview procedure:**

- Interviews for entry and Academic Scholarships are with the Headmistress.
- Interviews for all other Scholarships are with the Head of Department of that discipline and with the Headmistress.

**Scholarships at 11+**

- Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Performing Arts and Sport.
- Two special discretionary scholarships may also be awarded by the Headmistress, The Westonbirt Award and the Headmistress Award for all-round talent and for the potential to contribute to the spirit of Westonbirt.



## Bursaries

- Available on application.

## Other information:

- Westonbirt is an inclusive school which specialises in encouraging individuality and enabling each pupil to reach their own potential by further enhancing the skills they excel in. Achievements are competitive with larger schools and our small class sizes enable every student to be heard.
- Westonbirt delivers strong results for its non-selective intake. Over 90% of Sixth Form students go on to their first choice universities including Durham, Cardiff, Bristol, UCL and Central St. Martins. The school's focus is on preparing students to compete as curious, creative and courageous individuals in whatever field they choose.
- Set in 210 acres of stunning parkland, students can be secure in their surroundings, enjoying the extensive space around them. Housed in a beautiful Victorian mansion, Westonbirt delivers thoroughly modern teaching and excellent sporting facilities including a £3 million sports centre, 25m indoor swimming pool, state of the art music technology suite and a nine-hole golf course.

# Wycliffe College

Non-selective day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 11 – 18

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Wycliffe College

Bath Road

Stonehouse

Glos

GL10 2JQ

[www.wycliffe.co.uk](http://www.wycliffe.co.uk)

Tel: 01453 820470 (Admissions for 11+)

01453 822342 (Main Reception)

Email: [Briony.armstrong@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:Briony.armstrong@wycliffe.co.uk) (Admissions for 11+)

[prep@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:prep@wycliffe.co.uk) (Main Reception for 11+)

Exam date: Non-selective school so require only the last two school reports and a visit/interview

Current Yr 7 fees: £6,725 per term for day pupils

£11,275 per term for boarders

General Requirements for Entry:

- Based on the last two school reports and visit/interview.

Admissions procedure:

11+

- Parents and pupils are invited to visit the school at a prior arranged date by contacting the Senior Schools Admissions Manager, Fiona Lawson-Best. They will be invited to register and visit for a taster day/sleep over (if applicable) and, following receipt of two most recent school reports and a successful visit, an offer will be made.

Interview procedure:

- Meeting with the Head of Lower College or member of Senior Leadership.

Scholarships at 11+

- One round of scholarships in January.
- Pupils are required to sit CAT online tests for Academic Scholarships.
- Scholarships available in Art, Design and Technology, Music, Sport, Drama, Academic and All-Rounder.

Bursaries

- Early applications are recommended and enquiries should go to the Admissions Managers at both schools.

Other information:

- Wycliffe, as a non-selective school, constantly out performs local grammar schools with its equivalent grammar school intake. The overarching ethos is one of inclusivity and appreciation of the individual.
- Leavers' destinations last year ranged from Oxford, Harvard and Imperial to Fashion in Milan, Finance in Canada and Hospitality Management in Switzerland.
- Wycliffe is known throughout the UK for its Squash programme which has aided the development of many national and international players and there is plenty of sports for all including fencing, rowing, football, rugby, netball, equestrian, basketball, hockey and tennis.

# Cokethorpe School

Selective school for boys and girls aged 4 – 18

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Cokethorpe School

Witney

Oxon

OX297PU

[www.cokethorpe.org](http://www.cokethorpe.org)

Tel: 01993 7039210 (Admissions for 11+)

Current Yr 7 fees: £7,365 per term for day pupils

General Requirements for Entry:

- Based on the last two school reports and visit/interview.

Admissions procedure:

11+

Prospective parents and pupils are encouraged to book a personal tour with the Admissions Office, and meet with Mr Ettinger, Headmaster.

Next whole School Open Morning will take place on Saturday 7 October 2023 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Complete and return the Registration Form and non-refundable Registration Fee (£100 per child).

The Admissions Office will be in touch to discuss next steps with you.

