

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR YEAR 7 IN 2018

In order to register your daughter for the entrance examination, please complete the registration form and pay the fee of £125. The application form can be found on our website or obtained from the main school office.

The entrance examination will take place on Friday 27th January 2018.

On the day your daughter should bring with her: a pencil, biro or ink pen, rubber and ruler, one passport sized photograph with her name written in capital letters on the reverse side and a bottle of water to drink if she wishes.

We are happy for her to wear her own clothes and **not** school uniform on this day.

There will be a mid-morning break between the examinations and your daughter will be provided with a drink and a snack.

Following the examinations, we would like to invite the girls to stay with us for the rest of the day for a familiarisation session filled with fun lessons. Lunch will be provided.

The day will end at 3.00pm when you can collect your daughter. Refreshments will be available for parents from 2.30pm. During this time, tours of the school will be possible.

The Examination

Mathematics

Time: 45 minutes

We are looking for evidence of numeracy skills and problem-solving ability in the answers to the questions on the mathematics paper. The girls will not be able to use calculators. The questions will be on topics your daughter will have covered in school and will include:

- 4 rules (it is important that your daughter knows her times tables)
- Simple percentages, sequences and easy fractions
- Easy money and time
- Area and perimeter of a rectangle
- Metric units
- Problem solving

English

Time: 1 hour

Comprehension: 35 minutes

Essay: 25 minutes

We expect that all the applicants will be working within Level 4 in both English and Mathematics and we are looking for evidence of Level 5.

Additional Learning Needs

If you are aware that your daughter has any specific learning needs (such as dyslexia, dyscalculia or dyspraxia) or any physical disability or impairment, it is very important you let us know so that we can make appropriate preparation. Usually we allow students with recognised learning needs 25% extra time. We will require evidence such as an Educational Psychologist's report, a Statement, or a medical note in support of any request.

Academic Scholarships

The Scholarships are usually to the value of 5% of the tuition fees. They are awarded to students who perform exceptionally well in the entrance examination and who show great potential at the interview.

Honorary Scholarships

As there is a limited scholarship fund, we are unable to offer financial awards to all students who do outstandingly well in the entrance examination so we recognise their talent by awarding them honorary scholarships.

Music Scholarship

The scholarship is usually to the value of 5% of the tuition fees. The award will be made on merit as a result of the audition. An application form is available and should be submitted, together with the appropriate certificates, for the attention of the Admissions Officer no later than Monday 13th November. **As a minimum, candidates should have passed grade 5 with the Associated Board.** The date of the audition is Tuesday 21st November.

The audition requirements are:

- To perform two contrasting pieces of no more than ten minutes in total
- Scales/arpeggios/sight reading
- Simple aural tests and interview

GDST & HSBC Bursaries

The Girls' Day School Trust and HSBC provides financial assistance to enable suitably qualified girls, whose parents could not otherwise afford the fees, to enter the Senior School. GDST and HSBC Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need, though academic merit is taken into account.

Please register in order to apply for a bursary.

Reference

We will contact your daughter's present school for a reference in December.

After the Examination

We will let you know as soon as possible after the entrance examination whether we are able to make an offer of a place to your daughter.



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Please return to: Mrs Hall-Davis, Admissions Officer

WELSH EXAMINATION PAPERS

I wish my daughter: _____ (BLOCK CAPITALS)

to have the option of working in the medium of Welsh for the Mathematics examination and to receive instructions for the English examination in Welsh and to write answers in English.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Name of daughter: _____ (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Additional Educational Need: _____

I *enclose/*do not enclose a copy of an Educational Psychologist's Report.

I *enclose/*do not enclose a copy of an Educational Statement.

I *enclose/*do not enclose a letter from a G.P. or Consultant.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____