

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to register to attend an open day?

There is no need to register for an open day, just turn up!

How can I apply for a scholarship for my daughter?

Academic scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Principal following the entrance examinations. There is no separate scholarship paper.

How many scholarships are available?

We do not have a set number of scholarships each year.

What is the difference between a Governors' Assisted Place and a Scholarship?

A Governors' Assisted Place is a means tested bursary that takes into account household income and parents' assets. Scholarships are not means tested and are discretionary awards. We do not offer 100% scholarships and they never exceed 50%.

How can I apply for a Governors' Assisted Place (GAP)?

When registering your daughter for the entrance examination, please indicate on the registration form that you are interested in applying for a GAP. Once your registration form has been received, we will forward an application form for a GAP; this must be returned by the date of the entrance examination. We will invite parents of girls under consideration for a GAP, to meet with the Fees Officer, before any offers of places or funding are made.

Does the school have a catchment area?

No. We accept applications from families based in a wide area, and do not give preference to those living locally.

What time will my daughter need to be with you on the day of the 11+ entrance examination?

We ask that all girls are in school by 8.30am but not before 8.00am. Girls should be ready to leave around 2.45-3.00pm.

What should my daughter wear to sit her exam? And does she need to bring a packed lunch?

Girls do not need to wear their school uniform, just something comfortable. A lunch of pasta and sauce is provided for all applicants, however they can bring their own packed lunch if they prefer.

My daughter hasn't been called for an interview. Does that mean she hasn't got in?

No. We do not interview all candidates; we interview mainly those being considered for a scholarship. If you have not been called for an interview before the date that results are posted, this does NOT mean your daughter has been unsuccessful; it just means we don't need to see her at this time.

When will I receive the results and how will I know what score my daughter has achieved?

Results of applications are normally posted to parents on 1st December following the entrance examination in October. We do not provide a score like the grammar school 11+. We will write to you notifying you whether or not your daughter has been awarded a place in the school and what kind of offer she is receiving from us i.e. full fee, scholarship or assisted place.

I have a daughter in Year 8 and would like her to come to your school. Is there any financial help for me?

Governors' Assisted Place and scholarship funding is only available for girls joining the school at the start of Year 7 and the Lower Sixth. All other offers made to girls joining the school during years 7, 8 & 9 are full fee offers.