

Admissions Policy

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The Governing Body of Denstone College understands its regulatory responsibilities and will maintain an effective oversight of this policy, by evaluating its effectiveness, and reviewing and implementing change.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admissions – Principles

It is our firm belief that a good balanced education is an essential preparation for the whole of life. A Denstone College and The Prep at Denstone College education provides building blocks to both education and a future life for socially aware and responsible young people.

Denstone College welcomes applicants from all backgrounds and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation in its admissions procedures. We respect the freedom and rights of all young people, though recognise that these must be carefully balanced with College regulations to protect the College community and ethos.

Should a candidate be disabled under the definition of the Equality Act 2010 or the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 then all reasonable special arrangements can be made on request. Parents of a child who has any disability or special educational needs should provide the College with full details prior to the admissions procedure, at registration, or subsequently before accepting the offer of a place. Denstone College is an independent Prep and Secondary School, and recognises that all children, regardless of their circumstances, are entitled to a full-time education which is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have.

Application procedure (College)

Admission to the College is by CAT 4 assessments, which test future potential as well as present attainment. In addition, a written reference will be sought from the candidate's current school and every candidate will be interviewed. In the case of overseas pupils this interview will take place online if the candidate is unable to visit the College. Entry to the Sixth Form is conditional to GCSE performance.

Applications should be accompanied by the non-refundable registration fee, and a copy of the candidate's passport or birth certificate and most recent school report. Registration is acknowledged within fourteen days, and before the CAT 4 assessments which will take place in November each year. Results from Common Entrance into Year 9 from independent prep schools may be sent to the College, but entrance is not dependent on these.



Application Procedure (Prep)

Admission to the Prep is by visit, interview with parents and/or child and a taster day in Prep. A written reference will be sought from the candidate's current school.

Applications should be accompanied by the non-refundable registration fee, and a copy of the candidate's passport or birth certificate and most recent school report.

Offers of Places for the College and the Prep

Places are usually offered within fourteen days of the entrance assessment, interview and/or taster day. Parents accept the offer by signing the Acceptance Form and paying the Acceptance Deposit. The deposit is refundable at the end of the applicants schooling, in the event of a withdrawal of acceptance without a term's notice, the deposit becomes non-refundable. The College and Prep are unable to admit young people until financial obligations to other schools have been met.

Overseas pupils

We welcome applications from candidates who live overseas. Overseas applicants' proficiency in English language needs to be of a sufficient standard for them to achieve academically and socially on arrival. All full boarding pupils live and work at the College during term time.

Parents who do not live in the UK are responsible for arranging guardians before their child starts at the College. The College is unable to arrange guardians. It is strongly recommended that guardians are sought through AEGIS or the BSA, see www.aegisuk.net/parents-agents or www.ukbsa.com/bsa-certified-guardian-scheme/. Deviations from this requirement are considered exceptional, and an explanation of the reasons for choosing a non-accredited guardian should be given to the Head of Boarding. The College will perform its own checks on the named person, in accordance with our guardianship policy, and we reserve the right to refuse to accept any guardian arrangements we deem to be unsatisfactory.

A copy of the applicant's passport is required for identification and visa application purposes. The information it contains will be used to obtain the Confirmation of Acceptance to Study (CAS) number for their application for their Child Student Visa. The passport should be valid for at least 6 months after the entry date to the College.

Fee Payment

At the application stage families will indicate their intentions for the source of school fee payment. For example parent salary, trust fund or grandparent contribution.

Accessibility

This policy can be made available in large print or another accessible format if required.