

Registration and Admission Procedures

Besides joining at 3+ and 4+, the main points of entry to the school are at ages 7 (National Curriculum Year 3) and 11 (National Curriculum Year 7), with entry at other ages dependent upon vacancies occurring.

Application to the Admissions Registrar should be made as soon as possible. Entry to Nursery/Reception is primarily by date of registration and a subsequent visit to the school. Prompt registration is advisable as lists for entry are generally well in excess of the places available.

It is also advisable to register early for entry to older age groups. Entry at this stage is by assessment and interview.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of £75 and a further deposit of £500, payable when a firm place is accepted (and returned once your child has left, provided that he/she remains at the School at least until the end of Year 6, in accordance with the 'Terms and Conditions of Admission' which can be found on the website). A registration form is included in the prospectus.

PRIOR TO ENTRY

- Each year registered families receive a copy of the School Magazine and a Newsletter from the Headmaster.
- Parents are invited to relevant meetings which may be of interest to registered families.
- Families are welcome at various events organised by the St. Aubyn's School Society.
- Registered parents are also welcome to contact us at any time.

ENTRY AT 3+ AND 4+

- 2 classes of 30 children join the Nursery at 3+ and a further 3 children join the Reception classes at 4+.
- It is possible to register for either 3+ or 4+ places, though availability at 4+ is very limited.
- It is our policy not to accept pre-birth registrations.
- It is advisable to register as early as possible.
- Children joining the Nursery are expected to proceed to Reception the following year.
The offer of a place should not be accepted if there is any prospect of a move to another school at the end of the Nursery year but should be deferred to 4+.
- Prospective parents are always welcome to visit the School and to be shown around, but bear in mind that the likelihood of a place depends on the length of the Registration Lists.
- The main, but not the only, criterion for entry is one's place on the Registration Lists; the School reserves the right to deviate from the list, e.g. to ensure a reasonable balance between the sexes.
- New-born siblings of children attending the school are expected to register as normal and entry will be dependent on date of registration. If children join after Reception, preference will be shown to any siblings seeking entry into Nursery or Reception.

- We begin to offer places in September for the following September. By the end of December all places are taken. If you have not heard from us by this time, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful at this stage. The only exception will be places arising because a family drops out having originally accepted a place. The School will not contact you further but, should you wish to inquire about your situation, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Registrar.
- The induction process includes a visit by children in the Summer Term before joining the School in September and a General Information Meeting for parents early in September to go through procedural matters.

ENTRY AT 7+

- Registered families are contacted and children are invited to attend school for a day of activities, which will include assessment in maths and English.
- This process mainly takes place during the Lent Term prior to entry in September.
- There is a bursary scheme for children joining the School at 7+; information is available on request.
- The induction process includes a visit by children in the Summer Term before joining in September. There is also a General Information Meeting for parents early in September where staff meet with parents to go through procedural matters.
- If a child gains entry, preference will be shown to any siblings seeking entry into Nursery or Reception. Siblings seeking places in other parts of the School will follow the assessment procedure, although they will be shown preference with regard to the waiting list.

ENTRY AT 11+

- There are formal assessment tests in maths, English and reasoning. Children are also interviewed individually or in very small groups.
- This process takes place mainly in the Lent Term prior to entry in September.
- Children who join at this stage embark on a two-year course leading to exams for entry to selective HMC independent schools.
- We make every effort to ensure that children joining the School at this stage have the capacity to move on to such schools at 13+ either by Common Entrance, scholarship or individual entrance examinations.
- The induction process includes a visit by children in the Summer Term before joining in September. There is also a General Information Meeting for parents early in September where staff meet with parents to go through procedural matters.
- If a child gains entry, preference will be shown to any siblings seeking entry into Nursery or Reception. Siblings seeking places in other parts of the School will follow the assessment procedure, although they will be shown preference with regard to the waiting list.

ENTRY AT OTHER AGES

- A place may become available if a child leaves the School at any stage (e.g. because of a family move).

- Individual arrangements are made with regard to visiting the School and with regard to assessment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

2 academic or specialist scholarships to a maximum of 50% of school fees are available and open to both internal and external candidates for Years 7 and 8.

BURSARIES

A means-tested bursary, worth up to 100% of tuition fees, may be awarded to a pupil entering Year 3 (aged 7+). Bursaries are open to both internal and external candidates and are available, subject to annual review, through to Year 8.