

Aldenham School

ADMISSIONS POLICY

1. Admission to the School at 11+

At eleven years of age there is a three form entry of no more than 60 pupils. Applicants should have attained the age of eleven before September 1st in the year of entry. Places are offered on the basis of a satisfactory performance at the 11+ test, interview and school report. The entrance examination is held during the Spring Term and the aim is to test the skills of the candidates whatever their educational background. Papers are set in English and Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. If Aldenham School is the only choice, an early offer may be made, subject to a satisfactory interview and school report. The test would be sat in the normal way.

Pupils who currently in Year 6 of Aldenham Preparatory School are assessed by internal testing during the Christmas Term and, for those who satisfy the entry requirements, an opportunity to transfer to the senior school can be offered by December. Those wishing to take up the opportunity of transfer sit the entry test with external candidates in January for the purposes of setting and to allow them to be considered for scholarships.

2. Admission at 13+

Up to 40 places are available at 13+ to join the pupils moving up from Martineau's House. Places are offered on the basis of 13+ test, interview and school report. The test is held during the Spring Term and papers are set in English, Maths, a Modern Foreign Language (usually French), Science and Verbal Reasoning. If Aldenham School is the only choice, an early offer may be made, subject to a satisfactory interview and school report. The test would be sat in the normal way.

3. Admission to Sixth Form

Places are available at Sixth Form level for both boys and girls. Offers are based on a school report and individual interview and are made conditional upon GCSE results. A minimum of 5 GCSE passes at grade C or above is required, with at least B grades expected in the subjects to be studied at AS/A2 Level.

For students who apply to join the Sixth form from overseas, offers are based on a school report and individual interview where possible. This interview may take place via telephone or could be carried out by the school's appointed agent in a foreign country. It is a condition of entry that students joining the school have demonstrated either a level of competence in English which will allow them to access the academic curriculum, or have a plan in place to enable them to do so before arriving at the school.

4. Admission at other ages

Vacancies do sometimes arise other than at 11+, 13+, 16+ and enquiries for admission should be made in the usual way by contacting the Admissions Secretary.

General Points regarding Admissions

We look favourably on applications of siblings of current pupils.

Those families who would require bursarial support in order to enable them to take up a place in the school are asked to make this clear at the time of registration. They are then asked to complete a confidential financial circumstances form which allows the Headmaster to determine whether such support could be offered. Any bursarial support is offered for one year only and is subject to an annual review of the family's financial circumstances.

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