

Admissions Procedure - Advice for Parents



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Admissions Process

The first stage of the admissions process is a visit to the school, ideally before the end of the Summer Term preceding the September year of entry. Prospective families are warmly invited for individual visits in addition to our scheduled Open Mornings and Open Evenings.

The next step is to register your child for entry by completing the online Application for Entry form and paying the non-returnable Registration Fee of £120 for UK residents or £180 for overseas residents.

Following registration, pupils are invited to spend a day with us and may be asked during this time to undertake an assessment. The assessments are not used as pass-fail examinations; they enable us to understand each pupil's learning profile so that we can provide the most appropriate support from the outset.

Year 7 Entry

Prospective pupils for Year 7 spend a full day with us. During their visit, they enjoy a meaningful introduction to life at Wychwood, Oxford; sharing time and lessons with other pupils. They may be asked to undertake an assessment, in English and/or Maths.

Entry to Other Years (Years 8-10)

Those entering Years 8-10 will spend a morning with us, or longer if they would like, enjoying a Taster Day with pupils and joining in the timetabled day. They may be asked to undertake an assessment, in English and/or Maths.

Wychwood Sixth (Year 12)

Prospective pupils for Wychwood Sixth considering our Sixth Form entry will be required to have achieved a minimum of six GCSE passes at grades 9-4, including grades 9-6 in their chosen A Level or BTEC subjects (or higher where subject-specific requirements apply). A taster day or part-day visit may also be encouraged should this be something that would be of interest. International applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis, recognising that they may not have taken GCSEs and may be asked to take an entrance assessment.

Entrance assessments for Year 12 take place during the Michaelmas Term prior to the September year of entry, with alternative arrangements available through the Admissions team.

School Reports and References

An up-to-date school report is a vital component of the admissions process for all year groups. Families should arrange for their child's current school to send the most recent report directly to

Wychwood, ideally before the invitation to join us for the day. We will also request contact details for a member of staff at the current school so that we may obtain a confidential reference.

Interview

Every prospective pupil meets with the Head for an informal interview. This conversation forms an integral part of the admissions process and helps us understand each pupil as an individual.

Offers and Acceptance

Places are offered on the basis of a variety of areas including the entrance assessments, interview, school report and school reference. To accept an offer, families are asked to return the completed Acceptance Form and pay the required deposit.