During the Michaelmas Term parents of registered, prospective First and Third Form pupils are invited to join us to hear from the Headmaster, Registrar, Deputy Head and Director of Studies about life at Cokethorpe School and our expectations for our future First and Third Form. There is also the opportunity to hear from some of our current pupils about their own experiences of being part of Cokethorpe School.

Parents of First Form pupils will also hear from the Head of Lower House about how pupils are welcomed to the Senior School, and the Lower House Camp that takes place in the school grounds at the start of the academic year and is a wonderful introduction to life in the Senior School.

First Form Entrance Assessments

Registered, prospective pupils will be invited to take part in the First Form Entrance Assessments which take place in January. These assessments span two half-days: the interview day and the formal assessments. The interview day will also include a practical assessment and reading comprehension, and the formal assessments will include a Maths and an English paper.

Places in the Senior School are typically offered within two weeks of sitting the assessments.

Offers for a place in the Senior School are based primarily on the academic outcomes of the assessments. Performance in interviews and practical assessments (where applicable) are factored in and Common Entrance results (where applicable) are welcomed. Reports from the pupil's current school are also taken into consideration. Early registration is recommended.

For all enquiries and to discover more about Cokethorpe School, please contact the Admissions Office on 01993 703921 (Option 1) or via email for further information

#### Key Dates

- ~ Deadline for First Form 2024 Registrations: November 2023
- ~ First Form 2024 Parent Information Evening: 27 November 2023
- ~ First Form 2024 Interview Day: 25 January 2024
- ~ First Form 2024 Assessments: 27 January 2024

## Contact Information for Other Schools

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**Pates Grammar School**

**Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham GL51 0HG**

**01242 523169 [www.patesgs.org](http://www.patesgs.org)**

**Royal Wootton Bassett Academy**

**Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7HG**

**01793 841900 [www.rwba.org.uk](http://www.rwba.org.uk)**

**The Crypt School**

**Podsmead Road, Gloucester GL2 5AE**

**01452 530291 [www.cryptschool.org](http://www.cryptschool.org)**

**St Helen's and St Katharine**

**Faringdon Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1BE**

**01235 520173 [www.shsk.org.uk](http://www.shsk.org.uk)**

## Appendix 1: Sample Interview Questions

1. What is your favourite/least favourite subject and why?
2. Why do you want to apply to school X? What is it about school X that attracts you?
3. What sport do you play? What is your favourite sport?
4. What extra-curricular activities do you do?
5. Do you play any musical instruments/have you been in any plays?
6. If you had unlimited money, what would you do with it and why?
7. What book(s) are you currently reading?
8. Who is your favourite/least favourite character in the book you are reading?
9. What book would you recommend I read and why?
10. If you could solve one problem in the world what would it be and why?
11. What story in the news in the past few months has really caught your attention and why?
12. Tell me about a real interest you have; either in or out of school.
13. What do you want to be when you are older and why?
14. If you could meet any person in the world, either dead or alive, who would it be and why?
15. Do you think it is important to study history?
16. If an alien came to your school and he could only study one subject, which subject would you recommend and why?
17. What is the point of going to school?
18. If there is only one thing you would really love to learn more about, what would it be and why?
19. Tell me about your happiest/saddest moment.
20. Tell me about a time when you were disappointed or embarrassed.

## Appendix 2: Sample Transfer Document

Requested by the Senior School and completed by Cricklade Manor Prep



Independent Common Assessment for Schools

### Common Transfer Form

From: (School) Cricklade Manor Prep

To: (School) XXXX

Pupil name: XXXX

Date of birth:

Unique Pupil Number (UPN):

Test data:

	Test agency	Date taken	Standardised score/grade
Verbal Reasoning	Nfer		
Non Verbal Reasoning	Nfer		
Vocab	MidYIS		
Maths	MidYIS		
Non Verb	MidYIS		
Skills	MidYIS		
SCORE	MidYIS		

#### Attainment Grades

English	
Maths	
Science	
History	
Geography	
French	
Religious Education	
ICT	
Art	
Music	
Latin	
PE	

Attitudes to learning: application, motivation, behaviour, ability to work independently/in a group, intellectual curiosity, ability to use ICT, organisational skills ...

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**Contribution to school life: participation in teams/matches, productions, concerts, positions of responsibility ...**

**Personal attributes, talents and interests: music, art, drama, sport, chess, other ...**

**Special support or differentiation needs: gifted/talented, special educational needs (attach educational psychologist reports and similar), English as an Additional Language.**

**Any other comments: family background, medical, attendance, length of time at current school, position in cohort, summary of potential.**

**Date:**

**Signed:**  
Headmaster



## Appendix 3: Sample Reference



**CRICKLADE**  
**MANOR PREP**  
SCHOOL & NURSERY

### YEAR 6 REFERENCE FORM

#### Pupil Information

Name	xxxx
Date of Birth	xxxxx
Date of Entry	September 2017

#### PIRA / PUMA / GAPS age standardised scores (most recent)

Date of Test	June 2023
PIRA	119
PUMA	121
GAPS	115

#### Attitude and Ability in Curriculum Subjects

Subject	Working towards Expectation	Working at Expected Level	Exceeding Expectation
Numeracy			✓
Maths Skills			✓
English			✓
Reading			✓
Creative Writing		✓	
Spelling			✓
Science Theory			✓
Practical Science			✓
History			✓
Art		✓	
STEAM			✓
Computing			✓
Geography			✓
French			✓
Music			✓
Drama			✓

Subject
Sport - Rugby
Sport - Netball/Cricket
Sport - Hockey
Sport - Athletics

Working towards Expectation	Working at Expected Level	Exceeding Expectation
		✓
	✓	
		✓
	✓	

### Study Skills

Skills
Personal Organisation
Determination & Motivation
Concentration
Working with Others
Relationship with Adults
Self Confidence
Presentation Skills

Cause for Concern	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
			✓
			✓
			✓
			✓
			✓
			✓
		✓	

### SEND Register / SpLD Information

N/A
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### Extra Support or Differentiation (with dates if relevant) Delete as necessary

Report
Educational Psychologist
Occupational Health
Specialist Teacher

Date	Attached	Comment

### Extra Time

Allocation

Reason

### Safeguarding File

To Follow
YES / NO

Next Steps
Please contact James.Barton@cricklademanor.com for further information.

### Any supplementary information that may significantly affect the pupil's performance (family, medical or behavioural)

N/A
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**Application for Scholarship (please delete if not necessary)**

Type	Reference Attached
Academic	
Sport	
Drama	
Music	
Art	
All Rounder	Y

**School Reference focusing on Contribution to School Life and Extra Curricular Interests, Character, Personality and Social Skills (including a reference for a Scholarship if relevant)**

XXXX has been at Cricklade Manor Prep for nearly six years, having joined in 20XX.

XXXX is a tremendous character to have in the school. His exuberance knows no bounds and he throws himself into all endeavours around the school. There is nothing that he will not volunteer for and then give 100%, and this is always carried out with a cheerful grin. His dyslexia, whilst obviously having an impact on his learning, does not quench his excellent spirit.

XXXX was the stand out choice as *{position of responsibility}*. He displays all the attributes one would expect of a child in such a position; he is responsible, pro-active and sets a wonderful example to the rest of the school.

A natural performer, XXXX is very much at home when on stage. He took the leading role in the Year 3 and 4 production and was a key member of the cast of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX last year. He pursues his drama outside school too. He has achieved Distinction awards for LAMDA level 2 acting and won the Symes-Ward cup for solo acting under 9 in the Mid-Somerset Festival. He has also been a part of the XXXX Amateur Dramatic Society and sings in the choir.

XXXX's tenacity and competitiveness make him a natural on the games field. He was awarded "Most Improved Player" in the senior Rugby squad, due mainly to his voracious tackling and his name was one of the first down before most of the Year XXX boys with whom he played. In becoming a senior member of the team he has become one of the leading lights and his example is followed by many. He is also a keen hockey player and took an active part in the cricket team. Outside the school he plays for XXXX Rugby Club and has in the past trained with XXXX Hockey and XXXX Swimming Clubs. He receives coaching for fencing and has fenced for the school.

XXXX 's absence from the school will be sorely felt as it is very hard to find someone whose verve and vitality can match him. He will light up whichever school he moves on to.

Please let me know if we can provide you with any further information.

**Completed by**

Headmaster	
Signature	
Date	

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